



East Windsor Police Department is Seeking Volunteers for the Response Teams of Mercer County

Womanspace, Inc., in partnership with the East Windsor Police Department, is currently accepting applications for volunteers to become members of the Womanspace Response Teams of Mercer County.

The volunteer Response Team Advocate works with Mercer County police departments and hospitals to provide support, information, and referrals at the time of a domestic or sexual violence crisis. Advocates are contacted by the police department and/or the Womanspace Hotline and then meet the victim-survivor at the police station or hospital. The Advocate provides information and support to assist victim-survivors in making self-empowering decisions for themselves and their families. Most importantly, the advocate provides unconditional support at a time when it is needed most.

In Mercer County in 2022, Response Team Advocates responded to 290 call-outs and provided referrals and emotional support to 295 people.

Training for those who volunteer to be a Response Teams of Mercer County Advocate begins on September 12, 2023. It is a 60-hour training for a duration of seven weeks. During the training, advocates receive extensive, specialized training on topics such as: domestic violence and sexual assault law, specialized support services available for victim-survivors and their children, the forensic process including follow-up, and how to assess for and provide swift, safe, and appropriate information at a very critical time for victim-survivors and their families.

Womanspace is accepting applications from prospective volunteers. Please apply if you are:

- A resident of Mercer County or reside within 30 minutes of the county police stations
- 18 years or older, with a valid driver's license and transportation
- Willing to complete a background check including fingerprinting
- Able to participate in 60 hours of training

Questions? Scan the QR code below



Email Varonda at dvvr@womanspace.org or Sheilagh at sass@womanspace.org or call 609-394-0136

Deadline to apply: August 15, 2023
Training begins: September 12, 2023

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