



Urban Peak Colorado Springs
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Dear Prospective Volunteer:

Email Pam.Jones@urbanpeak.org to request a volunteer application right now.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Urban Peak Colorado Springs. Volunteers are involved with our agency in a variety of ways. We offer daytime, evening and weekend opportunities to meet your needs as well as the needs of our youth. The following volunteer opportunities are offered at Urban Peak; we also welcome your creative suggestions for ways you or your organization may be involved to enhance our services.

- **The Place Volunteer** – Assist staff in operating the transitional housing facility, The Place, by preparing meals, interacting with youth and by providing recreational or educational activities. Daytime and evening shifts are available.
- **Youth Outreach** – Services are provided to young people living on the street or in abandoned buildings and have no other place to go. Outreach workers encourage youth to come to Urban Peak for services.
- **Mentoring Program** – Mentors are needed to help youth establish trust with adults, to advise them, and help them gain independence and exit the streets. The time commitment is 2 hours per week for 1 year. Mentors have the opportunity to give youth meaning and direction in their lives.
- **Non-direct services** – Help is always appreciated in serving on committees and assisting with special events, fundraising activities and administrative tasks.
- **Entertain and Teach** – Share a special talent, provide entertainment, teach music, art or craft lessons.

Please review the enclosed information and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions. After receiving your volunteer application and references, we will contact you to schedule a facility tour. We look forward to meeting you and discussing ways you may help the youth in our community. We welcome your creative suggestions for ways you or your organization may be involved to enhance our services. We promise a fulfilling and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,
Pam Jones
Volunteer Coordinator
Pam.Jones@urbanpeak.org

Requirements

1. Must enjoy working with a high risk, adolescent population.
2. Volunteers who work directly with youth must be over 21.
3. Must maintain confidentiality.
4. Commitment varies with interest and volunteer role. Mentors must commit for one year.

Process for Becoming an Urban Peak Volunteer

1. Fill out application and return to Pam.Jones@urbanpeak.org
2. Obtain two references and email/mail to the Pam.Jones@urbanpeak.org.
3. Schedule appointment for facility tour and pick up fingerprint cards at Urban Peak Colorado Springs, 423 East Cucharras Street

Fingerprinting is required – Cost \$15.

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4. After picking up fingerprint cards.
You may fill out the **highlighted portion** of the card ahead of time. **DON'T SIGN YOUR NAME**
Fingerprints must be obtained at the location listed below.

Colorado Springs Police Headquarters

705 South Nevada, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 444-7464 Hours: M-F 8am-5pm. (Wait time up to 1.5 hours) S 8am -1pm

8am Saturday morning is the best time.

5. Schedule a time to have an interview and return fingerprint card to UPCS.
6. Interviews are scheduled Sunday mornings between 9am and 11am. If that is not possible please let us know
7. TB Skin Tests are required for all volunteers who work at UPCS with food.

To obtain a TB test go to:

1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd. Suite 2044

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

(719) 578-3199

Appointments are not required for the TB Skin Testing Clinic.

You may walk-in for a TB Skin Test during the following hours:

Mondays 8am - 10am, Wednesdays 11am - 1pm., Fridays 11am - 1pm.

TB Skin Test - Cost \$20

You will need to return to the Health Department to have the results read within 48 to 72 hours.

8. Complete the volunteer training program with



FROM OUR CLIENTS:

"UPCS has given me a safe place of residence and helped me to maintain sobriety. The staff here actually cares for us. Everything you have done for me in the time I've been here has made me a better person."

"When I came to your program I was 16, homeless, shy, alone and scared. I didn't know anyone and I didn't care to meet anyone. I started off kinda quiet and not very outgoing; that soon changed. You all were so nice to me. You provided for me both physically and mentally and most of all emotionally."



Mission

The mission of Urban Peak Colorado Springs is to serve homeless and runaway youth. The primary goal of Urban Peak Colorado Springs is to provide homeless youth with a supportive, safe and stable environment so that they may achieve stability, self-sufficiency and independence and permanently exit street life. Urban Peak Colorado Springs believes in the potential of every young person to contribute to our community.

History of Urban Peak

Urban Peak Colorado Springs (UPCS) was incorporated in 2000 in response to an identified need for services supporting runaway and homeless youth in the Pikes Peak region. Initially located at Catholic Charities' Marian House, we began offering services ranging from street outreach to case management. These services expanded to meet the changing needs of homeless youth as the agency matured. From its inception, UPCS identified a need to provide shelter services to its clients due to the extremely limited availability of emergency shelter or housing options in the Pikes Peak region appropriate for homeless and runaway youth. In 2003, we purchased a property southeast of downtown Colorado Springs that would allow for the expansion of UPCS' programs. This facility (named The Place) opened in December 2004, and serves as a 20-bed transitional housing program, consolidated services site, and administrative offices for UPCS.

In November of 2004, UPCS was honored to receive the Award for Excellence in Youth Development from the El Pomar Foundation. In its sixth year of operation, we remain the only organization in the Pikes Peak region that provides transitional housing, outreach, and case management services exclusively to homeless and runaway youth ages 15 to 21.

Programs

Urban Peak Colorado Springs provides runaway and homeless youth with a full continuum of services. As their needs change, UPCS responds by changing its services to meet those needs. UPCS currently operates the following programs:

- Transitional Housing and Case Management**—provides shelter, meals, and support services for youth
- HUD Supported Housing Program**—provision of low cost apartment housing for youth with disabilities
- Section 8 Housing Program**—administers low cost apartment housing for youth who were previously in foster care.
- Employment Assistance**—provides job training and placement service
- Education**—provides on-site GED program
- Medical Clinic**—provides on-site medical clinic
- Volunteer Program**—assists with street outreach, tutoring, administrative and fundraising activities