

The Lafayette Crisis Center is currently seeking new volunteers. We are a 24/7 non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to our community. Our organization is operated by caring volunteers; these volunteers answer the National Suicide Hotline, First Call 2-1-1, Crisis Line and Teen Line every day. In addition to answering any call that comes across our phones our volunteers can act as Rape Survivor Advocates and have the opportunity to move on to become a Crisis Center intern and/or trainer.

Volunteers participate in an intensive training program to help them gain the skills needed to answer our phones, no prior experience is necessary. Our organization relies heavily on the fantastic volunteers that continue to work on our phones and we could not do without them.

So once again we are currently seeking new volunteers. This experience is beneficial to the students and gives them a chance to become involved in their community. It offers them hands on experience in working with real people, helping them to work through real life problems, and connecting them with services. The volunteers will learn about community resources and gain interpersonal skills that will benefit them far beyond their time at the Crisis Center.

Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and have gone on to various careers, where they've found the skills they learned during their time at the Crisis Center valuable. Some examples of these vocations are: law, education, social services, engineering, management and counseling. This experience has helped them to further their professional development while giving them the opportunity to become involved in their community.

I am hoping that you might be able to assist us in making an announcement to your class or allowing me the privilege to speak to your students about this opportunity and how to become a Crisis Center volunteer. All I would need is five to ten minutes at the beginning or end of a class to make a short presentation.

Thank you in advance for any assistance that you can provide. I look forward to hearing from you.

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