



Volunteer Services

Volunteering with Valley Oasis is the key to our success. The Volunteer Program is a very important part of running a successful agency. Our staff welcomes the assistance of community members to help enrich the lives of the individuals we serve.

We have a team of caring, compassionate and skilled individuals who share a common goal of working to end domestic violence. We seek volunteers of all backgrounds to join us in the mutual goal of assisting and educating not only our clients but our community members as well.

Volunteers benefit by increasing their knowledge of prevention and intervention on topics as domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

These are not only helpful while volunteering, but in everyday life. Not only do they increase awareness, but volunteers can also gain a sense of satisfaction knowing they are helping someone work toward a living a life free of domestic violence.

The goal of the Volunteer Program is to ensure that our volunteers are well-trained, receive plenty of support, and feel recognized in exchange for the contribution of their time and commitment to the agency.

REQUIREMENTS

Thank you for your interest in the **40-hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training** at Valley Oasis. Completion of this training meets the requirements set by California Evidence Code 1037.1 for designation as a Domestic Violence Counselor. After completing 40 hours of training, graduates shall receive a certificate of completion that enables you to pursue volunteer and employment opportunities working directly with survivors of domestic violence. This training is available at a cost of \$160.00

Because our agency is in the business of saving lives, we have to ensure the safety of not only our staff and residents, but also the volunteers. All volunteers must successfully complete our mandated 40-hour domestic violence training class. Our class is recognized and approved through the State of California as a certified 40-hour domestic violence training course.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I received a certificate from another agency do I still have to take the training your agency offers?

Yes, although we appreciate that individuals have been trained by another agency and may have some better understanding of domestic violence, our training is specialized and not all topics are covered by other training courses.

I am currently a resident / client, can I volunteer or apply for a job with the agency?

Current residents and clients are encouraged to participate in our job development and training at our Boutique to develop social skills, job skills and self esteem building. However, cannot volunteer in our programs until the individual has successfully completed the program they are in, and remain violence free for two (2) years.

Clients and residents currently in one of our programs are not eligible for permanent employment with the Agency. However, in the event that the agency has client-based training programs, clients would be eligible to apply for open training positions.

How much do you charge for the training?

The cost per person is \$160.00. However, individuals that volunteer a minimum of 50 hours in one of our programs after successful completion of the 40-hour training will be reimbursed \$150.00.

Our agency also provides training for outside companies. The cost of the 2-day training is \$500.00.

There is no cost to employees.

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My company wants to do a 1-time project for your agency, do we still have to take the 40-hour training?

No, we do not require one time projects to complete the 40-hour training.

I want to volunteer for your agency, what volunteer opportunities are available?

Our agency offers a wide variety of jobs for volunteers. We match our volunteers to their areas of passion and expertise. Some of our opportunities would include:

- Assisting in our childcare / headstart programs for children ages newborn to 17 years of age;
- Answering hotlines and working in an office setting
- Organizing fundraising events
- Grounds / maintenance work
- Facilitating groups (after approval from the Chief Executive Officer)
- Gathering and organization of donations
- Internships for Master programs
- Assisting in Program Development
- Grant Writing
- Amigas member / solicitation of donations for the auction
- And many, many more!

I want to do my Eagle Scout project for the shelter, how can I get something approved?

Since our agency has many satellite offices, we offer several different projects for the Eagle Scouts and allow them to choose based on their level of expertise. All Eagle Scout Projects are initially presented to our Volunteer Coordinator and then given to the Maintenance Supervisor for the mentoring of the project.