



Sexual Assault Response Team

Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre's (KSACC) Sexual Assault Response Team will provide immediate support, information and advocacy to individuals who have been sexually assaulted within the past 7 days. This may include, among other things:

- Immediate emotional support and information via telephone
- Hospital accompaniment while survivors receive medical attention
- Information about sexual assault, medical and forensic procedures, reporting options, legal options, and community supports and services
- Advocacy and support during medical attention including the Sexual Assault Forensic Kit
- Advocacy and support during police interviews
- Information on follow-up counselling and justice-related services available through KSACC
- Information and referrals to other community supports and services
- Information and support to family and other support people who attend with the survivor

Commitment

KSACC's Sexual Assault Response Team is in its early stages and thus the time commitment for the second group of volunteers will be extensive, with the time commitment decreasing over time. Initially, volunteers will be asked to commit one weekend (Friday at 4:30 pm to Monday at 8:30 am) every 12-16 weeks. Volunteers will always be on-call in pairs. One KSACC staff member will also be on-call as a back-up and support person, as needed.

Training

Training will be 12 -16 weeks in length, with a time commitment of 3 hours/week minimum. Training will be facilitated by KSACC staff and counsellors as well as individuals from the community with expertise in specific areas. Volunteers will also be included in four (4) one- to two-day workshops (free of charge to volunteers) that cover specific skills related to SART.

Requirements

- Over 19 years of age
- Criminal record check
- Lives in the Kamloops and surrounding area



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Application Process

1. **Application:** fill out the SART Volunteer application. All information provided will be kept confidential. The application is to be submitted to Charlene.eden@ksacc.ca.
2. **Interview:** selected applicants will be scheduled for an interview with the Agency Coordinator.
3. **Reference Check:** references provided by the applicant will be checked by the Agency Coordinator.
4. **Criminal Record Check:** applicants deemed appropriate for SART after the interview and reference checks will be asked to participate in a Criminal Record Check.
5. **Acceptance:** applicants deemed appropriate for SART after the aforementioned steps will be accepted for training
6. **Training:** applicants will be required to attend every training session.
7. **Final Review:** a final evaluation of the applicant will be conducted after completion of the training to ensure the applicant is adequately prepared to be a SART member.

Any questions you may have can be directed to Charlene Eden, Agency Coordinator, at charlene.eden@ksacc.ca.