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**You can provide hope and healing**  
**Lorain County Rape Crisis Volunteer Recruitment Drive – Fall 2015**

**October 14, 2015 / Lorain OH** - Lorain County Rape Crisis (LCRC), a program of The Nord Center, is accepting applications for new volunteers with training scheduled to begin in November. Volunteers enable LCRC to provide client support, deliver educational programs and provide administrative support on a 24-hour basis, at absolutely no cost. No prior training or experience is necessary – just a desire to help those in crisis.

Prospective volunteers must complete a 40-hour training program before serving. Fall training will take place at The Nord Center's 6140 South Broadway location, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-9 pm during the first three weeks of November.

LCRC is a Registered Training Program of the Ohio Advocate Network that ensures programs provide quality advocacy and supportive services to those victimized by crime through the establishment of uniform minimum standards for pre-service training and continuing education. Lorain County Rape Crisis is a program of The Nord Center.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Outreach Advocate: Provides support to the survivor during the nurse's interview and exam, and acts as liaison for the survivor between the nurse and law enforcement, as well as providing support to accompanying family and friends.

Hotline Advocate: When an after-hours phone call is received from a survivor by our 24-hour Emergency/Crisis Hotline, the advocate returns the call to the survivor—helping them through their crisis and supporting them over the phone.

Community Outreach: Participates in health and wellness fairs throughout the year, and may also present Rape Crisis services presentations to businesses, schools and universities.

Staff Support: Helps the Rape Crisis staff with administrative duties, special events, fundraisers, surveys and assistance with the preparation and organization of survivor materials.

Bilingual / Spanish-speaking volunteers are in need to assist in outreach and advocacy to the Hispanic population.

It is only through the dedication and strong commitment of our volunteers that we are able to serve so many. If you would like to know more about our training program and becoming a volunteer, please contact Heather MacLachlan at (440) 204-4287 or e-mail [hmaclachlan@nordcenter.org](mailto:hmaclachlan@nordcenter.org). Visit us online at [www.nordcenter.org](http://www.nordcenter.org) for information on specific volunteer requirements and an overview of the training program.

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