



VOICES Membership Application Lafayette, LA Chapter

The purpose of VOICES is to promote public support and bring awareness of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse and Child Abuse through community education and advocacy by sharing stories of hope, courage and strength. VOICES seeks to break the silence that enables abusers and VOICES empowers survivors to take a stand by raising their voice. Although VOICES has been in existence in other parts of the nation since 2011, we are just beginning a VOICES chapter here. Meetings are expected to begin in February of 2019 and the membership will then define the work of the group moving forward.

Who is invited to be part of the group? Survivors of family violence with passion, enthusiasm and commitment who desire to partner together to help bring public awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault, elder and child abuse. Members must be at least one year removed from the end of their relationship with their abuser. Members must not currently be in a relationship with a convicted abuser.

If you are interested in being part of the Lafayette chapter of VOICES, please complete the following form and we will respond as quickly as possible. Thank you for your interest!

Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State and Zip Code:		
Email address:		
Phone Number:		
How did you learn about this VOICES chapter?		
Approximate date of last abusive incident		
While dealing with my abusive situation, I interacted with: (Circle all that apply)	Family Justice Center of Acadiana Faith House Law Enforcement Criminal Court (criminal charges)	Civil Court (Protective order, divorce or custody) Child Protective Services Other: _____
Is there anything pending in court regarding the abusive situation? If yes, please describe.		
Are you currently in a relationship? If yes, please name the individual.		

I am interested in becoming

- An Active Member – Attend monthly meetings, participate in events regularly
- A Supportive Member – Limited attendance at meetings, participate in some events

I am interested in using my voice by:

- Working on policy changes within local systems
- Participating in legislative advocacy
- Public speaking
- Organizing and/or participating in events
- Participating in national calls with other VOICES chapters

Special Interest: Is there an area not listed above that you are interested in addressing specifically?

Other ideas or suggestions:
