



ASIAN WOMEN'S SHELTER

VOLUNTEER & LANGUAGE ADVOCATE PROGRAM

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MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to eliminate domestic violence by promoting the social, economic and political self-determination of women. AWS is committed to every person's right to live in a violence-free home, and has a specific focus towards addressing the cultural and language needs of immigrant, refugee, and U.S.-born Asian women and their children.

OUR SERVICES

- 24-hour crisis line
- Shelter Program
- Children's Program
- Case management & referrals
- Language advocacy & support
- Queer Asian Women & Transgender Support (QAWTS) Program
- Anti-Trafficking Program
- ... & more, in over 40 languages!

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GET INVOLVED



VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM

LANGUAGE
ADVOCATE
PROGRAM (MLAM /
MULTILINGUAL
ACCESS MODEL)

You can join one or both programs! All volunteers and language advocates must complete our 64-hour domestic violence training.

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BE A VOLUNTEER

YOU CARE...

about supporting survivors and their children.

YOU BELIEVE...

survivors, and see them as equal partners in the work - not as helpless victims to be rescued.

YOU WANT TO LEARN...

how domestic violence is a part of social justice issues like racial justice, immigration, and gender justice.

YOU ARE SEEKING...

the practical skills to support survivors in your own community.

YOU CAN COMMIT...

- to taking our 64 hour training.
- to joining with an open mind and heart.
- to our anti-oppression principles.
- to keeping our confidentiality policy.
- to volunteering with us at least once a week for 3-5 hours, preferably weekday evenings for at least 1 year.

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BE A VOLUNTEER

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT

Support residents with needs like childcare, emotional support, cooking. *Mon nights & weekends. Must attend weekly.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Structured children's group while adults are in support group or house meeting. Supervised by staff children's advocate. Includes playtime; help with homework; arts and crafts activities; accompanying children to outings & field trips. *Tues & Wed nights. Must attend weekly.*

DONATIONS / FUNDRAISING

Donation drives; fundraising events for unfunded needs (house needs, misc. support for LGBTQ clients).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Tabling; workshops; represent AWS at community events & more. *On as needs basis.*

COURT WATCH

Accompany survivors in SF to court hearings with other AWS staff & volunteers. *On as needs basis.*

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MULTI-LINGUAL ACCESS MODEL

We offer our services in over 40 languages through our **language advocates** in the MLAM program. Language advocates are **paid on-call interpreters** that are trained by AWS to be **multilingual domestic violence advocates**. They are the bridge between AWS, survivors and the larger communities they come from.

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MLAM PROGRAM

AREAS OF WORK

Crisis line support; interpret at house meetings/support group; medical, legal, social service accompaniments; emotional support, etc.

TRAINING

Must attend AWS domestic violence counselor training with two additional training days for language advocacy.

PAID & ON CALL

Language advocates are paid **\$20/hr** and are on call. The amount of work depends on who is accessing our services at that particular moment.

BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL

-strongly preferred. We value ordinary people and their community connections—it helps us to bridge gaps and support more people.

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OUR TRAINING

AWS provides an 8-week long training (64+ hours) twice a year.

GOALS:

- To equip all volunteers and language advocates with the skills needed to provide appropriate support for survivors.
- To build a stronger community in the fight to end domestic violence.

TOPICS:

- Domestic violence: Overview and dynamics
- Peer counseling and advocacy
- Anti-oppression
- Supporting immigrant survivors
- Supporting LGBTQ survivors
- Supporting survivors with disabilities
- Survivors and the legal system
- and more!

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JOIN US TODAY!

We strongly encourage women of color, immigrants, refugees, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, and queer people to apply.

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