

Volunteer Sexual Assault Advocates will be asked to:

- Complete the state-mandated 40 hour certification training
- Maintain confidentiality of all HOPE Coalition clients, staff, and advocates
- Support clients with professionalism, compassion and empathy
- Comply with HOPE Coalition's nondiscrimination policies
- Adhere to mandated reporting requirements
- Attend monthly advocate meetings to receive ongoing training and supervision
- Make a one-year commitment
- Undergo a criminal background check (Note: a criminal record does not necessarily preclude someone from volunteering)

Advocates provide the following services:

- Answer crisis line calls for the duration of a shift
- Provide crisis support and advocacy to victims/survivors at local hospitals and law enforcement agencies
- Respond to requests from agencies such as law enforcement, medical and social services to provide advocacy services
- Report all calls and services provided during a shift to a supervisor within 24 hours
- Provide information and referrals to other service agencies as needed
- Assist with various community events throughout year