



Protecting children, healing lives.

Kaiser Permanente  
OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital  
Providence Health & Services  
Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel

**CARES Northwest**  
(Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services)  
**Student Volunteers/Interns**

CARES Northwest (a program of Kaiser Permanente, The Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, OHSU-Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Providence Health & Services) is a medical child abuse assessment center. The program sees approximately 1500 children each year for concerns of sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and exposure to domestic violence. CARES Northwest continues to be the best hope for some of our community's most injured children, and volunteers are valued contributors to the program. Training is required and is provided by the CARES Northwest staff. T.B. tests and background checks are also required. Volunteer shifts are weekday mornings or afternoons. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call Debby Kernan at CARES Northwest (503) 276-9054 for more information.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:**

**Child/Family Support:** Entertain, supervise and keep children company in the waiting area; assist the family with completion of forms; and share relevant observations about children and families with the evaluation team. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES:**

Free attendance at webinars (2-3 monthly)  
Opportunity to assist in various research projects

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Completing all Legacy Health and CARES Northwest requirements may take three weeks to one month.

Adherence to Legacy's Personal Appearance policy is mandatory.

Minimum commitment is 4 hours a week for one year.

Consistent attendance is expected.

This is not a paid field experience.

Exposure to child abuse issues is part of the field experience. If you have any concerns about this, please honor those feelings and choose another host site.