

Legal Advocate

Importance: Legal Advocates assist SAVE's Community Oriented Prevention Services (COPS) Advocates with Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Clinics, allowing us to empower more victims of domestic violence to seek restraining orders from abusive partners.

Program: COPS

Mentor: COPS Advocate

Responsibilities:

- Work with client to complete restraining order paperwork.
- Provide information about the legal process for obtaining a restraining order and referrals as to legal agencies as needed.
- Research the number of clients awarded TROs and OHAs (Orders After Hearing or "Permanent" ROs) for quarterly reports.
- *Participate in Volunteer Program:*
 - Turn in timesheet the 2nd of every month.
 - Attend monthly volunteer meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm.

Requirements:

- **Qualifications:**
 - Interest in civil/family law.
 - Patience, active listening, and non-judgment.
 - Ability to sit for extended periods.
 - Excellent writing capability.
 - Must pass Livescan background check.
- **Training:**
 - 40 hour Domestic Violence Counselor Training
 - Volunteer Orientation/Shelter Tour

Time Commitment & Availability:

- Minimum commitment of 100 hours over a period of 6 months or longer.
- Consistent weekly shifts during TRO clinic hours:
 - Tuesdays 1 – 4 pm at Hayward PD
 - Wednesdays 9 – 1 pm at Fremont PD

Location: Hayward or Fremont Police Departments (*Please note:* Volunteering at a police station requires an additional background check.)

Benefits:

- Empower victims to seek safety from abusive partners.
- Learn about accessing protections for domestic violence victims and associated civil/family law proceedings (i.e. custody orders).
- Develop interpersonal communication skills.
- Be a part of an active, supportive group of volunteers!