THE SEXUAL TRAUMA & ABUSE CARE CENTER
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Volunteer Advocate Position Description

SPRING 2016 TRAINING!
Applications are due February 3rd. Spring training is starts on February 16th and ends in mid-March taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9pm.
Submit applications at stacarecenter.org/volunteer.
Questions? Contact Jess at 785-843-8985.

Basic Purpose & Organization

Volunteer Advocates work closely with the Victim Advocate and staff advocates to provide after-hours direct service to primary and secondary victim-survivors of sexual violence. Volunteer Advocates provide confidential, trauma-informed advocacy and support to victim-survivors of all ages and genders within Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson Counties.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Staff the 24/7 Support Hotline on a rotating on-call schedule using a phone that the agency provides. Volunteer shifts cover the after-hours schedule which is 5pm-8am on weekdays and 24/7 on the weekends. Shifts are typically half a week or a whole week.

2. Provide supportive counseling, crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referrals, etc., on the 24/7 Support Hotline.

3. Respond within 30 minutes to Lawrence Memorial Hospital to provide medical advocacy and support during forensic evidence collection exams.

4. Provide accompaniment and advocacy during police interviews and court hearings as requested.

5. Maintain confidentiality in order to ensure the safety and privacy of all victim-survivors served.

Additional Duties

1. Attend monthly Volunteer Advocate meetings discussing policy, protocol, case share, and receive ongoing training.
2. Maintain availability and scheduling responsibility during on-call shift.
3. Assist with prevention and education, community awareness, and outreach services based on availability (optional).

Qualifications

1. Completion of the 40-hour Volunteer Advocate Training.
2. Commitment of at least 1 year of service upon completion of training.
3. Age 18 and over.
4. Own or have access to a car and phone with voicemail.