

POSITION: Family Support Volunteer

SUPERVISOR: Volunteer Coordinator

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Welcome families and professionals to Safe Passage and assist the Staff to provide a child-friendly, private, comfortable and supportive environment for child victims of abuse.

COMMITMENT:

(Flexible) One- 4 hour shift per week. Commitment term of at least 6 months requested. Shifts are typically 9am-1pm, 11am-3pm, or 1-5pm on weekdays (M-F) and remain consistent week to week.

DUTIES:

- 1. Greeting and answering questions for families as they arrive at Safe Passage; becoming the obvious, visible presence in the waiting area for children, teens, and their families.
- 2. Provide age appropriate and companionable playroom supervision, providing snacks, drinks, and playroom cleanup.
- 3. Sitting and conversing with teens in the waiting area.
- 4. Daily duties **will include** stocking snack/supplies, sanitizing toys and high traffic areas, emptying waste cans, sweeping entryways, watering plants, organizing and straightening guest and stock areas, and other tasks relating to our basic functioning.
- 5. Other tasks may include but are not limited to: copying, shredding, addressing/stamping mailings, assembling pamphlets/handbooks, or assisting with general clerical duties.
- 6. Taking initiative to find special/extra projects when there is downtime.
- 7. Ability and willingness to accept the most effective role at any given time.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Complete an application and provide three references as stipulated.
- 2. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 3. Possess no felony convictions, nor be listed on the Central Registry for Child Protection.
- 4. Must understand confidentiality and the personal commitment to maintain confidentiality at all times. Must sign a confidentiality statement.
- 5. Participate in a pre-service interview with the Volunteer Coordinator.
- 6. Have access to reliable transportation and to telephone.

SKILL/ABILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Individuals with skills and/or professional experience in working with children and teens preferred.
- 2. Consistently keep all meetings and volunteer shift commitments as agreed upon.
- 3. Ability to establish rapport and create comfort level with children and accompanying caregivers.
- 4. Conduct oneself in a professional manner at all times when representing Safe Passage.
- 5. Maintain a positive and accepting demeanor when relating to others of varying backgrounds and life circumstances.
- 6. Maintain confidentiality in all information pertaining to clients and cases.
- 7. Ability to communicate effectively and professionally both verbally and in writing.
- 8. Willingness to volunteer within the guidelines, policies and standards of Safe Passage.