



Voices Application

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Gender Pronoun?	Primary language/Other languages spoken:	Birth date:

How did you hear about A Safe Place Family Justice Center (ASP-FJC)?

Why are you interested in serving on the Voices Committee?

What is Voices?

Voices is a group of survivors who volunteer their time to celebrate their strength and survival, use their voices to help others through advocacy, education, and empowerment, and lend their unique perspective in informing A Safe Place's programming and identifying gaps in services. The first Voices committee was launched in San Diego in 2002, where its members served as an advisory committee for its Family Justice Center. Since then, Voices committees have been established at FJCs across the country.

Voices is entirely participant-led, and is tailored to meet the unique needs and preferences of its members. Engagement opportunities include, but are not limited, to:

Advocacy

Depending on the preferences of the group, this could involve client advocacy, policy advocacy, and/or advocating for the Center at local government meetings. Some examples might include: Serving on the ASP-FJC Steering Committee; going to court with advocates or offering support to participants who are completing the application for a restraining or protective order; attending City Council or County Commissioner meetings to advocate for an increase in funding when local budgets are being decided; and advocating on behalf of, or in opposition to, a bill that affects survivors.

Public Speaking Opportunities

ASP-FJC is always in need of more survivor stories, and frequently receives requests from other organizations and partners for these as well. If comfortable doing so, Voices members can share their own stories, whether for the media, the keynote speech at an Annual Gala, kicking off a fundraising event, or developing community education programming.

Activities at Participant-focused Events

The agencies at ASP-FJC hold several participant-focused events throughout the year, including Wellness Day and the Holiday "Store." Voices members are invited to attend these events to help with food prep, games, crafts, and general setup and cleanup. For these events, completion of three or more of our Domestic Violence Advocacy Training classes, or our childcare-focused trainings, is required.

Fundraising Events

For some of the agencies operating at ASP-FJC, a significant part of their respective operating budgets come from funds that are raised from individuals, businesses, and foundations. Every year, several fundraising events are held that support the sustainability of ASP-FJC's programs and services. We rely on volunteers to help plan and run these events, and needs include greeting guests, selling raffle tickets, assisting at silent auction tables, etc. These are great opportunities for pairs or groups to volunteer together, and no training is required.

Which of these opportunities, if any, are you most interested in?

Besides the aforementioned examples, are there other opportunities/activities you would like to pursue? If so, what are they?

Please describe specific skills or experience you have that relates to your interest areas, such as previous volunteer experience, activist work, academic work, professional experience, etc.

In consideration of members' safety and healing, we ask that survivors of domestic or sexual violence take time to focus on themselves before volunteering or joining Voices Committee.

Have you experienced emotional, verbal, physical, or sexual violence within the last twelve months? Yes No

Have you accessed services at ASP-FJC in the past? If yes, when? Yes No

Do you have any concerns about working with other survivors? If yes, what are they?

Are you interested in attending all or part of our 45-hour Domestic Violence Advocacy Training Program? Most training sessions take place on Friday afternoons, with an occasional all-day Friday training.

Is there anything else about your experience and interest in serving on the Voices Committee that you would like for us to know?

Thank you for completing this Voices application!

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send completed application and questions to:

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