YWCA Sexual Assault Program Stepping Stones

RAPE CRISIS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

YWCA Stepping Stones Sexual Assault Program is offering 40-hour volunteer training for those who wish to provide crisis intervention to sexual assault survivors.

Fall Training Schedule

Every Monday & Wednesday

Saturdays

October 21 - November 13

October 26 & November 16

6 pm - 9 pm

9 am - 5 pm

All trainings will be held at YWCA McLean County, 1201 N. Hershey Rd. in Bloomington (lower level entrance).

Volunteer Duties

Confidentiality is REQUIRED! After completing the 40-hour training, volunteers will carry a pager and must be on call for one shift a month. Shift options include:

- 4 pm Monday to 4 pm Wednesday**
- 4 pm Wednesday to 4 pm Friday**
- 4 pm Friday to 4 pm Monday**

Crisis intervention means possibly speaking with a victim/survivor on the phone or providing support at the hospital or police department.

**Volunteers must have their pager on during the entire time they are on-call; volunteers will respond to calls between 4 pm and 8 am and on weekends. Paid staff respond to crisis calls during business hours M-F between 8 am and 4pm.

Training Overview

The volunteer training covers types of sexual violence, rape trauma syndrome, crisis intervention techniques, listening/communication skills, medical and legal advocacy, psychology of sexual violence and information about community partners providing different levels of assistance to survivors.

Get Involved

If you are interested, please fill out an application and submit to Elizabeth Rardin at the YWCA address above. You will be contacted to schedule an orientation/interview once the form is received. **Applications are due no later than October 11 by 3 pm.** Call Elizabeth Rardin at (309) 662-0461 ext. 286 or email erardin@ywcamclean.org.

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