



## Volunteer Opportunity: Victim Advocate

Join a dynamic and diverse group of people assisting victims of crime as a volunteer victim advocate at the Boulder District Attorney's Office. We are looking for emotionally mature, compassionate and committed persons to work as volunteer victim advocates in a fast-paced and caring environment.

Victim Advocates assist victims and witnesses of crime as they navigate the complexities of the criminal justice system. If you are looking for a rewarding experience helping people in crisis – while at the same time learning about the workings of the criminal justice system - this is your chance.

Volunteer Victim Advocates work with victims of crime both in person and over the phone, helping them understand the criminal justice process, providing them with ongoing information about their cases, and offering them reassurance and emotional support. Victim Advocates work closely with the DA's and are considered the backbone of the DA's Office as they help allay victims' fears, assure them that their voices will be heard, and make sure the DA's working on their cases know what their experiences have been and what their wishes are.

Persons more interested in assisting with clerical work may wish to volunteer as a clerical victim advocate or a restitution volunteer.

Volunteers will attend a 40-hour training in the Fall. No previous experience is necessary.

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