

Frequently Asked Questions

How much of a commitment do I have to make to volunteer?

We ask that most volunteers commit to an average of eight hours per month for at least twelve months, or 100 hours over the course of a year. In order to volunteer in a capacity that works directly with survivors, you must successfully complete a volunteer application and criminal background check, participate in a screening interview, complete the 68-hour training and participate in program specific orientation.

There are plenty of volunteer positions that do not require the same amount of time commitment or training; please contact the Volunteer & Event Coordinator for more details. E-mail: haley@tahoesafealliance.org

Can I volunteer with TWS to satisfy community service requirements?

Yes, however it does depend on the reason for needing to complete community service. Please contact the Volunteer & Event Coordinator for more information. E-mail: haley@tahoesafealliance.org.

Are there opportunities at Tahoe Safe Alliance for men to volunteer?

Yes! Men can volunteer in every area of our agency except for our Mt. Rose Safe House. We find it extremely beneficial to have male volunteers serve as positive male role models for children.

Are there opportunities for large groups to volunteer?

Unfortunately at this time, there are no opportunities for large groups to volunteer.

How can I volunteer without taking the Crisis Intervention Training course?

Contact the volunteer coordinator (e-mail: haley@tahoesafealliance.org) for specific opportunities which do not require the course.

When can I attend a training session?

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) sessions are held twice a year, September-October and April-May. Exact dates are provided on the training information page.

Will I be required to pay for anything during training?

Training only costs \$50. This fee helps cover the cost of course materials, snacks, and fingerprinting. Tahoe Safe Alliance wants this training to be accessible to everyone, if the fee is too much please contact the Volunteer & Event Coordinator and we will be glad to work with you.

How do I pay for the Crisis Intervention Training?

Check? Credit Card? Cash?

What do I do if I can't attend a training session?

If you are attending CIT you may miss no more than 6 hours to receive full credit for attending the 68 hour training. However, missed sessions can be made up in the next volunteer training.

Can I bring food to the training?

Sodas and light snacks will be provided at each training class. On Saturdays bagels, fruit, juice and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring your dinner and eat during training. We just ask that you help keep the room clean.

What will the Crisis Intervention Training enable me to do?

You will be able to participate in a large variety of our volunteer opportunities, including the 24 hour helpline.

Do you offer any other training?

Other specific training is available for specific office related and specific event volunteer opportunities.

How do I reserve a spot for the upcoming Crisis Intervention Training?

Please contact the Volunteer & Event Coordinator. Email: haley@tahoesafealliance.org. You will need to set up an appointment to meet with Haley who will explain about training and how you can participate.