



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

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>,  
2025

## Training Description

The 56-hour Domestic Violence Training Academy takes place over 7 days from 9:00 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 they have cleared a background check and orientation). ***You must register by the deadline to be accepted into the training.***

- 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 Enforcement 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*



## Training Location:

**Sacramento  
Regional Family  
Justice Center**

**3701 Power Inn Road**

**Sierra Conference  
Room**

**(On the first floor)**

**Course Available In-Person  
(above location) or via zoom**

## Time:

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Lunch: 12:00 to 1:00**

**(On your Own)**

**Cost: \$100**

**[Register Here](#)**

## **Questions?**

**Call (916) 875-0982 or email  
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**Deadline to Register is**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

***(Space is limited so register early)***

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