



## **Current Areas of Volunteer Engagement with CAEFS**

CAEFS volunteers are provided with a supportive community and many opportunities for continued engagement and professional development across a number of areas.

All material costs incurred in your capacity as a CAEFS volunteer will be reimbursed by the organization.

### **Advocacy with Incarcerated People**

Read more about this area of CAEFS work here:

#### [Regional Advocacy - CAEFS](#)

Most CAEFS volunteers work as regional advocates (RA), and we provide comprehensive training for this role as well as support for volunteers to gain enhanced reliability clearance so that you can enter federal penitentiaries on an ongoing basis. The RA program is at the heart of what CAEFS does, and is responsible for providing education to people in federal penitentiaries and/or in halfway houses about their legal and human rights, and dually acts as an ombuds office to monitor the conditions of confinement for federally sentenced women and gender diverse people.

There are 5 regional advocacy teams nationally: Pacific, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic, as well as some volunteers who assist with the national operations of this program.

#### *Types of volunteer opportunity*

- **Advocacy visits (in-person):** providing individuals in prison with advice in their legal and human rights, documenting issues they disclose, advocating for change with prison management, supporting in the writing of monthly advocacy letters, joining a team of volunteers. Time requirement: Approx. 16 hours in training, then flexible. RA teams conduct monthly visits into the prison, and while some volunteers attend monthly, volunteers generally rotate and support in person visits every 2-3 months.

- **Answering advocacy phone line (remote):** providing individuals in prison with advice in their legal and human rights, documenting issues they disclose, joining a team of volunteers. Time requirement: Approx 16 hours in training, then 4 hours per week, or 4 hours bi-weekly at scheduled times.
- **Research and content development (remote):** assisting in developing resources, tools, and advocacy strategies. Time requirement: flexible.

## **Fundraising**

### *Types of volunteer opportunity*

- **Content development (remote):** Development of fundraising materials such as flyers, infographics and other creative resources. Time requirement: flexible
- **Funding application development support (remote):** Assisting the national office in locating and developing fundraising applications. Time requirement: flexible

## **Public Awareness**

### *Types of volunteer opportunity*

- **Social media (remote):** Developing social media posts related to CAEFS work. Time requirement: flexible
- **Content development (remote):** Developing plain language knowledge dissemination materials to assist in public awareness efforts. Time requirement: flexible

## **Legal Advocacy and Legislative Change**

Read more about this area of CAEFS work here:

[Legislative Change Work](#) [Legislative Change Work - CAEFS Legislation Change Work](#)  
[Legal Advocacy - CAEFS](#)

### *Types of volunteer opportunity*

- **Research (remote):** Assisting in researching impacts and histories of various acts and relevant case law, etc, conducting literature reviews and/or environmental scans, and in preparing briefs/legislative review committee submissions. Time requirement: flexible
- **Content development (remote):** Developing plain language knowledge dissemination materials to assist in public awareness and lobbying efforts. Time requirement: flexible

