



Rape Victim Advocates (RVA) is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. RVA provides public education and institutional advocacy in order to improve the treatment of sexual assault survivors and to effect positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault.

Services (all services are free of charge)

Crisis Intervention – RVA provides high-quality 24-hr crisis support for victims of sexual violence and any non-offending family members or friends who accompany them to the emergency departments at 14 Chicago area hospitals. This crisis support includes crisis counseling; information about their rights regarding law enforcement and medical care, including emergency contraception; information and support regarding the criminal justice process as well as non-criminal justice options; assistance with immediate shelter, clothing, transportation and locksmith services; accompaniment to the police station if necessary; and appropriate referrals to other needed services.

Medical Advocacy – At no cost to the rape victim, our staff advocates provide follow-up services relating to ongoing medical treatment, including issues with medical billing and accessing medications, including emergency contraception. (available in Spanish)

Legal Advocacy – At no cost to the rape victim, our staff advocates provide accompaniment for survivors to police stations, throughout the court process, and to obtain an Order of Protection, Civil No Contact Order or Stalking No Contact Order; assistance with filing for crime victims' compensation and referrals for other services. We can also discuss alternatives to the criminal justice system and/or provide referrals for any work or school related issues. The legal advocate liaisons with uniform police officers, sex crimes detectives and the State's Attorney Office to ensure proper charges are pursued and filed. (available in Spanish)

Counseling – Our trained, professional staff provide individual, couples and family counseling for adolescent and adult victims/survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones, as well as support groups. Services provided in our offices and off site. (available in Spanish)

Education and Training – We provide education and prevention programs for schools and religious, community and social organizations; prevention programs for adolescents, youth and adults; professional workshops and trainings for social workers, and school or business administrators. Additionally, we offer specialized training for health care and law enforcement personnel regarding our services, Illinois law including the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, evidence collection kits, etc. Trainings are custom-designed for the audience.

Institutional Advocacy - RVA works with and on behalf of all victims/survivors to ensure sensitive, effective policies and practices when institutions such as the criminal justice system, the healthcare system and others respond to sexual violence.

Volunteer & Internship Opportunities – RVA offers a wide variety of volunteer and internship opportunities, including direct service and administrative roles. We provide extensive training and support for qualified individuals who want to give back to their community through RVA, and be part of the movement to end sexual violence.

To schedule an appointment with any of our programs, please contact us at 312/443-9603.

For more information about RVA and our services, you can also visit our website www.rapevictimadvocates.org, "like" us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @rapevictimadv.

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