

Volunteer Training & Opportunities

The EPIC Center (Eastern Pregnancy Information Clinic) relies heavily on volunteers in nearly every facet of our ministry. Our volunteers are a vital part of the ministry staff. Any volunteer who works directly with clients as a peer counselor or receptionist is required to complete a training seminar and a period of on-the-job, intermediate training. This training can be in a large group lecture setting or can be completed on an individual basis, dependent upon demand. This training is a requirement so that we can ensure that all our clients receive the most accurate and current information available, and that we consistently represent the EPIC Center in the best possible light. Areas of volunteering that do not include client contact require a period of on-the-job training and the Pregnancy Care Center training seminar is optional.

Volunteer Training Topics Include:

- Counseling process
- The social and psychological background of a typical client
- Basic counseling communication skills
- Information on pregnancy and fetal development
- Sexual Integrity / Abstinence information
- Referral procedures
- Information on abortion – patient rights
- Option Education (adoption, parenting, etc.)
- Training on answering the after hours Hotline

Volunteer Opportunities Not Requiring Training:

- Office Assistant – Addressing envelopes, preparing bulk mailings, etc.
- Housekeeping – Cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming & dusting the premises.
- Food – Helping with refreshments for training times or special events.
- Baby Boutique – Sort, organize, and display maternity and baby clothing, diapers, nursery items, etc.
- Church Liaison – Represents EPIC Center to the church and encourages members to participate in various events.
- Fundraising projects – Assist in various ways with the Fall Banquet and other endeavors throughout the year.

**We make every effort to match the interests and abilities of interested individuals with the various volunteer opportunities*