Thank you for your commitment to ending sexual violence through healing and social change!

We so appreciate your interest in becoming a Hotline, Medical Advocacy, or Community Awareness and Prevention Services volunteer. BARCC began as an all-volunteer organization in 1973, and we cannot advance our mission without the community of people who give their time and energy to do this meaningful work.

Volunteering at BARCC is a rewarding experience that brings all those involved into contact with the incredible resilience of survivors and our community. Those experiences are also often crisis situations that can be unpredictable and emotionally challenging for volunteers.

We find that volunteers are most successful in this work when they have taken time to address and process how they are personally connected to the issue of sexual violence, so that they can then support the healing of others and give back to the community.

For this reason, we ask that you consider the below guidelines prior to submitting your application. If you would like to discuss these guidelines further or learn about all the ways you can contribute to BARCC’s mission to end sexual violence, please reach out to us at volunteer@barcc.org or call our recruitment and training coordinator at 617-649-1273.

**Guidelines for knowing if it is the right time for you to become a BARCC direct service volunteer**

(Please check off to confirm you have read each line.)

- It has been at least one year since you became personally connected to this issue.
- It has been at least one year since you last received BARCC services.
- You do not feel a sense of crisis in your everyday life.
- You are not currently struggling with substance use.
- You have a strong support system in place.
- You have never perpetrated interpersonal violence (including sexual and domestic violence).
- You feel 100% ready to be a BARCC volunteer.
Your contact information
First Name:  
Last Name:  
Pronouns:  
Address:  
E-mail:  
Phone Number:  

Logistics

We have four volunteer trainings per year. You must be able to attend all sessions of a particular 40-hour rape crisis counselor training to be considered for that training session.

Which training(s) are you interested in participating in?

- February–March 2020, evenings and weekends (see website for dates/times)
- June 1–5, 2020: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- August 17–21, 2020: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- October–November 2020, evenings and weekends (see website for dates/times)

You must be able to attend all sessions of a particular 40-hour rape crisis counselor training to be considered for that training. Are you able to attend all of the sessions for the training(s) you are interested in?  □ Yes  □ No (please explain below)

BARCC requires a one-year commitment for direct service volunteers, starting immediately after training. Please consider your plans for the coming year (e.g., applying to school, moving, etc.). Are you able to make a one-year commitment to BARCC at this time?  □ Yes  □ No (please explain below)
Volunteer program requirements

Each direct service program requires volunteers to attend regular meetings and cover a certain amount of shifts or engagements per week or month. Please see below for the requirements for each program.

- **Hotline (phone or web chat) requirements**: five-hour weekly shifts; two 1.5-hour peer supervision meetings each month.
- **Medical Advocacy requirements**: five- to eight-hour weekly shift; peer supervision meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in Allston.
- **Community Awareness and Prevention Services requirements**: minimum two monthly engagements (schedule fluctuates); peer supervision meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in Cambridge.

Are you able to fulfill the requirements that are outlined in the volunteer job description for the program(s) you are interested in?
☐ Yes  ☐ No (please explain below)

What approximate times are you commonly available to volunteer? Please check all that apply:

Weekday:  ☐ Mornings  ☐ Afternoons  ☐ Evenings  ☐ Overnights

Weekend:   ☐ Mornings  ☐ Afternoons  ☐ Evenings  ☐ Overnights

Do you need any accommodations to complete this application or volunteer (for example, large-print materials, wheelchair access, etc?)
☐ Yes  ☐ No (please list accommodations below)
Direct service volunteer programs

Please be sure to read the descriptions for all the volunteer opportunities. A volunteer can only participate in one program at a time. Please let us know which direct service program you are most interested in volunteering with. If you are interested in more than one program, please rank them.

__ Community Awareness and Prevention Services
__ Hotline (phone)
__ Hotline (web chat)
__ Medical Advocacy

Tell us about yourself

How did you first hear about volunteerism at BARCC?

[ ] Online search (e.g., Google)
[ ] Online volunteer postings (Idealist, Volunteermatch, Senior Volunteer Services, etc.)
[ ] Received services at BARCC
[ ] Friend, family member, or colleague
[ ] BARCC volunteer (current or former)
[ ] BARCC social media; please list channel: ______________________________
[ ] Other social media; please list channel: ______________________________
[ ] University or college; please list: ________________________________
[ ] Other _____________________________________________________________________

Tell us why you’re interested in volunteering with BARCC (please keep answer to 100–250 words).
Do you have any questions or comments?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with BARCC! Please e-mail volunteer@barcc.org with any questions.

Please print, fill out this application, and send to the following address:  
BARCC  
Attn: Megan Mulcahy  
99 Bishop Allen Drive  
Cambridge, MA 02139

If you’d rather fill out this application online, visit:  
barcc.org/direct-service-volunteer-application