

# Volunteer

Do you want to help the south sound **gender variant**, + trans community? If so the GVHP needs your expertise. We need people with knowledge and skills in a variety of areas to help make this happen. We would love to hear new **ideas** and suggestions.

Internship positions are available

"I'm not an 'it' or an 'other'"  
"Sexual orientation is not the same as gender identity"  
"I'm not a medical experient"  
"My health is connected to my spirituality"  
"I'm not looking for cures or quick fixes. I'm looking for sustainable health"  
"My body is complicated it needs time and energy to understand"

quotes taken from GVHP survey 2001

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for more information  
to get involved  
or to schedule a training  
contact:

**Gender Variant  
Healthcare Project**

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organization



The South Sound Gender Variant Healthcare Project (GVHP) is dedicated to improving the healthcare of all gender variant people (within our community). GVHP raises awareness and increases public support for gender variant people both within the medical field and in the general population.

gender variant  
transsexual  
genderqueer  
cross-dresser  
Native American  
intersex  
two-spirit  
ETM  
transgender  
mtf  
genderqueer  
transvestite  
he/she  
drag queen  
drag king  
gender variant

## what is GVHP

we are a diverse group of individuals who provide education, support, advocacy, and resources to the public, to healthcare providers and to the gender variant people who live in Lewis, Mason, Thurston and other surrounding counties in Washington's South Puget Sound region.

## our purpose

Access to healthcare is a universal right to be provided with care, respect, and the goal of wellness.

### why at risk

- \* Over half of local gender variant people have no regular healthcare provider.
- \* Transgender medical services are excluded in many healthcare plans.
- \* Lack of knowledge, research and resources
- \* Denial of complete medical care because of gender identity
- \* At an increased risk for HIV and STD's.

*if gender variant people have access to vital preventative care by trained providers with resources and networking skills long-term health problems can be averted or lessened.*



## Education

GVHP offers educational training, workshops, speakers, and consulting for healthcare providers and agencies, community and social service organizations.

We can share our knowledge and experience so that you are able to provide better care for your clients.

The Gender Variant Healthcare Project provided a **free training** for our clinic staff. Now I know how to better address the concerns trans people might have during an office visit.

**I think I put people more at ease now, because I feel more at ease !**

- health care provider

### Resources

We provide referrals to healthcare providers and other services within the South Sound region. We are continually in search of care providers for the gender variant community and expanding our resource base.