

Niagara Sexual Assault Centre Pre-Training Volunteer Interview

Note: The purpose of this interview is to provide the Volunteer Coordinator with the opportunity to get to know a little bit about you, and to give you the opportunity to find out more about Niagara Sexual Assault Centre. It is also a tool to help determine whether you are at a place where training and volunteering at Niagara Sexual Assault Centre would be a positive and healthy experience for you and for the agency. Some of the questions might be found to be somewhat intrusive. These questions are asked based on the idea that to be able to provide others with support in a healthy, positive manner, volunteers must be healthy and positive.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Languages Spoken / Signed: _____

Languages Written: _____

1. Where did you first learn about the Niagara Sexual Assault Centre?

2. There are various types of volunteer opportunities here at Niagara SAC. Is there a particular type of work/experience you are interested in?

- Crisis Support Line Public Education Community Events
- Office Support Peer Support
- Advocacy & Accompaniment Fundraising & Special Events
- WITCH (Women in the courthouse activism)

Other: _____

3. Volunteer are asked to make a one year commitment to the Centre. Is this something you can see yourself doing if training is successful? Yes _____ No _____

4. Have you participated as a volunteer with any other not for profit organization? What type of work did you do?

5. Life experience/employment (What are you doing right now)?

6. Is there anything going on for you in your life right now that might make volunteering at Niagara SAC difficult?

7. What are your hobbies/interests, what do you do for fun?

8. Why do you want to volunteer at the Niagara SAC?

9. Do you consider yourself a feminist? Yes _____ No _____

10. Do you consider yourself to be pro-choice? Yes _____ No _____

11. Do you consider yourself to be anti-oppression? Yes _____ No _____

12. Niagara SAC is a feminist, anti-oppression, pro-choice organization. If you became a volunteer here you would need to be comfortable representing yourself as such. Would you be? Yes _____ No _____

13. Niagara SAC strives to be accessible to all women, men and other identified. Are you willing to commit to, support and work within this philosophy? Yes _____ No _____

14. Society holds a number of myths/lies about rape. Can you identify some?

15. Why do you think society seems so determined to hold onto these myths?

16. How would you define sexual violence/assault?

17. What skills do you possess that you feel would be beneficial to work with Niagara SAC?

18. What skills do you believe you might have to work on?

19. Why do you feel that you are ready to support others in this way?

20. Do you feel comfortable about answering some general question about your own possible experiences of sexual violence? Yes _____ No _____

- To the best of your knowledge, has anyone close to you experienced sexual violence/assault/abuse? Yes _____ No _____
- Have you experienced sexual violence/assault/abuse? Yes _____ No _____
- If yes, do you feel that you are far enough along in your own healing process to do this type of work? Yes _____ No _____
- Have you ever been a client here at the Niagara SAC? Yes _____ No _____
- When? _____
- Who was your counselor? _____

Final thoughts?

Signature: _____

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Individual approved for training? Yes _____ No _____

Prospective Training Date: _____

Volunteer Coordinator's signature: _____

Volunteer Coordinator's comments: