

Staff Profile

Zoe Finkelstein

Joining Friends of Youth in October 2008, Zoe Finkelstein is the Administrative Assistant at the Redmond office. A recent graduate of the University of Washington, with degrees in Sociology and Environmental Studies, Zoe had targeted a job in helping people or the environment, to tie in with her academic interest in environmental sociology, when she hired on with Friends of Youth.

Zoe brings to her position a solid background in working with youth and families. Her interest in the theater and children led her to opportunities with the Kirkland Performance Center and Seattle Children's Theater. In addition, she has had "nanny-ing" experience with a couple of area families and tutoring experience with junior high and high school students. Zoe attributes her interest in and effectiveness at working with young people to:

- Her ability to be a strong role model
- Patience
- An ability to relate to what the kids are going through
- And, the knack for making the uninteresting interesting and the boring stuff fun.

Born and raised in Kirkland, Zoe graduated from a private performing arts high school in Redmond. She then traveled to Pittsburg, PA, where she attended Point Park University in a theater management program, before returning to the Seattle area and completing her education at the University of Washington.

Zoe's older sister, mother and father all live in the greater Seattle area. When not working, Zoe enjoys attending the theater, as well as camping, kayaking, hiking, cooking, and travel. Her favorite travel destination to date has been Israel; and she's also visited Colombia, China, Taiwan, Thailand, The Netherlands, Canada, and Mexico. She also volunteers at a local animal shelter, MEOW, as an adoption counselor.

The next time you are at the "admin" office, stop by Zoe's desk and say "hi"!