



Crisis Intervention Service

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Volunteer Application

Our Vision

Crisis Intervention Service promotes a society free from violence and oppression through social change, effective community partnerships and awareness.

Our Mission

The mission of Crisis Intervention Service is to provide persons affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and homicide with professional, confidential, 24-hour services including safety and support and to prevent violence in our communities through education.

Complete and return to:

Crisis Intervention Service Volunteer Coordinator

P.O. Box 656, Mason City, Iowa 50402-0656

Email: Lori@CIShelps.org

641-423-0490 or 641-530-1003



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Are you 18 years of age or older? (circle one) Yes No Date of Birth: ___/___/_____

Related experience (paid or volunteer):

Education and/or training:

What interests you most about volunteering for our agency?

Are you willing to attend the 30 hours of training required of all direct service volunteers?

(circle one): Yes No

What strengths and skills do you possess that would help you be a good volunteer?

What are your expectations as a volunteer at Crisis Intervention Service? How will volunteering with CIS benefit you?



Would you feel comfortable talking about sexual acts or violence which a victim may describe or listening to and responding to a victim's description of an assault?

Do you have specific concerns or problems working with police, physicians, nurses, or other law enforcement officials? If so, what concerns do you have?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime and if so, what and when?

Is there any other relevant information you would like to share?

How did you hear of this volunteer opportunity?

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



References

Please list three references that we can contact. References can be supervisors, co-workers, teachers, clergy, etc.

1. Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Reference Checked (Vol. Coordinator) Notes: _____

2. Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Reference Checked (Vol. Coordinator) Notes: _____

3. Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Reference Checked (Vol. Coordinator) Notes: _____

Availability

Check times that you are available

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evening							

All Times/All Days

I attest that all the above information is true.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Volunteer Position Descriptions

Direct (30 hours of Victim Counseling Training Required)

Please check the areas you are interested in volunteering.

ON-CALL ADVOCATE: Depending on location, volunteer advocates are on call for a one-week period of time on a rotating schedule - OR - may take 3-5 on-call shifts a month, evenings and/or weekends (shifts may vary). The on-call advocate may be called out occasionally on police calls to talk with victims about agency services as well as to provide safety planning options and support. They may be responsible for transportation of victims to hotels or other temporary shelter, or to provide medical advocacy (see below).

MEDICAL ADVOCACY: Volunteers will assist victims in a medical facility providing support and advocacy during sexual assault medical exams.

COURT ADVOCACY: Volunteers can attend court hearings and sentencing hearings relating to domestic abuse and sexual assault. The purpose is to have an agency presence in the court room, and more importantly to be a show of support for the victims involved. Volunteers may also assist victims in filing protective orders.

CRISIS HOTLINE/OFFICE SUPPORT: Volunteers answer the crisis line/office phone, take messages, forward phone calls, operate office equipment as needed, and some crisis counseling with victims when appropriate.

TRANSPORTATION: Volunteers can assist clients by providing occasional transportation to job interviews, doctor appointments, service providers, etc.

Non-Direct (No Training Requirements)

DONATIONS: Volunteers can assist donation organization.

CHILDCARE: Provide occasional childcare for client counseling sessions, court hearings, or various meetings and/or activities (Child Abuse/Criminal History Background Check required. Some training may also be required).

MAINTENANCE: People with handiwork skills could be utilized by helping with household repairs, yard work and general cleaning and upkeep.

PUBLIC AWARENESS: Volunteers could assist by giving presentations or handing out agency brochures at awareness fairs (Some training may be required).

FUNDRAISING: Volunteers would assist with planning and implementing fundraising and awareness events in the community.

PROGRAMMING: Examples range from, but are not limited to, hosting cooking classes, financial literacy, health seminar, exercise, and art sessions.