



Childcare Support

Reports to: Children's Counselor/Advocate

Department: Community Programs

Description of role: As Childcare Support, volunteers provide activities and programming for the children of clients attending support groups or appointments at our office. The number of children, as well as their age ranges, may change based on the support group. Childcare Support volunteers help provide safe, stable environments for fun and learning for children, and enable parents to attend groups and meetings.

Primary responsibilities:

- Provide supervision and activities to children at the Safe Passage office while parents are in groups or counseling.
- Communicate needs for supplies for specific activities to the Children's Counselor/Advocate.
- Assist in the creation of activities, games, or programming for children in the office, if interested.
- Report major events and/or concerns to Children's Counselor/Advocate and/or to the Counselor/Advocate leading the group.

Secondary responsibilities:

- Treat all Safe Passage clients with respect and courtesy.
- Complete initial and ongoing training for the role.
- Attend ongoing supervision with the Children's Counselor/Advocate.
- Log training and/or volunteer hours weekly in the volunteer database.

Skills/qualifications Needed:

- Some level of experience with childcare (personal, professional, etc.).
- Patience, creative thinking, and good verbal communication skills.

Training:

- Safe Passage Service Volunteer training (approximately 10-12 hrs)

Time commitment:

Childcare Support shifts are generally scheduled in 1-2 hour blocks per week, based on the schedule of the support group. Volunteers should ideally be able to commit to the same time for the length of the support group (8-10 weeks). Possibility for additional, on-call shifts to support client appointments—availability to be on-call is not required.

Accessibility information:

This role is done in-person and requires the ability to stand, walk, squat, bend, sit, kneel and lift and carry up to 30-40 lbs.

About Safe Passage

Safe Passage is a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the aftermath and prevention of domestic violence and relationship abuse. Safe Passage provides services to address survivors' holistic needs for recovery and physical safety. Services include trauma-informed counseling and support groups for survivors, families and children; legal services; immigration support; community education; and individual and policy advocacy.

Our Mission: Safe Passage is dedicated to creating a world free of domestic violence and relationship abuse. We support survivors and their families. We engage our community. We advocate for systemic change.

Learn more at www.safepass.org.