

## Volunteer and Internship Opportunities



- **Answer the 24 hour crisis hotline.** Volunteers and Interns will provide crisis intervention, domestic violence education, safety planning, emotional support, and resource and referral information for callers. Volunteers and Interns will also assist with scheduling and general office tasks.
- **Medical Advocacy.** Volunteers and Interns will provide crisis intervention, safety planning, information about services, and emotional support for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors at Kishwaukee Hospital and Valley West Hospital.
- **Advocacy Services.** Volunteers and Interns will work directly with clients in both the emergency and transitional shelter and will assist clients by providing client-centered assistance. Volunteers and Interns will help clients with goal related tasks such as obtaining employment, housing, and childcare. Volunteers and Interns will complete intakes, provide crisis intervention, and will work closely with staff to provide life skill education and to increase client's safety.
- **Children's Groups.** Volunteers and Interns may co-facilitate groups on topics such as self-esteem, healthy relationships, bullying, domestic violence education, and communication. Volunteers and interns will work with children ranging in age from infant to teen.
- **Prevention.** On an as-needed basis, Volunteers and Interns will have the opportunity to assist the Prevention Team with community events that promote awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault, and Safe Passage services.
- **Legal Advocacy.** On an as-needed basis, Interns and Volunteers may have the opportunity to work in the Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy Program, providing court assistance and office assistance (typically this program needs 1 intern or volunteer per semester).
- **PAIP.** On an as-needed basis, Interns and Volunteers may assist the Partner Abuse Intervention Coordinator with clerical and office duties.
- All Interns and Volunteers will obtain an increased understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault, will actively work to improve the lives of survivors, and will expand his or her knowledge of diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds.