Position: Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Volunteer Advocate

Department: Legal, Counseling & Advocacy Services

Location: On-call by cell phone; San Diego County coverage

Shifts Available: 6-hour shifts available 24/7

Commitment: Minimum of 24 hours (4 shifts) per month, 12-month commitment

Supervisor: Melanie Dinh, SART Manager, mdinh@ccssd.org

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Position Summary:
You can provide emotional support, crisis intervention, advocacy and essential information to sexual assault survivors at their evidentiary exam. You’ll act as a liaison between the survivor and the other members of the Sexual Assault Response Team: law enforcement and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. Your advocacy is essential to helping survivors through a difficult time and ensuring their needs and wants around the investigation are met.

Essential Duty Functions:
- Provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals to sexual assault survivors during the evidentiary exam, as desired by the survivor.
- Respond to designated forensic facilities and other medical locations throughout San Diego County within one hour of dispatch during assigned shifts.
- Act as a liaison between the survivor and other members of the Sexual Assault Response Team (local law enforcement and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners).
- Protect survivor confidentiality in accordance with agency confidentiality standards.
- Complete and return all required paperwork/service documentation to CCS before 7:30AM, the morning after the exam.
- Call the SART voicemail box immediately after completing a SART call and provide the required information.
- Attend ongoing trainings, quarterly volunteer meetings and supervision sessions as directed.
- Submit volunteer hours via Better Impact database each month.

Required Qualifications:
- 18 years of age or older
- Completed high school education
- Use of reliable personal cell phone to receive and make calls related to the position
• Reliable transportation to respond to calls within one (1) hour
• Strong oral and written communication skills
• Positive interpersonal relationship skills
• Adaptability and flexibility while working in a dynamic work environment
• Comfortable in medical exam environment and all that it may entail, which may include partial or full nudity

Preferred Knowledge, Skills and Experience:
• Bilingual in English/Spanish or other non-English language
• Committed volunteer experience
• Multidisciplinary teamwork experience
• Crisis intervention experience

Pre-Volunteering Requirements:
• References (three required)
• Department of Justice Live Scan criminal background clearance
• Completion of 66-hour Cal-OES Certified Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Training (facilitated by CCS)
• SART Program-specific training, after CIT

Benefits of Volunteering with CCS:
• Comprehensive crisis intervention and cultural humility training
• Ongoing training opportunities with CCS as well as other organizations, including Nonprofit Solutions
• Support San Diego community and specifically, survivors of sexual assault

Physical Demands and Work Environment:
• Ability to use online databases
• Ability to lift 20 pounds
• Ability to work in domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking fields, which at times inherently create safety concerns

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Volunteer Signature                        Date

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Printed Name