



Compass Center for Women and Families

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Compass Center for Women and Families helps individuals and families to become self-sufficient and to prevent and end domestic violence. We provide career and financial education, assistance with legal resources, domestic violence crisis services, and adolescent empowerment programs.

Want to volunteer with Compass Center? Here are 5 ways!

Domestic Violence Hotline Advocates – **Spanish and English speakers needed!*

Assist survivors of domestic and interpersonal violence by responding to calls on our 24-hour hotline and meeting with survivors in our office to provide crisis intervention, emotional support, court advocacy and referrals to community resources. We need men and women who are available for daytime shifts, either from 9-1 or 1-5, or overnight shifts on weekdays or weekends.

A 42-hour comprehensive training program is required for all Domestic Violence Advocates. Training will cover topics including the dynamics of domestic abuse, domestic violence and the law, active listening, and community resources. Advocates are asked to make a 9-month commitment to volunteering after training is complete.

Training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30- 9pm.
The six-week training begins Tuesday, 2/16 and ends Thursday, 3/31.
(There is no training scheduled for the week of March 14, UNC's spring break.)

First Response Volunteers (FRVs) – *Spanish not required, but a plus*

FRVs are the first point of contact for individuals who call or walk into Compass Center. FRVs welcome our clients, assess their needs and goals, and connect them to Compass Center services and community resources accordingly. FRVs also assist staff members with various programmatic projects (researching community resources, conducting client advocacy, etc.), administrative tasks, and tabling at community events and fairs. We ask volunteers to commit to a weekly shift of at least 3 hours/week through the end of April 2016.

14-hour training required:
February 16th, 18th, 25nd, and March 3rd 5:30-9pm

Spanish Interpreter / Translator – *Spanish required*

For advanced Spanish-speakers. Interpret between Advocates and clients over the hotline or in-person, and/or translate written materials, including Compass Center documents, educational information, court-related documents, and client-related documents. **A 10-hour training and sample translation are required.**

Domestic Violence Court Advocates – ** Spanish and English speakers needed!*

Volunteer Court Advocates support victims of domestic violence in civil and criminal domestic violence court. Volunteers provide emotional support, information about the court system, community referrals, and connect clients with other victim service providers. Volunteers will assist clients with the Domestic Violence Protective Order filing process. Volunteer Court Advocates are supervised by the Director of Court Advocacy.

A 42-hour comprehensive training program is required for all Court Advocates. In addition, Court Advocates must be available to attend court on Thursdays at 8:30am in Hillsborough, and preferably available to stay for both morning and afternoon court sessions.

Training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30- 9pm.

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Start Strong Facilitators – *Spanish not needed*

Start Strong is Compass Center's teen dating violence prevention program offered to 6th and 8th grade health education classrooms in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District and Saint Thomas More. Over the course of two 50-minute classroom sessions, Start Strong facilitators lead interactive presentations on bullying, healthy/unhealthy romantic relationships, red flags for abuse, and bystander intervention. It is recommended that volunteers have access to transportation and are available during the school day (8am-3pm). Start Strong facilitators are also asked to lead these presentations for other groups of youth when requested by various community organizations (for example: girl/boy scout troops, summer camps, youth development programs, etc.). We ask volunteers to commit to weekly facilitations during the academic year through the end of April 2016.

21-hour training required:

February 7th 1-5pm

February 16th, 18th, 22nd, 24th, and 29th 5:30-9pm

More information about all of our volunteer opportunities and an application can be found on our website, compassctr.org. You can also contact Bridget McEnaney, Client Services Specialist, at 919-968-4610 or bmcaney@compassctr.org