DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 56-HOUR VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE / PEER COUNSELOR TRAINING ACADEMY

January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 2023

Training Description

The 56-hour Domestic Violence Training Academy takes place over 7 days from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm with an hour break for lunch. Completion of this 56 hr. training meets the requirements set by California Evidence Code 1037.1 for designation as a Domestic Violence Counselor. After completing the training, graduates will receive a Certificate of Completion that will enable them to pursue volunteer and employment opportunities working directly with survivors of domestic violence at the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center (once you have cleared a background check and orientation). *You must register by the deadline to be accepted into the training.*

Training Topics Include:

- DV Overview, History and Dynamics
- Effects on Children/ACES
- Child Sexual Abuse Investigations and Forensic Interviewing
- Trauma Informed Care/Client Centered
- Cultural Context of DV
- Elder & Child Abuse Reporting
- Criminal Justice Role
- Law Enforcements Response
- Legal Options: Restraining Order, Child Custody, etc.
- Impact of Non-Fatal Strangulation/Investigation/Forensic Medical Exams
- Suicide & Depression
- Human Trafficking (Sex & Labor)
- Sexual Assault
- Survivors Panel
- Batterers' Treatment
- Crisis Intervention: Working with Survivors/Safety Planning (practical application)
- Self-Care: Vicarious Trauma
- Community Resources: Safe housing, CVCP, Safe at Home
- Stalking
- Other topics: *Probation, Advocacy, Teen Violence, Mental Health, Medical Response*