

SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER
Of Child and Family Service of Saginaw

POSITION DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE

Position Summary

As a member of SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) you are responsible for meeting the direct needs of victims and their significant others, at emergency rooms, and/or crisis line callers by offering emotional support, referral information, and aid in the problem solving process.

Qualifications

- 1 Must be at least 18 years old.
- 2 Ability to relate to other people.
- 3 Patient and non-judgmental in relation to client's interest and attitude.
- 4 Able to give time and support in a caring manner and to work well under pressure.
- 5 Demonstrate resourcefulness, initiative and interest in the problem of sexual assault and the Sexual Assault Program.
- 6 Must have access to a car or other reliable transportation.

Responsibilities

- 1 Provide support and meet the direct needs of victims and their significant others.
- 2 Be responsible for appropriate supportive shifts.
- 3 Find appropriate replacement if unable to keep assigned shifts.
- 4 Dress appropriately and present a professional demeanor when going to another agency.
- 5 Respect the confidentiality of all client/agency information.
- 6 Complete required contact forms.
- 7 Adhere to the policies and procedures of the Sexual Assault Program-CFS.
- 8 Work together with SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) and Law Enforcement as part of SART.

Training and Supervision

- 1 Must successfully complete SAP Training (25 hours).
- 2 Attend meetings and reviews.
- 3 Volunteers must contact SAP staff and turn in the appropriate client contact forms following their pager (on-call) shifts.

Commitment

Volunteers must contract to a nine-month commitment of one shift per month.