



VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ADVOCATE

Resilience 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 trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area.

We are seeking Volunteer Medical Advocates to support survivors of sexual assault. Our Volunteer Medical Advocates provide crisis intervention counseling, nonjudgmental support, and medical and legal advocacy to survivors of sexual violence and their family/friends. Advocates also provide proper referrals and information, as well as one-on-one telephone follow-up with survivors.

- Advocates must demonstrate a nonjudgmental, supportive attitude toward survivors of sexual violence. Strong interpersonal/communication skills and a focus on empathy are essential. It is expected that Advocates also be committed to the philosophy of our organization: non-violence, non-oppression, and the empowerment of women and all survivors of sexual violence.
- All Advocates are required to take 24 hours (2 twelve-hour shifts) of on-call duty each month until they have completed 24 shifts, which may take them to ANY of the hospital emergency rooms Resilience services.
- With the survivor's permission, Advocates are expected to remain with the survivor throughout the medical examination, evidence collection, and police interviews.
- When appropriate, Advocates will accompany the survivor to the police station to view line-ups/mug shots and for interviews by police/prosecutors. Crisis intervention counseling will also be provided for the survivor and significant others.
- Advocates are required to complete Resilience's 60-hour certification training, including class participation, group workshops/role plays, and quizzes. Advocates are also required to attend a minimum of 6 units of continuing education sessions, 2 of which are child specific trainings, as scheduled throughout the year.
- Advocates will sign an agreement stating they will provide **24 on-call shifts** (at a minimum of 2 shifts per month). Each shift runs from 7am-7pm and 7pm-7am. Volunteer Advocates will choose when they want to be on the schedule.

For more information and a link to our volunteer application, please visit:
<https://www.ourresilience.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

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