



Healing Conversations Coordinator – Responsibilities and Expectations

Healing Conversations (HC) connects those who have lost a loved one to suicide with trained volunteers who are also suicide loss survivors. The HC coordinator works closely with the area director and local board to manage, develop and grow this important program for their chapter.

Requirements

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must be a survivor of the suicide of a loved one (parent, child, sibling, spouse, significant other, close friend or colleague, etc.)
- Must be at least two years removed from the date of their most recent loss
- Must be willing to hold this role for at least two years
- Must first be trained as a Healing Conversations volunteer

Desired Qualities

- Already active with AFSP in some way (current HC volunteer and/or board member and/or member of a Survivor Day or Community Walk committee)
- Has participated in safeTALK, ASIST, clinician and/or support group facilitator training
- An interest in additional training for self and ongoing training for the team
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills

Responsibilities

While working closely with the area director and local board, the coordinator will assist with the marketing and promotion of the Healing Conversations program for the chapter. Additionally, the HC coordinator will be fairly involved with the recruitment and management of their team of conversation volunteers (prescreening interested applicants, keeping all up-to-date on their training, continuing engagement between conversation requests, etc.) as well as developing and maintaining a strong awareness of community resources.

The HC coordinator is the main point of contact for the national office regarding incoming conversation requests (which require a quick response). Once assigned, the coordinator then acts as the main point of contact, and support, for the volunteer(s) involved. Along the way, the coordinator must be comfortable with asking questions when necessary!

As with all AFSP volunteer opportunities, we do expect that the HC coordinator demonstrate knowledge of AFSP's mission, vision and values.

Interested in becoming a Healing Conversations coordinator for your chapter?

First, please reach out to your local chapter to let them know of your enthusiasm! Next steps involve an application, screening and interview process, followed by an online training webinar.

Questions?

Please contact Shannon Donnick, AFSP's Senior Manager of Loss & Healing Programs at sdonnick@afsp.org or 212-363-3500 x2035.