



Volunteer to Assist Victims of Domestic Violence: You Can Make a Difference

Domestic violence does not just stop because of a crisis like the one we are currently facing. In fact, when stressors increase, violence and abuse can quickly escalate. For many victims, staying at home means being isolated with someone who is harming them. We invite the community to join 180's life-changing mission today. 180's **Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)** Volunteer Advocates are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to **provide confidential support, information, and resources to victims of domestic violence at police headquarters**. Advocates also discuss with victims **safety planning** and their **legal rights** in regard to obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order. By providing support and crucial perspective of the situation, these specially-trained advocates help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. 180 and the police departments are committed to culturally and socially diverse teams to better serve the community. Bi-lingual capability is helpful. Deadline to apply is April 9th.

2021 Training Dates:

April 20th – May 13th

Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

6:00p-9:30p remotely via Zoom

Basic requirements for volunteers to apply: Must be eighteen-years of age or older, have access to transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis, participate in an interview process, pass background investigations and fingerprinting, successfully complete the mandatory 40-hour training, and attend monthly supervisory meetings.

To obtain an application or for more information, please contact:

Tina Morgan, Assistant Victim Support Program Coordinator, at tinam@180nj.org or 732-264-4360, Ext. 4272. You can obtain an application at <https://180nj.org/give-help/volunteer/volunteer-advocate-for-victims-of-domestic-violence/>

For forty-five years, 180 Turning Lives Around, a private non-profit organization, has been dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence, which affects our community.

**180's Domestic Violence 24/7 Confidential Hotline: 732 264-4111 or 888 843-9262
In an Emergency: Dial 911**