



Volunteer Application Form

Welcome to CCASA!

We are excited to offer volunteer opportunities to individuals who would like to support others, and make a positive change in their communities.

Volunteers are vital to CCASA's success and are a highly valued part of the organization. They are our ambassadors to the community at large, and help us achieve our goals.

Who We Are

Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse is the primary agency in the city that specializes in working with sexual assault and sexual abuse. We know this issue affects individuals, families and communities from every area and every walk of life in our city. Because of this, we believe everyone needs to be involved in finding solutions.

CCASA values the diversity of people. We believe that every person has something important to contribute to our community, and that our differences make us richer as a society. We also believe that violence begins when some members of society don't see diversity as a strength.

Volunteer training

Sexual abuse and sexual assault is complex and sensitive in nature, so we offer our volunteers training to help them feel confident and comfortable with the issue.

Our first training session introduces volunteers to CCASA's philosophies and services, and gives insight into the ways in which people can make a difference in their community.

Additional sessions provide volunteers with tips and tools that will allow them to work with survivors of sexual violence, and their support people, and to speak about the issue in their communities. These sessions include information about:

- Understanding why violence happens
- How sexual violence affects everyone
- How to support survivors, their friends and family
- Challenging myths and beliefs about sexual violence
- The most important messages to share with your community

How do our beliefs, training and services fit for you?

- We were meant for each other!
- This is new to me, and I'm still interested in learning more.
- Are there other ways I can contribute to CCASA?

Services offered by CCASA:

24-hour Support and Information Line

This is available to anyone who is dealing with or affected by sexual abuse. This includes survivors, their friends or family, support people and professionals.

Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.)

This service is part of the Connect Family and Sexual Abuse Network. We provide specialized services to individuals who have been sexually assaulted within the past 72 hours.

Education and Training

Raising awareness in the community by providing presentations and professional development training.

P.A.C.E.S. (Police and Court Education and Support Program)

Provides information, education and support about the justice system for survivors and their families.

Crisis Intervention and Support Counseling

Individual counselling for anyone affected by various forms of sexual abuse and sexual assault. For survivors, family, friend and support people.

Group Counseling

Sessions offer survivors support and counseling in a group setting.

Now that we've told you about us...

Tell us a little something about you. We're interested in finding out who you are, what inspires you, and why you've chosen CCASA.

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

(Work)

(Home)

(Cell)

Address:

Postal Code:

How did you become aware of CCASA?

What are the reasons you want to volunteer with CCASA and what do you hope to gain from your experience?

Please list any volunteer experience you have, and approximate length of time you volunteered. Include experience such as board, casinos, committees, crisis intervention, education, outreach, etc.

Volunteer positions I am interested in:

Education and Training

Delivering presentations, information booths, public speaking

Communications

Moderation and maintenance of website forums, blogging, and other related tasks.

Board of Directors/Committees

Community impact/governance board of directors and committees.

Diversity Liaison

Interpretation services, developing strong relationships with community leaders, diversity awareness.

Youth4Change

A dynamic youth team that is reaching out to other youths personally and electronically. Ages 12-25

Police and Court Support

Accompany CCASA clients to court.

Special Events/Fundraising

Help us support others through fundraising and / or creating awareness. Funding is one of the critical issues facing our organization.

24 Hour Support and Information Line

The line is available to anyone who is dealing with or has been affected by the various forms of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Volunteers work shifts on the line providing resource information, crisis intervention, emotional support and consultation about access to emergency accompaniment to police or hospital.

Administration

Translations, administrative support, booking outreach events, library work.

Other

We're open to new ideas!

What kinds of skills, and/or education do you have that would be useful to your volunteer work with CCASA?

We ask volunteers to make a commitment to the agency for at least one year. Do you have other commitments that may affect your ability to volunteer with the agency?

CCASA's Legal and Moral Obligation:

Due to the sensitive nature of the volunteer positions, all applicants are required to submit a police security check and a child welfare check.

I hereby certify that all information included in this application is true and complete.

I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered, and that providing false information is grounds for immediate disqualification from the application process or even immediate dismissal if the falsehood is discovered after acceptance.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for filling out this form. You can mail, fax or email this form to us, and someone will contact you directly.

Mail to:

Attn: Volunteer Application
Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse
Suite 700, 910 7th Ave SW,
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3N8

Fax to:

Attn: Volunteer Application
Fax: 403.264.8355

Scan and Email to:

Attn: Volunteer
Application
info@calgarycasa.com

For more information about CCASA, visit www.calgarycasa.com