



Thank you for your interest in volunteering. GNESEA is the state coalition for ending sexual assault in Georgia. We do not provide direct services to victims. However, we do support all of the rape crisis centers throughout the state. If you are interested in volunteering, we have clerical/administrative and research opportunities. GNESEA is located in Atlanta but these positions would be in our satellite office in McDonough, south of Atlanta. We currently do not have any volunteer opportunities in the Atlanta office. Some work may be able to be done remotely if possible, but not guaranteed. Volunteer hours would be Monday - Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. If you are interested, please complete the attached application and send back to GNESEA.

Some of the things that Interns/Volunteers will be working on in 2016 will be a combination of:

- Office/clerical assistance
- Compiling information for contact databases
- Compiling updates on legislation on Sexual Violence
- Assisting with webinar trainings
- Assisting with updating of training modules
- Assistance with Community Outreach Events
- Establishing a working Resource packet for the state of Georgia
- Fund raising/grant writing
- Providing Technical Assistance to sexual assault centers in Georgia

Interns/Volunteers are required to complete a background check and interview before they are accepted to start with GNESEA

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Thanks again for your interest and support in what we do.

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### **Vision**

To lead Georgia to a society free from sexual violence.

### **Mission**

As the recognized authority and in partnership with others, GNESEA builds statewide capacity to end sexual violence by raising awareness and creating social change.

### **History**

GNESA was founded in 1982 as a loose network by the seven existing rape crisis centers in Georgia; the network helped the centers develop into viable entities. As the network grew, the member centers recognized the need for a central office. Therefore, in late 1997, GNESEA incorporated as a non-profit organization, secured office space, hired its first staff members, and started to develop its programs. Current membership includes 21 rape crisis centers, several supporting organizations, and individual members.

GNESA, the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, is a non-profit coalition of sexual assault agencies and concerned individuals that share the common goal of ending sexual assault. We are a membership organization.

### **What We Do**

- GNESEA provides a voice for victims at the state level.
- GNESEA works to support building capacity of Georgia's rape crisis centers, sexual assault programs as well as services for victims of sexual assault on college campuses.
- GNESEA collaborates with strategic partners and partnering organizations to promote and support ending violence against women.
- GNESEA works to impact public policy in Georgia to give voice to victims of sexual violence.
- GNESEA provides outreach and community awareness throughout the state as well as provides trainings for nurses, law enforcement, and other professionals to strengthen the infrastructure of victim services in Georgia.

### **GNESA supports this definition of sexual violence:**

**“Sexual Violence is a socially tolerated, pervasive sex crime of power and control used to humiliate, devalue, and objectify a person.”**

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**Core Values:**

1. We oppose the use of all forms of violence. We affirm the basic human right of every person to live without fear or the threat of sexual violence.
2. We understand that historically women have been and are the primary victims of sexual violence as a result of patriarchal cultural values that have either expressly sanctioned or implicitly tolerated objectification and sexual exploitation of women.
3. We stand in solidarity with efforts around the world to end all forms of sexual violation, discrimination, exploitation and violence against women.
4. We recognize that sexual violence is perpetuated by forms of oppression based on race, gender, class, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, religion and sexual orientation created by a climate of supremacy and ownership.
5. We believe in the strength of diversity, embrace the differences among ourselves, and cultivate diverse leadership.
6. We undertake prevention efforts to confront and change cultural norms and practices that condone sexual violence.
7. We promote and encourage victim/survivors' leadership in guiding our advocacy and social change efforts. We affirm the power of our collective and collaborative efforts, to advocate with social systems and institutions in order to end sexual violence.
8. We commit to create a work environment for staff, volunteers and collaborative partners that respects diversity, fosters professional growth, encourages critical thinking and initiative and promotes diligent and effective advocacy efforts.
9. We believe that all survivors have the right to advocacy that supports their self-determination regarding lifestyles, finances, education, employment, sexual and reproductive matters, and responses to the sexual violence in their lives.
10. We believe it is the community's responsibility to recognize sexual violence as an epidemic and to insist our laws and criminal justice system hold perpetrators accountable.
11. We encourage reflection about our work and thoughtful evaluation of our efforts. We are committed to the ongoing development of innovative strategies and programs to better meet the diverse and emerging needs of survivors.
12. We support and honor a survivor's right to confidentiality and uphold the federal confidentiality guidelines.