

Marin Abused Women's Services

Women's Volunteer Opportunities

WOMEN'S HOTLINE ADVOCATES (ENGLISH AND BILINGUAL): Hotline Advocates maintain 24 hour coverage for the English and Spanish speaking hotlines. Their efforts provide support, advocacy and referrals for women who are victims of abuse and are in crisis. **Requirements:** Successful completion of 40 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training; 8 hours hotline training and 2 four hour supervised hotline shifts.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES: Family Advocates provide support and advocacy to battered women and their children in our Shelter (emergency), Second Step (transitional housing) or WCAP (Women's Community Advocacy Project) programs. **Requirements:** Successful completion of 40 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training and Hotline Training.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATORS: Group Co-facilitators lead community support groups for battered women. Groups are held throughout the county, during the day and in the evenings. **Requirements:** Successful completion of 40 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training, Women's Hotline Training and Facilitator Training.

LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT: Women in our one-year transitional housing program face major challenges in establishing an independent life. Volunteers are needed to help mentor women in job skills, finance and budgeting, parenting, self esteem, etc.

FAMILY AND CHILD OUTINGS: Our women and children benefit greatly by exposure to many activities available in the Bay Area. Picnics, trips to the beach, theatre, etc. are all appreciated. Mandatory background check required.

CHILD CARE ADVOCATE: Children's Advocates provide child care at Shelter, Second Step, and community support groups. **Requirements:** 3 hours of training and orientation. Mandatory background check required.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU): MAWS CEU trainings fulfill 8 hours of the 40 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training.

Women & Men's Volunteer Opportunities

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS : Be involved with other volunteers committed to social change and action to stop the violence! CAT Members strive to educate the public to move beyond awareness to action that will change the attitudes, beliefs, behaviors and policies promoting safety, justice, and equality in relationships. **Requirements:** Successful completion of 25 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training, CAT Training and weekly meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS: Assist in office tasks such as typing, word processing, special mailings, answering (non-hotline) phones, etc. **Requirements:** 5 hour training about organizational operations.

FUNDRAISING: Join our fundraising committees and task forces to carry out special events and cultivate contributions from throughout the community. **Requirements:** Committee meetings once a month.

Men's Volunteer Opportunities

MEN'S HOTLINE ADVOCATES: Hotline Advocates provide 24 hour coverage for the Men's Hotline which responds to batterer's in various stages of crisis, supporting them to be non-violent and referring them to the Batterer Re-education Program of the MAWS Men's Program. **Requirements:** Graduate of the Men's Program and the the Men's Program Hotline Training. Must be physically non-violent for at least one year and no longer on probation. Completion of the MAWS 25 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training is recommend.

MEN'S CURB ADVOCATES(COMMUNITY UNIT RESPONDING TO BATTERERS): CURB Advocates go to the jail and provide men arrested for domestic violence information on how to stop their violence and the resources of the Men's Program to help them do that. **Requirements:** Men's Program partipants who have graduated from 1st and 2nd Stages and completed the CURB Training. Must be physically non-violent for at least one year and no longer on probation. Completion of the MAWS 25 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training is recommend.

MEN'S PROGRAM FACILITATORS: Facilitator's lead classes in the Batterer Re-education Program where men learn how to stop their violence towards their partners. **Requirements:** (1) Completion of a minimum of 8 classes in each of 3 Men's Program Stages, (2) Completion of 52 weeks or 104 hours within the last 6 months as trainee in the MAWS Men's Program, (3) Completion of the MAWS 25 hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training, (4) Completion of 15 hour Facilitator Training with the Men's Program, (5) Must be physically non-violent for one year and no longer on probation.

If you do not see your particular interest here, please give us a call. We are a volunteer-driven organization, and appreciate new perspectives and skills.