

Are you a good listener? Are you comfortable talking on the phone? Do you have a passion for helping others?

If you answered yes to these questions, I have an opportunity that may be perfect for you!

Family Violence Project has an ongoing need for volunteer advocates to help answer our 24-Hour Helpline for those affected by domestic violence. As a volunteer advocate on the 24-Hour Helpline, you will make a difference in people's lives by volunteering once a month from the comfort of your home. Do you worry that you won't know what to say? Family Violence Project offers a free 36-hour training that prepares you for this volunteer role; also, a staff person will always be available to assist you by phone while you are volunteering. Participants in the training will learn about the complex issue of domestic violence, the staff and services of Family Violence Project, and how to talk with callers and help them create safety plans. Although successful completion of our training is required for this volunteer role, no other experience is necessary.

Family Violence Project's next volunteer training will be held in Waterville on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, September 19th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday, September 21st from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday, September 26th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday, September 28th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday, October 3rd from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday, October 5th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday, October 10th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday, October 12th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday, October 17th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday, October 19th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesday, October 24th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday, October 26th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

If you are interested in participating in this training and volunteer opportunity, you must be 18 years of age or older, complete a volunteer interview, and pass background / reference checks prior to being accepted into the training. **Volunteer interviews must be completed by the end of the business day on September 11th**. While the training itself is free of charge, we ask for a \$25 donation from those who are financially able to provide it; this will help cover the cost of background checks. The inability to make a donation will <u>not</u> prevent a person from participating in this opportunity!

Please contact me if you would like to learn more about this training and volunteer opportunity, or would like to schedule an interview. Training space is limited, so I hope to hear from you soon!

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