



Rape Crisis Program Volunteer Advocate Job Description

Job Title

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Classification

Volunteer

Hours of Work

Varies depending on role of the volunteer advocate

Job Description

Volunteer Advocates can work in a variety of roles. The jobs they do align with the agencies' mission statement: The Tri-Parish Rape Crisis Program provides counseling, support, and advocacy for sexual assault victims and works toward the elimination of sexual violence with prevention education and social change.

Responsibilities/Roles

1. Hotline Advocate

Hotline Advocates staff the 24-hour Rape Crisis Hotline during off hours, weekends and holidays to:

- Listen and provide support to callers in crisis and/or in need of information
- Offer referrals and resources to crisis line callers

2. Hospital Advocate

The Hospital Advocate is on-call on a rotational basis and present with a sexual assault victim at the hospital before, during, and after the medical forensic examination. The hospital advocate serves as:

- A resource to answer questions and explain medical procedures, follow up testing, future concerns, police and legal aspects.
- An active listener and support system to help the victim process emotions and concerns while validating his/her reactions
- A liaison for the victim with family and/or other supports
- A representative of the Tri-Parish Rape Crisis Program to refer her/him to counseling and other support services.

3. Community Education Advocate

A Community Education Advocate assists with, or provides community education, to inform the public about sexual assault issues and services provided by TPRCP, and/or prevention education to work toward the elimination of sexual assault. The Community Education Advocate may:

- Conduct seminars that educate the public about TPRCP and the services we offer
- Provide information that educates the public about the dynamics of sexual assault and dispels myths and misconceptions about sexual violence and promoting social change
- Offer prevention education to help eliminate sexual violence

Qualifications

- Be at least 18 years or older
- Complete a volunteer application, interview, and background check
- Sign a confidentiality agreement
- Must complete a mandatory 40 hours of LaFASA approved sexual assault violence training plus 4 hours of continuing education yearly.