



**Transitions – Mental Health Association**  
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## **Volunteer Job Description**

Position Title: **HOTLINE: VOLUNTEER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

Supervisor: Hotline Program Manager

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### **About Transitions-Mental Health Association**

Transitions-Mental Health Association (TMHA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating stigma and promoting recovery and wellness for people with mental illness through work, housing, community and family support services. We operate 30 programs at over 35 locations in San Luis Obispo and North Santa Barbara counties. The emphasis of our innovative services is to teach vital independent living skills and help build a framework for community re-entry through personal empowerment and hands on experience. For over 30 years, TMHA has been dedicated to providing work, housing, case management and life-skills support to teens and adults with mental illness while offering support, resources and education for their loved ones.

### **Position Summary**

Volunteer Resource and Support Specialists are trained to staff the County's only 24-hour mental health support, information, crisis and suicide prevention line. They make a difference in the lives of youth, seniors, and families by helping them locate resources and support services. Volunteers learn the skills required to appropriately assist and refer callers to community agencies and aid in defusing crisis situations.

### **Responsibilities and Duties**

Upon completion of a series of 8 training classes and additional mentoring, phone line volunteers are expected to make a minimum commitment of 16 hours per month for 1 year. Volunteers answer phone calls on scheduled shifts. They commit to attending continuing education and skills training, once per quarter, at in-service meetings.

### **Job Environment**

Volunteer time will be spent in an office setting utilizing phone, computer, and office skills. Staff supervision is provided the first three months of service.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Strong interpersonal skills and oral/written communication skills; collaborative work style; able to effectively assist a variety of people and personality types regardless of ethnic, racial or religious background or socio-economic level.
- Must be reliable and have the ability to work independently.
- Must provide valid ID, have finger prints live-scanned, and receive a criminal record clearance satisfactory to TMHA's insurance carrier as a condition of volunteer employment.
- Must use reasonable precautions in the performance of one's duties and adhere to all applicable safety rules and practices while acting in such a manner as to assure at all times, maximum safety to one's self, fellow volunteers/employees, clients, and other persons contacted through TMHA business.

### **To Apply**

Please apply at [www.t-mha.org/volunteer.php](http://www.t-mha.org/volunteer.php) or contact Caity McCardell, Volunteer Support, with questions regarding this volunteer position at 805-540-6557 or [cmccardell@t-mha.org](mailto:cmccardell@t-mha.org)

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