

Awareness Raising Advocate Position

Eligibility Requirements

- Over the age of 18
- Submit volunteer application
- Complete Interview Process
- Complete 40-hour advocacy training
- Sign all confidentiality and ethics agreements, and other SAOP paperwork
- Background check on file

Responsibilities

- Work within the community to raise awareness regarding SV, DV/IPV, HT, and stalking
- Promote and facilitate awareness raising events, campaigns, and programs
- Build relationships within the community to assist with awareness raising, and to facilitate a coordinated community response to violence
- 6 month commitment
- 1 event per month, depending on circumstances
- Work with SAOP staff to determine appropriate events/dates
- Tabling at different events and outreach opportunities
- Must be self-motivated, willing to work independently
- Complete all paperwork by deadlines required
- Unpaid position
- Be prepared to provide crisis intervention to anyone who may disclose violence/abuse at a tabling or awareness raising event

Leave of Absence

- Volunteers are welcome to take a leave of absence. No justification is necessary, just clear communication with the Volunteer Coordinator about expectations.

Disciplinary Actions

- Terminable actions include:
 - Conducting oneself in an unprofessional manner
 - Tabling/attending an event on behalf of SAOP while intoxicated
 - Providing unethical advocacy
 - Breaking confidentiality
 - Other situations deemed unacceptable by staff
 - Failure to turn in paperwork by required deadlines

Exit Evaluations

- At the end of the 6 month term, volunteer advocates may wish to renew their contract or exit the program.
- Whether they renew or leave, they will be required to fill out an exit evaluation for SAOP, and have a short exit interview.