



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

Domestic violence is never a victim's fault and 180 Turning Lives Around (180) stands with all victims. Join 180's life changing mission today and help victims of domestic violence find the courage and strength to turn their lives around. Domestic violence does not just stop because of a crisis like we have been facing. In fact, when stressors increase, violence and abuse can quickly escalate. For many victims, staying at or working from home means being isolated with someone who is harming them. It is in these very trying times victims need 180 even more and we are here for anyone who needs our services.

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, 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 8th.

Spring 2022 Training Dates:

April 26th - May 18th, 6:00p-9:30p, in-person and via Zoom on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays. (Week 1 is in-person at Holmdel Community Center, Weeks 2 & 3 are via Zoom, Week 4 is in-person at Ocean Township Courtroom on MON 5/16, TU 5/17, WED 5/18). 180's current Covid19 precautions include that masks are required to be worn and 6-foot distancing maintained. We will advise if there are any changes to that policy. We will shift to all Zoom, if necessary.

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, submit to 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. Please mention the town you reside in. You can obtain an application at <https://180nj.org/give-help/volunteer/volunteer-advocate-for-victims-of-domestic-violence/>

For forty-six 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: Call 911**