

## **Centre County Women's Resource Center**

140 W. Nittany Ave.

State College, PA 16801

The **Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC)** developed out of a vision by community members in the 1970's who recognized the need for a variety of services for women living in Centre County. That vision has grown to focus more attention on the particular issues of domestic and sexual violence. **CCWRC** continues to provide information and referral services, which were an important part of its early grassroots efforts, and services have been expanded to include counseling, legal advocacy, 24-hour hotline coverage, a safe shelter, bridge housing, and education and outreach programs. These extensive services are only possible with the help of actively involved volunteers.

We are looking for compassionate, dedicated students and community members who are willing to help meet the many needs of our clients through volunteer service. Volunteers must complete an extensive educational program encompassing approximately 77 hours of instruction and practical application. The educational programs are held at different times throughout the year. Please check the on-line application for current class dates. The classes are guaranteed to be challenging, informative, moving and empowering.

The volunteer classes have been designed to:

- introduce you to **CCWRC** as an organization
- educate you regarding the issues of domestic and sexual violence
- familiarize you with the essentials of empowerment counseling, listening skills, crisis intervention and advocacy
- explore the issues surrounding women's health, racial, ethnic, cultural and class oppression, LGBTQ, disability and age discrimination
- promote self-awareness and values clarification
- acquaint you with the roles, responsibilities, and opportunities of becoming a Counselor/Advocate

Acceptance into the Volunteer Program requires a successful interview with the program director and a commitment to attend all classes. We ask that you make a minimum one year commitment (12 months) to the **Women's Resource Center** following your graduation, taking at least four shifts per month. This commitment may include a variety of duties including hotline coverage, office hours, co-facilitating group sessions for clients and their children, and other volunteer opportunities which may be of interest to you. This commitment is critical to our work...violence happens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

***STILL INTERESTED?***

Please complete an application and return it to Dee Hall, Director of Volunteer Programs. After your application is reviewed, an interview will be arranged. The purpose of the interview is to get to know you better and for you to have an opportunity to learn enough about **CCWRC** and our work in order for you to make an informed decision.

After successful completion of the program, you will receive professional certification indicating that you have completed the necessary training to be a Certified Sexual and Domestic Violence Counselor/Advocate in accordance with the guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV).

Thank you for your interest in this important work. We look forward to meeting you.

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