



## **Domestic Violence Program**

### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

Sakhi for South Asian Women, a 501(c)(3) non-profit community-based organization, exists to end violence against women. We unite survivors, communities, and institutions to eradicate domestic violence as we work together to create strong and healthy communities. Sakhi uses an integrated approach that combines support and empowerment through service delivery, community engagement, media advocacy, and policy initiatives. Sakhi, which began in 1989, works with women of South Asian origin including women from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, as well as the South Asian Diaspora. Sakhi currently has seven full-time staff members. For more information on Sakhi, please visit our website at [www.sakhi.org](http://www.sakhi.org).

### **Direct Service**

Providing survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with support, information, and referrals to resources is one of the core features of Sakhi's work. The DS program provides ongoing support, crisis response, safety planning, case management, and referrals to health, emergency, legal, housing, and child welfare services. Interns & volunteers of this program area provide emotional support to survivors through answering the helpline or meeting one-on-one, accompanying survivors to court and public benefits offices, and facilitating activities for the children of survivors during support group and related events. Interns also maintain regular contact with DS staff to stay abreast of related issues and resources.

We are searching for a **bengali-speaking** volunteer/intern to support the direct service team at Sakhi. They must maintain client confidentiality and embrace Sakhi's mission of eradicating gender-based and partner-based violence and be able to articulate Sakhi's role within its community. Supervisors will train and support volunteer/intern in client communications and engagement. **This is a 7-10 hour/week minimum commitment.**

### **Volunteer/ Intern Responsibilities**

- Accompany clients to court appointments and other appointments as needed.
- Work closely with Domestic Violence Advocate on new client cases.
- Document all legal and counseling forms for referrals.
- Direct Supervisors: Shyda Rashid, Domestic Violence Program Manager & Advocate, Shilpy Chatterjee, Domestic Violence Program Advocate
- Indirect Supervisor: Vidula Pant, Director of Programs

### **Preferred Skills**

- Language requirements: Bengali required; Hindi and/or Urdu helpful
- Academic or professional background in Social Work highly desirable
- Academic or professional background in Psychology desirable
- Experience working with nonprofits and/or survivors of violence preferred

**If interested, please reach out to Farzana Karim at [farzana.karim@sakhi.org](mailto:farzana.karim@sakhi.org) with a copy of your resumé or CV.**