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Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Counselor

Agency Information

Mission Statement

Our mission is to transform the lives of sexual and intimate partner violence survivors, their families and the community through services and education that promote safety, healing and empowerment.

Vision

Our vision is to create a world free of sexual assault and intimate partner violence

Services

Our services include a 24-hour crisis line, accompaniment & advocacy on behalf of survivors dealing with other agencies, in-person crisis counseling, clinical therapy, information and referrals, emergency shelter, prevention education programs, and support groups.

Volunteer Job Descriptions

Volunteers serve the agency in a wide variety of ways including:

Telephone Crisis Line

- Provide information, support & advocacy to callers on our 24-hour crisis line.

Accompaniment

- Accompany survivors during interviews with law enforcement, medical exams, and throughout the court process.

Advocacy

- Interact with outside agencies to advocate for survivors and their loved ones.

Crisis Counseling

- Provide information and support to survivors and victims in person as a crisis intervention specialist.

Shelter Services

- Provide support to staff at the shelters with needs ranging from donation management to assistance with basic household needs.

Prevention and Education

- Assist our education team with prevention education programs in the classroom as well as self-defense instruction.

Administrative Support

- Volunteer opportunities for clerical work include data input, answering phones & handling crisis interventions in the office.

Community Information Tables

- Volunteers staff information tables at community health fairs, farmer's markets, and other events.

A Variety of Other Ways:

- Join the Board, Friends of RISE or a Committee ([link to each page](#))

RISE Commitment to Diversity

RISE is committed to upholding diversity within its volunteer pool in order to reflect the communities being served. We strive to offer the best services to everyone in our diverse community. People who are a part of ANY underserved populations are strongly encouraged to apply to volunteer.

Supervision

- Work under supervision of the Volunteer Program Coordinator following established agency policies and procedures unless being supervised by another staff member in a specific context.

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Qualifications to Participate in Training

- A passion for ending Intimate Partner Violence & Sexual Assault.
- While survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and/or Sexual Assault are welcome, they must be emotionally ready to assist other survivors. As the training and work can be triggering, we encourage abundant self-awareness and self-care and a significant amount of healing prior to taking the class.
- Past or present perpetrators of abuse and/or any violent crime are not eligible to participate in training.
- Applicants with a history of chemical dependency must be solid in their sobriety.
- Must be patient, nonjudgmental, empathic and able to demonstrate sensitivity to the cultural/ethnic diversity of the client base.
- Ability to communicate effectively with people in crisis and remain calm during crisis situations.
- Must maintain complete client & shelter location confidentiality.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) applicants are needed at this time but that is not a prerequisite for consideration.

Position Requirements

Attendance & Commitment:

- Attendance at all training sessions.
- Volunteer applicants commit to one year of service to the agency.
- Applicants must give consent for a background check.
- Attendance at 8 of 12 monthly in-service meetings.
- Commitment to at a minimum of 2 volunteer shifts per month.

Other Requirements:

- California state certification as an Intimate Partner Violence & Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor in accordance with California Penal Code. *(certification is contingent on satisfactory completion of training requirements with Volunteer Coordinator's approval)*
- Reliable transportation (mainly for transport to accompaniments; volunteers **rarely** transport clients)
- Valid California driver's license.
- Proof of current automobile insurance.
- Cell phone or landline phone.

RISE reserves the right to refuse enrollment to anyone whom they feel is not suitable for the program. Participation in training does not guarantee certification as an Intimate Partner Violence or Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor, nor does it guarantee a volunteer assignment.

I have read and understand the qualifications listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Volunteer Application

Personal Information

* This application is confidential and will only be seen by appropriate RISE staff.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Contact preference: Email Cell Home Work Best time to reach you: _____

Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible:

1) How did you hear about the RISE and our SA/IPV Crisis Counselor training? *Mark all that apply.*

Website Facebook Newspaper friend or family member other: _____

2) List **any** related education, employment or volunteer positions.

3) Describe any personal experience or activities that you feel would be helpful as a volunteer with RISE.

4) What is your motivation for wanting to participate in this training?

5) Have you used RISE services in the past? Yes No

If yes, mark all that apply:

24-hour crisis line advocacy/accompaniment peer counseling clinical counseling shelter

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6) Please list any languages in addition to English that you speak, and how fluent you are in each.

Language #1: _____

Fluency level (mark one): basic conversational fluent bilingual/native speaker

Language #2: _____

Fluency level (mark one): basic conversational fluent bilingual/native speaker

7) Would you be willing to make a 1-year commitment to volunteering for RISE? Yes No
(There is a \$250 professional development fee for those NOT committing to volunteering)

8) Will you consent to a fingerprint background check? Yes No

9) Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

10) Are you able to attend 8 of 12 mandatory monthly In-Service meetings? Yes No

11) Are you able to commit to attending all training sessions? Yes No

12) How would you like to pay for the materials fee of \$100?

At the beginning of training in weekly installments of \$_____ I will need financial aid

References

Please list the full names, phone numbers and emails for two references including one professional/academic and one personal.

Professional/academic reference:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Personal reference:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature

My signature verifies that the information given is complete and truthful. I understand the conditions under which I will be volunteering. I understand that completion of the training does not constitute acceptance to the crisis line. In addition, I have read, understand, and meet the Intimate Partner Violence & Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor Training Qualifications.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Interview scheduled? ____/____/____ Interview completed Professional reference Personal reference

Invited to Training? Yes No Accepted Invitation? Yes No

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