

**Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center (CMSAC) Advocate
(40 hours of training required)**

Position Title: Volunteer Advocate

Purpose of Job: The CMSAC uses trained volunteers to:

A. Work with system agencies:

Police:

- Where to report a sexual assault.
- Emergency telephone numbers.
- Where to report a case of child sexual abuse.
- What happens after a report is made.

Medical:

- Locations and telephone numbers.
- Procedures.

Legal:

- What happens if and when a report is made.

B. Serve as an advocate for victims/survivors and concerned persons of sexual abuse/assault.

C. Serve as first responders for the CMSAC 24-hour crisis line.

D. Serve as outreach workers, such as meeting a victim at the hospital or accompanying a victim when reporting to the police, or attending a court proceeding.

E. Provide accurate information about services, procedures, and resources.

F. Provide services needed by victims of sexual assault, which may not be available elsewhere.

Responsibilities and Duties: The Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center volunteer advocate, under the supervision of the Client Services Coordinator, will be asked to:

A. Serve as an on-call phone worker at scheduled times. Volunteer Advocates carry pagers or cell phones and work from home during shifts. Volunteer shifts are either sixteen or twenty-four hours long during the evening and on weekends.

B. Be held responsible for notifying the Client Services Coordinator within 24 hours of a call and completing a victim contact sheet on each call received

C. Serve as a resource person in providing victims, family, and friends of victims with accurate information and procedures

D. Assist the victim in asserting their rights for adequate, responsive treatment and services from agencies and individuals

E. May assist in other volunteer duties as needed.

F. CMSAC requires a one-year commitment to the Center, as well as two volunteer shifts per month.

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Volunteer Application

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Birthdate _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____
Occupation _____ Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____
Employer _____
Educational Background _____

I am a St. Cloud State University Student interested in Volunteering with the Students Offering Support Online Program through the St. Cloud State University Women's Center (a program offering online e-mail response to students who have questions about sexual assault)? _____ yes _____ no

Do you have transportation or access to transportation? _____

Are you able to make a 1 year commitment to CMSAC? _____

Discuss your reasons for wanting to volunteer with the CMSAC. _____

What do you hope to gain from this volunteer experience? _____

What experience or background do you have that may aid you in your volunteer work?

What kind of things do you do to relax and take care of yourself? _____

Have you been a victim of sexual assault? _____ If yes, please explain what type and how you are dealing with or have dealt with the victimization? _____

It is important to have a support system for yourself. Please explain yours. _____

Advocates are required to attend monthly advocate meetings. The meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Will you be able to attend these? _____

The CMSAC has many volunteer opportunities other than the crisis line; please put a check beside each item listed below that you may be interested in.

- _____ Students for Sexual Consent at St. Cloud State University
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Speaking
- _____ Group Facilitation
- _____ Other: Please list _____

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Do not write below this line

Client Services Coordinator Comments: _____

Will this applicant be attending training? _____ If not, why _____

Any conflicts with training dates or advocate responsibilities: _____