

Court Support Volunteer

Position Description

Having an advocate in the courtroom for support during Civil Protection Order hearings helps survivors feel safe and confident when facing their abuser. As a volunteer during this stressful time for survivors, you will provide emotional support and information regarding courtroom procedure.

Volunteer Benefits

- Opportunity to develop crisis intervention skills experience working with diverse populations
- Experience working within the civil legal system
- Develop familiarity with courtroom procedure
- The chance to work with other compassionate, hard-working individuals including other volunteers, clients, DVSAS staff and Board of Directors

Qualifications

- Passion for the legal system and confidence working in a courtroom setting
- Willingness to be in the same room as abusers and to sit between the survivor and their abuser
- Ability to respond with empathy to individuals in crisis
- Active listening skills and ability to tailor friendly communication skills to meet client needs
- Belief in the rights of all individuals to self-determination and empowerment
- Comfortable working with people of varying socioeconomic backgrounds, sexual orientations, and racial diversity
- Available Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings from 8:30am-11:00am
- Successfully complete an in-person interview and criminal background check
- Successfully complete the 55 hour Advocacy Counselor Training and maintain 32 ongoing training hours each year after
- Complete at least three months as an advocacy counselor

