



My Sisters' Place
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Become A Sister in Law Volunteer

What is a Sister-in-Law Volunteer?

A Sister in Law is a caring, compassionate volunteer advocate who provides emotional support to victims of domestic violence on their road to safety, self-determination and justice. Sisters in Law accompany clients to court hearings and related social service appointments.

❖❖No experience is necessary ❖ Bi-lingual volunteers needed❖❖

Sister-in-Law Volunteers have:

- ❖ a commitment to helping victims of domestic violence exercise their rights
- ❖ excellent, non-judgmental listening skills
- ❖ respect for individuals with diverse cultural backgrounds and life experiences

Sister-In-Law responsibilities:

- ❖ attend all Sister in Law training sessions
- ❖ work directly with clients to arrange to meet for accompaniments
- ❖ maintain client confidentiality
- ❖ provide clients with emotional support during court hearings and social service appointments
- ❖ empower clients to self-advocate - volunteers do not provide legal advice
- ❖ attend community events to distribute educational materials
- ❖ attend monthly meetings

Training Required:

30 hours of educational training conducted by our professional staff designed to educate and empower volunteers to assist victims of domestic violence. Training sessions scheduled 2-3 times per year.

Time Commitment: 60 hours within one year (post-training)

Apply: www.mspny.org - Click on "Get Involved" -submit completed volunteer application and any questions to SIL@mspny.org