

Eastland County Crisis Center— Volunteer Coordinator
PO Box 1010
Eastland, TX 76448

Frequent Fears for Advocate Volunteers

Fear: I've heard domestic violence situations are dangerous. I don't want to put my life at risk.

Fact: Domestic violence situations are high risk situations. Because of that, we have several procedures in place to protect our volunteers. Their safety is our first priority

Fear: I don't want this to be something that takes up all my free time.

Fact: Every month, our volunteers choose the days they would like to volunteer. We also attempt to schedule training around your schedule.

Fear: I don't think I can work with victims.

Fact: Every person is different and we do not want anyone volunteering in a way they feel less than comfortable with. Because of that we have a variety of volunteer positions available to suit your needs.

Fear: I won't know what to do to help them.

Fact: We offer state certified training for our volunteer advocates. In addition, new volunteers will go through a hands-on mentoring program for a total of 10 hours direct services. Staff and volunteers do not go on calls alone until they feel comfortable. There is always back up help if is needed.



Eastland County
Children's Advocacy Center
Justice, Hope, and Healing



Crime Victim Assistance Center
&
Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center

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www.eastlandcrisis.org

OUR MISSION

Crime Victim Assistance Center

To provide services designed to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims by providing immediate, short, and long-term assistance.

Children's Advocacy Center

To serve as the voice of justice, hope and healing for children and to provide a warm, caring atmosphere where their healing process can begin.

Here at the CVAC and CAC, our volunteers are a vital part of our agencies. Without the time and dedication that our volunteers put in, our work would be nearly impossible.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Office Volunteer– Assist staff with light house-keeping and clerical duties during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Service Volunteer– Provide light maintenance, yardwork, landscaping, or other specialized service

Special Event Volunteer– Participate in community outreach, fundraising, and awareness events for one or more days

Advocate Volunteers– Work directly with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault after regular business hours (evenings, weekends, and holidays)

Volunteer Requirements:

All volunteers must complete an application, training, and a criminal background check.

CVAC/CAC clients must wait a minimum of 2 years after receiving services to qualify as eligible for the Volunteer Program.

Age Requirements:

Office /Service Volunteer– at least 18 years of age

Special Event Volunteer– at least 18 years of age (can volunteer at 16 years of age with legal guardian permission)

Advocate Volunteer– at least 21 years of age

Becoming A Volunteer:

1. Complete a Volunteer Application and Background Check Form
2. Interview with Volunteer Coordinator to cover job responsibilities and expectations
3. Complete necessary training for volunteer position

Once the training is complete, volunteers are ready to start!

Required Training:

Office/Special Event Volunteers– 2 hour Orientation over CVAC/CAC and any additional information needed for volunteer assignment

Advocate Volunteer– Office of the Attorney General Sexual Assault Certified and Domestic Violence training (40 hours) completed over 4-8 weeks, depending on the volunteer's schedule and availability of guest lecturers. This will be followed by 10 hours of on the job training with a more experienced advocate.

Interested in Volunteering?

Complete, Detach and Mail this portion to:

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Or sign up online at www.eastlandcrisis.org

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Volunteer Interest (check all that apply)

Office _____ Special Event _____

Advocate; _____ Other: _____

If other please explain: _____

Thank you for your interest. We will be contacting you soon about the Volunteer Program. Learn more about the CVAC and CAC at: www.eastlandcrisis.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: CONTACT GENA CAMACHO AT 254-629-3223 (MON-FRI 8:00 AM-5:00 PM)