



# Direct Service Volunteer Application

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

Volunteering at BARCC is a rewarding experience that brings all those involved into contact with the incredible resilience of survivors and our community. Please fill out our short application below. It takes most volunteers 15 minutes or less to complete, and a BARCC team member will be in touch with you soon after you send in your application. We schedule interviews one month before trainings begin.

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.

## 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 and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why you're interested in volunteering with BARCC (please keep answer to 100-250 words).

## Logistics

Please note, you must be able to attend *all* sessions of a particular 40-hour rape crisis counselor training to be considered for that training session.

**BARCC requires a nine-month minimum 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 nine-month commitment to BARCC at this time?** Yes No (please explain below)

## Volunteer program requirements

Each program requires volunteers to:

- Attend two monthly meetings for ongoing training, support and supervision, held in the evenings with both virtual and in person options.
- Sign up for at minimum, one weekly shift, between 3-8 hours long. Volunteers with weekday daytime, weekend, and overnight availability are given preference.

**Are you able to attend two evening meetings a month and sign up for one weekly shift?**

Yes No (please explain below)

**Do you need any accommodations to complete this application or to 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)
- \_\_\_ Incarcerated Survivor Support Hotline (phone)
- \_\_\_ Medical Advocacy

## **Tell us about yourself**

**How did you hear about volunteering at BARCC?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any questions or comments?**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with BARCC! If you have any questions about this application, please reach out to us at [volunteer@barcc.org](mailto:volunteer@barcc.org) or call our recruitment and training coordinator at 617-649-1273.

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](http://barcc.org/direct-service-volunteer-application)