



# **SURVIVORS AND ADVOCATES FOR EMPOWERMENT**

Supporting and empowering domestic violence survivors since 1997

## **On-Call Advocacy Program (OCAP) Volunteer Advocate**

Survivor and Advocates for Empowerment (SAFE), Inc. is seeking interested individuals to work as on-call advocates for victims of domestic violence. This is a great opportunity to help others while learning about the dynamics of domestic violence, the justice system, and remedies that contribute to ending violence in family and dating relationships.

### **Job Responsibilities:**

Advocates provide direct services to domestic violence victims through crisis management and safety planning. Advocates serve as a direct link to community resources to assist victims in maintaining their safety and fulfilling immediate social service needs.

Specific duties include:

- Provide crisis intervention and safety planning
- Provide emotional support and information about the judicial process
- Provide information on and referrals to social service programs
- Provide assistance with emergency housing needs
- Provide information and assistance in securing emergency food and transportation services
- Provide assistance in applying for Crime Victims Compensation
- Provide assistance in applying for Emergency Temporary Protection Orders

### **Time Commitment:**

Volunteers will work in pairs in 12-hour shifts (6:00PM – 6:00 AM Monday – Friday; 6:00AM – 6:00PM and 6:00PM – 6:00 AM on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays). The minimum required commitment is two shifts per month. Candidates should also be willing to make a minimum 6-month commitment to the program.

### **Requirements:**

Car (preferred but not required)  
Valid driver's license  
Attendance at all training sessions  
Police Ride-Along  
Background check

Ideal candidates will have knowledge and understanding of issues pertaining to violence against women, knowledge of the legal system, excellent interpersonal skills, excellent written and verbal skills, and possess the ability to function in a high stress environment. Experience in crisis intervention, providing support and referral services a plus.

Please visit [www.dcsafe.org](http://www.dcsafe.org) for a copy of the application form. Submit a completed application form and a copy of your resume to [SAFEvolunteers@dcsafe.org](mailto:SAFEvolunteers@dcsafe.org). Call 202-879-7828 if you have any questions about this position.

#### **Located at the District of Columbia Domestic Violence Intake Centers:**

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