



**End the Silence Program:
A Survivor Speakers' Bureau
Participant**
(Indirect service)

Description

Haven is the Gallatin Valley's non-profit serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. Founded in 1979, Haven provides a 24-hour support line, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, and support groups for survivors of family violence. Haven also works towards prevention and education.

Domestic violence has a long history of being seen as a private family matter, rather than the public health epidemic we know it is. End the Silence: A Survivor Speakers' Bureau shines a light on the darkness surrounding these forms of abuse. To educate the community, this group of survivors presents their own experiences to the public through the first-person narrative. These talented survivors are actively breaking the stigma, and mobilizing our community to end domestic violence, sex trafficking and stalking.

Training and Meetings

- Meet with the Prevention Coordinator for an informational meeting prior to training
- Attend an 8- to 10-week training program

Responsibilities

Group Participation

- Attend the training program that prepares you to speak and share a story at a culminating event, establishes a baseline understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence, and creates a safe and welcoming space for survivors to build relationships with one another
- Present your experience to the public through first-person narrative if and when you are ready to do so
 - Haven will have a formal story-sharing event for this purpose at the end of the training program. It is always a participant's ongoing choice to share their narrative, and it is not a requirement for participation in the program.
- Complete final evaluation to provide feedback on the program

Other

- Check in with the Prevention Coordinator and/or other Haven staff as needed for support in maintaining self care and personal boundaries while participating in the program

Physical Demand and Environment

This position may require sitting, walking, and talking in a group in close proximity in a usually quiet environment. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable all individuals to participate.

How to Apply

- Submit the online Volunteer and Internship Application found at havenmt.org/join-our-team
- Please feel free to reach out directly to Haven's Prevention Coordinator at prevention@havenmt.org with any questions prior to or during your application process.