



40-hour Domestic Violence Counselor Training

Training Information

Founded in 1988, Building Futures is an Alameda County leader which exists to build communities with underserved individuals and families where they are safely and supportively housed, free from family violence and homelessness. Our programs and services have been built over the past 30 years to help our clients build improved futures. Specific to domestic violence services, Building Futures operates a domestic violence safe house; provides domestic violence outreach, intervention and education; and provides 52 units of permanent supportive housing for disabled and formerly homeless domestic violence survivors. Our toll free, 24-hour crisis line is 1-866-292-9688.

Content: By California law, each employee or volunteer who works with survivors of domestic violence must complete at least 40 hours of training, which “shall include, but not be limited to ... law, victimology, counseling techniques, client and system advocacy, and referral services.” In addition to basic information on domestic violence, this training will have an emphasis on working with domestic violence survivors who are homeless, as well as trauma informed care practices. We will also explore the issues domestic violence survivors may face in the area of housing as a result of their trauma.

Format: Most of the required curriculum will be presented by staff from organizations that are well-established in the field of Domestic Violence and related areas. In addition, several Building Futures staff will talk about our programs and services. Videos and readings will complement our presentations and discussions.

Facilitator: Our Domestic Violence Outreach Team Members will be present at each session to introduce the presenters and facilitate regular reviews and discussions. **For questions or information, please call Outreach at 510-924-3093 or email jrogers@bfwc.org.**

Refreshments: A light breakfast, refreshments and water will be provided at each session. Lunch is on your own. Feel free to bring your own snacks and lunch to the training. There will be an hour lunch break each training day, and there are places to eat within walking distance. The final day of training we will be providing a pizza lunch.

Schedule:

Friday, April 3 rd	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, April 10 th	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, April 17 th	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, April 24 th	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, May 1 st	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, May 8 th	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, May 15 th	9:30 am – 3:30pm
Friday, May 22 nd	9:30 am – 3:30pm
Friday, May 29 th	9:30am --- 3:30pm

- **NOTE: the required training hours (totaling 40 hours) does not include breaks**

Registration: Registration deadline is **Friday, March 27th**.

- Registration for Building Futures' 40 hour Domestic Violence Counselor Training is \$300.
- Registration for non-profit workers is \$250 (must register through your agency)
- Registration for those who wish to volunteer with Building Futures is \$150 (must volunteer for a total of 3 hours a week for 6 months working in our Domestic Violence programs and services)

Your space will be reserved once you've paid your fee with your complete registration application. **Spaces fill up quickly, so send in your info as soon as you can.**

Registration: Print and fill out the application form below. **If you plan on volunteering there will be a separate packet which you will need to fill out.**

- Mail or deliver in person both forms with a check, money order or credit card information to Building Futures' main office.
- Scan and email your registration form with cc info on form, or scan and indicate you are sending a check via mail

Location: All sessions will be held at the Family Justice Center at 470 27th St, Oakland CA 94612
Street parking is available for you to park your car, in addition to close-by parking structure (438 W. Grand Garage, off of 23rd Street).

Parking in the Family Justice Center parking lot is prohibited.

Arriving 20-30min early to park your car is STRONGLY recommended.

Missed sessions: Due to the amount of material covered in 40hrs, as well as the intensity of the topics addressed, and the necessity of participants to learn as a group, it is important that each participant commit to attending all sessions. For reasons of illness/previous engagements/emergency you are permitted one missed session, for this missed session you will be provided that days training materials and asked to read through them and write a short description of what you learned from the materials. Any additional training sessions missed will have to be made up by attending another Domestic Violence counselor training series, which may be held at different times and locations. Once you have completed making up all of your missed sessions, you will obtain your Certificate of Completion.

**KEEP THIS PAPER, IT HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION
YOU WILL NEED ABOUT THE TRAINING**

Please contact training facilitator Jessica Rogers @ 510-924-3093 or jrogers@bfwc.org with any questions



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Registration Form

Name:

(First)

(Last)

Address:

(Street/P.O. Box)

(City, Zip)

Email:

Phone:

1. Please check what applies to you:

- I wish to enroll in the training and I have enclosed check/money order/credit card info for \$300.
- I am emailing my registration form and will deliver my payment in person at the office or by mail (*you will not be registered until payment is received*)
- I am an employee or an intern of Building Futures.
- I am an employee of a government or non-profit agency that has a payment arrangement with Building Futures. (*\$250*)
- I am interested in volunteering. (*Pay \$150 with a volunteer commitment of three hours a week for six months working in our Domestic Violence programs and services*)

2. Please initial after each statement below:

_____ (initials) I understand the importance of attending ALL sessions in order to receive my certificate of completion.

_____ (initials) I will be present at ALL sessions unless illness or emergency should arise, in which case I will notify the facilitator as soon as possible.

_____ (initials) If I have a previously scheduled conflict with a scheduled training date, I will let the facilitator know as soon as possible.

_____ (initials) I also understand that I must MAKE UP any missed time and that I **will not** receive a certificate of completion until I have completed all 40 hours of training.

_____ (initials) I understand that the topic of domestic violence can elicit strong and sometimes unexpected emotions, may affect each individual differently, and may result in feelings of vulnerability. I agree, therefore, to do my part in creating a safe, non-judgmental environment in which each person present – though backgrounds, experiences, beliefs, and values may differ from mine – may participate in their own exploration of and education about the issues related to domestic violence.

3. I understand that returning this application does not guarantee me a spot at the training. (you will be notified)

Your signature/date here indicates agreement to all above statements.

Make check/money order payable to Building Futures and be sure to write "DVT" on the memo section.

*PLEASE MAIL TO: Building Futures, 1395 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577, ATTN: DV Outreach
OR SCAN TO FACILITATOR, jrogers@bffc.org*

Name on credit card: _____

Credit card number: _____

CVV: _____

Exp. Date: _____

To assist us in achieving the highest standard in establishing our training environment, please answer the following questions: (use the back if necessary):

Is there anything that you would like us to know about you?

What is your interest in attending this training?

Do you plan to volunteer with Building Futures after the training? _____

If so, which program are you most interested in? _____

**TO HOLD YOUR SPACE. WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION, FEES,
AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND FORM BY**

Friday, March 27th

**THIS TRAINING IS ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS; RESERVE YOUR SPOT SOON!
CONTACT TRAINING FACILITATOR JESSICA ROGERS BY PHONE @510-357-0205
X207 OR EMAIL, JROGERS@BFFC.ORG**

