

Volunteer Sexual Assault Response Team

Comox Valley Transition Society – Sexual Assault Services

STATUS: On-Call

CLASSIFICATION: Volunteer Sexual Assault Support Worker

WORK AREA: Sexual Assault Services – Lilli House/Main Office

EFFECTIVE DATE: Training begins summer 2024

COMMITMENT: Bi-monthly commitment

SCHEDULE: Monday-Friday: 5:00pm-10:00pm or Saturday/Sunday: 8:00am-10:00pm

SALARY: Volunteer stipend for callouts

JOB SUMMARY:

VSART's primary role is to support survivors of sexual violence at the North Island Hospital Comox Valley. VSART volunteers may also be asked to promote awareness at community events and/or support at fundraising events.

Volunteering with the SAS program and Comox Valley Transition Society offers volunteers a chance to help make a difference for survivors of sexualized violence in our community. Studies have shown that the sooner a survivor receives authentic and healthy support/connection after a traumatic event, the more likely they are to have a more successful healing journey. VSART volunteers participate in supporting survivors of sexualized violence during some of their darkest days. Working with survivors can be heartbreaking and stressful but also rewarding and inspiring.

Engagement requirements for volunteers:

- Provide immediate emotional support for survivors of recent sexual assault (within the last 7 days). Support may be provided to people of all genders, ages 13yrs+, and ages 0-13yrs who are accompanied by a caregiver or guardian.
- Meet survivors at the hospital for physical exams or Sexual Assault Nurse Exam (SANE). **This may include being inside the exam room with the survivor during the exam upon the survivor's request.**
- Provide information on options that are available for survivors of sexual assault including systems and services.
- Volunteer must be able to attend at the hospital within 20-40 minutes when on call.
- Be available for on-call shifts in the Comox Valley for one full week and one full weekend bimonthly.
- On-call shifts:
 - Monday – Friday: 5:00pm to 10:00pm (Evenings)
 - Saturday – Sunday: 8:00am – 10:00pm (14/hr)
- Commitment for one whole year
- Training commitment of 30 hours over 8 weeks.

Eligibility

- 18years or older.
- Criminal Justice System, social services, and/or medical experience are preferred.
- Valid Level I First Aid Certificate including CPR.
- Valid BC driver's license.
- Experience working in community settings.
- Volunteers must have a minimum of 2 years sobriety.
- Volunteers who have used certain CVTS programs within the last 2 years may be ineligible.
- A Criminal Record Check for Vulnerable Sector must be completed.
- Volunteer must not have used violence, sexual violence, or stalked another individual.
- Volunteer must not have a personal relationship with a SAS client.

Please apply by emailing the SAS Coordinator – SAS@cvts.ca, or through our website cvts.ca > Sexual Assault Services Program > VSART Application.

Thank you – *Sexual Assault Services Coordinator*