

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

Be a part of an elite team! The Passaic County Women's Center is actively searching for volunteers to become highly trained members of our crisis response unit, the Sexual Assault Response Team. The team consists of a coalition of community agencies, such as the Passaic County Prosecutor's office, various police departments, and local hospitals, in order to effectively address the needs of survivors. Following application, you will be trained by the agency to serve survivors of sexual assault at no cost and receive a certificate that authenticates the necessary qualifications. You will become part of this important process, during which you will be able to serve your community by responding to "call outs" in a timely manner.



OUTREACH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

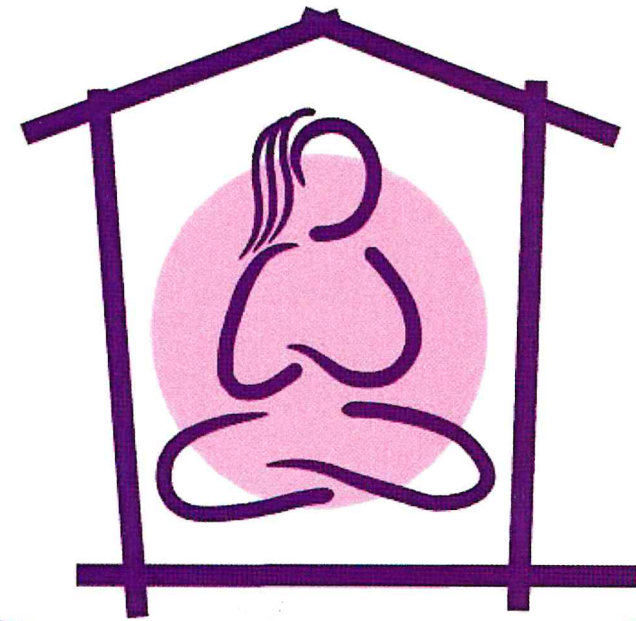
1027 Madison Ave,
Paterson, NJ 07501

PCWC Outreach Office
973-881-0725

24 Hour Emergency Hotline
973-881-1450



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Make an impact in your community

Sexual Assault Response Team

Volunteer Information



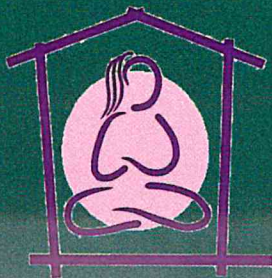
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PASSAIC COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER

Passaic County Women's Center (PCWC) is a private, non-profit organization serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence in all forms. PCWC is a division of the New Jersey Association on Correction. Since the center's inception, the services have expanded to include a variety of programs addressing the complex issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services are provided to any individual who is a survivor of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, or who is a person of support to a survivor of domestic violence and/or sexual assault regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, or immigration status.

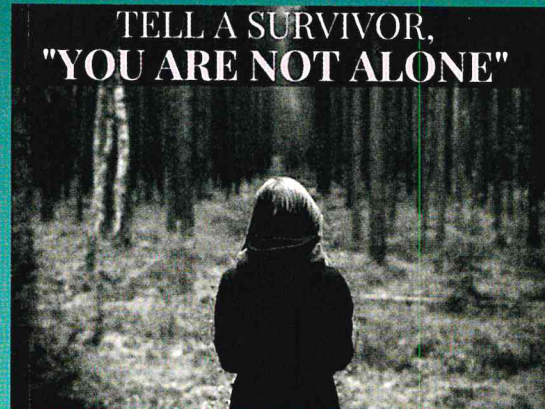
PCWC is open and operational 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Services may be accessed through a 24-hour hotline, either directly by clients or through referral services. A drop-in outreach center is available to the general public during business hours. PCWC provides emergency shelter for women and their children, as well as a full spectrum of ancillary support services. Extensive services are available to anyone concerned with the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault in Passaic County, whether they are in need of shelter or not. These services include but are not limited to:

- Legal advocacy
- Children's programs
- Community education and prevention
- Emergency shelter
- Crisis intervention and counseling



VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Live or work within one hour of the three Passaic County hospitals that provide SART services: St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, and Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pequannock Township
- At least 18 years old
- Completion of PCWC's 40 hour training program
- Access to a reliable cell phone
- Access to a reliable vehicle
- Volunteers must demonstrate stability and success in their personal and professional life
- Be responsible, committed, compassionate and open-minded
- Able to maintain and respect confidentiality
- Have no history of perpetration of abuse or violence
- Must pass a criminal background check
- Must be able to attend all training sessions and mandatory monthly SART Team meetings
- We also ask that survivors of sexual assault who would like to become volunteers be at least one year past their assault and have done the healing work necessary to be in a healthy emotional state to be able to help others in crisis.



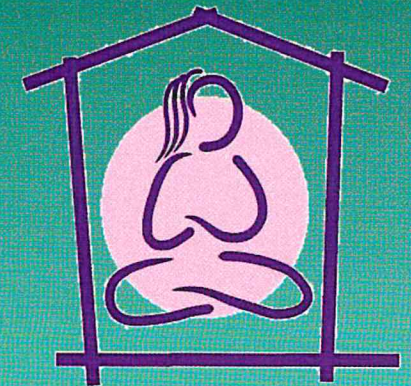
ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Commitment:

- We ask for a minimum commitment of one year
- At minimum: Three 8-hour on-call shifts per month (24 hours total/month), for a year
- Shifts include overnights, weekends and holidays

Training:

All applicants selected as candidates for the Sexual Assault Response Team shall be required to successfully complete the SART training before being permitted to respond to any Team activations. We strive to offer 1-2 trainings per year, but circumstances do not always allow us to offer two trainings. Passaic County Women's Center provides an approximately 40-hour training program, free of charge, over twelve sessions facilitated by PCWC staff. Training provides both skill development and personal growth work through a series of lectures, readings, videos, group discussions, activities, and role play opportunities.



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We ask that those interested in becoming SART volunteers complete an application. All information provided in the application remains confidential. To receive an application please contact the Sexual Assault Program Coordinator at sartpcwc@njaconline.org or download our application from passaiccountywomenscenter.org.