

Volunteer role description



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the Traditional Owners
of this land, their ancestors
and Elders, past and present.

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Register of Appropriate Support Person Volunteer – RASP

Department	Community Programs
Availability	On call roster- volunteer to select available dates/times each month
Location	Darwin
Category	Working in our services and programs

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

Role purpose

Provide support for Young people who are required to be interviewed or charged by police. RASP volunteers provide this support for a young person in police custody when no parent, guardian or other responsible adult can be present. The RASP volunteer presence helps young people feel confident that their rights will be respected, they have support to make conscious and informed decisions about how they interact with police while in custody, and that they will be treated fairly while in custody.

Role responsibilities

- Commit to an on-call roster; you will let the Youth Justice Coordinator know of dates/times you are available to be rostered on.
- Inform the young person of your role and that you are there to support them.
- Ensure the young person understands their rights and feels supported to make informed decisions.
- Remain neutral and impartial during interactions with the young person and police officers.
- Inform the Youth Justice Coordinator of any issues/incidents as soon as possible; you will be assisted to complete mandated reporting requirements if the incident requires this.
- Maintain confidentiality and ethical standards at all times
- Remain neutral and impartial whilst working within a police station
- Complete the RASP call out form clearly and accurately and return to the Youth Justice Coordinator within 24 hours.
- Notify Coordinator in advance if you are unable to attend callouts during a rostered shift
- RASP volunteers do not provide legal advice, pass judgement, have input into the content of the interview, nor provide transportation or accommodation for the young person they are supporting.
- **RASP volunteers must not be under 18, employed as a police officer, or employed at a Detention Centre.**

Knowledge, skills and experience

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- Demonstrated communication and social skills with a supportive and non-judgmental attitude
 - Ability to build rapport and support young people from diverse backgrounds
 - Ability to provide a calm, empathetic and reliable presence for young people aged 10-18 who are in police custody
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Check requirements

- A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every five years (Red Cross will arrange this)
 - Working with Children's Check relevant to your state / territory location
 - Reference Check
 - Current NT Driver's License
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Learning and development

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
 - Attend Red Cross Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required
 - Attend Watch house familiarisation tour and internal Red Cross training specific to this role
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General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Ethical Framework and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality