



Volunteer

We welcome the time and energy of community members to help address the issues of sexual assault in our community and to help us provide support and intervention to those who have been affected.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Volunteer Crisis Advocates
 - Clinical Interns
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Volunteer Crisis Advocates

Help us provide support and crisis intervention to anyone who has been sexually assaulted or has been affected by sexual violence.

Crisis Advocate volunteers provide crisis intervention, advocacy, information and referrals for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Advocates answer crisis calls via agency cell phones and respond to the hospital after office hours and on weekends. Survivors may be of any age, gender, sexual orientation, race, etc.

Responsibilities include:

- Take telephone crisis line calls.
- Advocate for and assist victims in connecting with support services within the community including shelters, law enforcement and medical and social services.
- Provide brief crisis intervention.
- Maintain confidentiality of clients.
- Respond to hospital sexual assault response calls (as needed).
- Document all activities appropriately.
- Complete intakes and service plans and assist with care coordination for integrated care services, as needed.
- Take at least two (2) on-call shifts each month.

Requirements:

- Knowledge and sensitivity regarding issues of sexual assault, human trafficking and domestic violence.
- Ability to make a long-term commitment. This includes availability on evenings, weekends and holidays.

- Ability to work with diverse populations.
- Ability to complete the initial training program and follow-up shadowing.

Character skills/ traits:

- Ability to work with people without being judgmental.
- Able to readily separate your own emotional experiences from those of victims
- Good listener
- Compassionate
- Empathetic
- Supportive
- Dependable

Availability:

- Evenings, holidays and weekends
- Weekday on-call shift (5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.)
- Weekend on-call shift (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.)

Other:

- All advocates will have a yearly evaluation and the opportunity to evaluate the volunteer program as well.
- Advocates are required to follow all policies and procedures outlined in the training and offered in the on-call manuals.

Volunteer Interest Form:

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at SACASA to support survivors of sexual violence and raise awareness about its prevalence and impacts in our community. Please complete the form below and we will contact you to further discuss volunteer opportunities at SACASA.

<http://www.sacasa.org/advocacy/volunteer/#form>