

RAPE VICTIM ADVOCATES HOSPITAL PARTNER LIST

Methodist Hospital of Chicago

5025 North Paulina St.
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

251 East Huron St.
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Saint Joseph's Hospital

2900 North Lakeshore Dr.
Chicago, Illinois 60657

Swedish Covenant Hospital

5145 North California Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Thorek Hospital

850 East Irving Park Rd.
Chicago, Illinois 60613

Weiss Memorial Hospital

4646 North Marine Dr.
Chicago, Illinois 60640

John H. Stroger of Cook County

1969 West Ogden Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Provident Hospital of Cook County

500 East 51st St.
Chicago, Illinois 60615

Rush University Medical Center

1653 W. Congress Parkway
Chicago, Illinois 60612

University of Illinois Hospital (UIC)

914 S Wood St
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Mount Sinai Hospital

1500 S Fairfield Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Community First Medical Center

(formerly Our Lady of the
Resurrection Medical Center)
5645 West Addison St.
Chicago, Illinois 60634

Saint Mary of Nazareth Medical Center

2233 West Division St.
Chicago, Illinois 60622

West Suburban Medical Center

3 Erie Court
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

HOSPITAL LIST IS CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2015

Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline (888) 293-2080

Rape Victim Advocates (RVA) is an independent, not-for-profit organization in Chicago dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors and to effecting positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault. All services are free and confidential, and available to anyone who is a victim of sexual violence, advocacy and counseling services are available in English and Spanish.

RVA provides:

- Crisis Intervention
- Counseling – Individual, Couples & Family
- Medical Advocacy
- Legal Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Volunteer & Internship Opportunities
- Specialized services for Children & Youth
- Seniors
- LGBTQ People
- People with Disabilities
- People involved in the Sex Trade

To schedule an appointment for any of our services, please contact us at (312) 443-9603.

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Austin Satellite Office

4909 W. Division Street, Suite 511, Chicago, IL 60651

Northside Satellite Office

1945 W. Wilson Avenue, Suite 6114, Chicago, IL 60640

Stroger Hospital Campus Satellite Office

Fantus Health Center
1901 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60612

YWCA RISE Children's Center

(RVA provides Legal/Medical Advocacy for Children/Youth)
820 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 550, Chicago, IL 60607

Volunteer Opportunities

RVA has a wide array of volunteer and internship opportunities. You can truly make a difference! To learn how to become a volunteer or apply to be an intern, call (312) 443-9603 or go to our website at www.rapevictimadvocates.org.

Support RVA

Our work is made possible by the generosity of people like you. To make a donation, go to www.rapevictimadvocates.org or contact our Development Department at (312) 443-9603 ext 21.

supporting survivors since 1974



Medical and Legal Advocacy

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About RVA

Rape Victim Advocates (RVA) is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention counseling, individual and group counseling, and medical and legal advocacy in the Chicago metropolitan area. RVA provides public education and institutional advocacy in order to improve the treatment of sexual assault survivors and to effect positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault.

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Medical Advocacy

Highly trained medical advocates are on call 24 hours a day to provide in-person crisis support to survivors of sexual assault and abuse at 14 hospitals located in Chicago (see back for a list of hospitals).

A medical advocate acts as a liaison with healthcare professionals to ensure survivors needs are met and they are treated with dignity and respect. Medical advocates also assist victims after the emergency room. If you have been assaulted we recommend you go to a hospital as soon as possible so that you can receive medical treatment and have the opportunity to complete an evidence collection kit (often called a rape kit) up to 7 days after the assault if you choose. By law rape victims in Illinois should not be billed for medical treatment received in a hospital emergency department as the result of sexual violence. Please note: if you seek emergency services in an ER, the hospital is required to notify police, but you are not required to file a police report. We recommend going to an RVA partner hospital so that an advocate can help you navigate this process.

RVA medical advocates can:

- Provide crisis counseling

- Give you information about your medical concerns and your right to treatment
- Provide you with information about your legal rights and options
- Help you communicate with hospital staff and police
- Assist you with immediate needs such as transportation shelter referrals or clothing
- Connect you to other services such as counseling
- Assist you in accessing follow up medical treatment such as emergency contraception or pregnancy options
- Assist you in resolving hospital bills you may have received for emergency treatment
- Accompany you to file a police report and/or meet with law enforcement



Legal Advocacy

RVA is here to support you throughout the legal process. We can help navigate the criminal justice process, as well as discuss alternatives to the criminal justice system including civil remedies. We support all sexual assault survivors, regardless of whether or not they want to report the crime to law enforcement.

A legal advocate can:

- Provide you with information about your legal rights and options, including information about relevant Illinois laws (please note: RVA Legal Advocates do not provide legal advice)
- Accompany you to file a police report and/or meet with law enforcement
- Help you communicate with the police and Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- Help you file for Crime Victims Compensation
- Assist you in filing a petition for a protective order against the person who harmed you
- Provide you with referrals and support for other services, legal options and attorneys who can assist with Title IX complaints, visitation and custody disputes, immigration and workplace rights

ADDITIONAL RVA SERVICES

Professional Training

RVA's trained and knowledgeable staff deliver presentations to many different audiences including:

- Law enforcement
- Prosecutors
- Social Service Professionals
- Medical Professionals

Our advocacy training sessions include information to aid professionals in working with survivors and understanding survivors' rights under Illinois law. RVA's Education and Training Program staff offer additional educational programs to children, youth, and other adult groups. To learn more or schedule a training, call (312) 443-9603.

Counseling

RVA offers individual, couples and family counseling as well as support groups to survivors of sexual assault and their non-offending loved ones.

Both counseling and advocacy services are available in English and Spanish at RVA's downtown and community-based offices. To make an appointment or for more information call (312) 443-9603.

Volunteer Opportunities

RVA has more than 200 highly trained volunteers who continue to be the backbone of RVA. Our volunteer medical advocacy program is the largest in the state. RVA medical advocates respond to hospital emergency rooms throughout the city of Chicago to provide legal and medical advocacy and crisis support to victims of sexual assault.

Requirements:

- Must complete RVA's volunteer training
- Must attend minimum of 6 continuing education sessions a year
- Must take a certain number of on call shifts a month

To apply to become an RVA medical advocate, or for more information about all of RVA's volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.rapevictimadvocates.org.