



Albany Queer Space Group Facilitator Volunteer

Ophelia's Place (OP) is a prevention-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping girls* ages 10-18 make healthy life choices through empowerment, education, and support. For more info, visit our website at www.opheliasplace.net.

OP Queer Space Group (QSG) is a drop-in community group for youth members of the LGBTQIA+/Queer community. This space is intended for all girls and trans youth of any gender who are queer identified and/or are exploring their gender or sexual/romantic identity. This group provides professional and peer support helpful in managing challenges faced by queer and trans youth, while also celebrating queer identity and community-building.

Hours: 1-2 hours/week during after-school or evening hours; Ideally able to commit to at least one academic year

Position Description:

Queer Space Group facilitators' key area of responsibility will be supporting facilitation of the weekly Queer Space Group at the Albany OP site (104 SE 4th Ave). Facilitators of QSG must identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. Facilitation may be provided by a single facilitator or may be collaboratively led by co-facilitators. This position will report to the Program Director(s) and will be committed to creating a positive environment for youth and families with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Training in Ophelia's Place policies and practices will be provided and is essential in understanding the work of Ophelia's Place.

Expected Tasks:

- Facilitating site-based QSG weekly, for 8-10 weeks each school term
- Developing curriculum and group activities to engage group members in discussion and community building
- Assisting with outreach efforts to recruit new group members
- Providing monthly attendance statistics to assigned staff
- Communicating and debriefing with staff, as needed

Ideal Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Bilingual English/Spanish speakers strongly preferred
- Group facilitation or participation experience
- Experience with working with people of diverse identities and backgrounds (especially youth)
- Knowledge of/commitment to learn about gender-specific and feminist issues, trauma, and community resources
- Commitment to self-care and appropriate professional boundaries
- Ability to pass a drug test and criminal background check
- Staff and interns are required to provide proof of up-to-date COVID vaccinations

Please email resume to: Amanda Hampton, Youth Services Director at amanda@opheliasplace.net

We believe Black, Indigenous and people of color, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and people with disabilities must be centered in our work; we strongly encourage applications from people with these identities or who are members of other marginalized groups.

**Ophelia's Place recognizes an expansive definition of girl. OP serves all trans girls and cis girls, as well as nonbinary youth, gender non-conforming youth, and genderqueer youth who feel or have a connection to girlhood or girliness.*