

Supporting Organizations

Volunteer NH is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the tradition of service in New Hampshire. Building on that strong volunteer spirit, we support and sponsor national service initiatives and provide training, recognition, and a central site for volunteers and volunteer programs to help them strengthen their communities.

Online at: www.volunteernh.org

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its core programs. Its mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic participation through service and volunteering.

Online at: www.nationalservice.gov

AmeriCorps engages more than 80,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies and community and faith-based groups across the country. Since the program's founding in 1994, more than 800,000 AmeriCorps members have contributed more than one billion hours in service.

Online at: www.americorps.org



AmeriCorps **Victim Assistance Program**

AVAP is a multi-agency collaboration designed to address critical service needs in our communities and justice systems by ensuring services and education are available to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking throughout New Hampshire, and promoting community service and a lifetime commitment to volunteerism.

AVAP is a program of the

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AmeriCorps **Victim Assistance Program**
Helping Survivors Through Community Service



The Impact of the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program

The AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program (AVAP) places members at sites including crisis centers, criminal justice sites, child advocacy centers, and university and college campuses throughout New Hampshire to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. At a time when victims may feel frightened and alone, AmeriCorps members seek to empower them by providing support and information.

Since 1994, AVAP members have assisted over 45,000 victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. Whether seeking a restraining order, creating a safety plan, or providing financial literacy and assistance in securing safe, stable and affordable housing, AVAP works with individuals who want to end the cycle of violence. AVAP members also provide educational programs in schools and in the community to raise awareness and help prevent domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Join the AVAP Team

The AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program is made up of domestic and sexual violence advocates. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service and have an interest in the areas of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. We encourage people of diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply. No prior experience or degree is required.

To find out more or apply visit:
www.nhcadsv.org/avap.cfm

“I can honestly say that I wouldn't be where I am today without AVAP, and I'm so grateful for my experience with the program and the wonderful members and people who make it happen.”

- Assistant Strafford County Attorney
Kathryn Smykowski, AVAP Alum

Benefits of AVAP Membership

- Excellent training, transferable skills, and great networking experience
- A living allowance
- Health insurance
- Childcare (if eligible)
- An education award
- Student loan forbearance and loan interest accrual coverage

Domestic and Sexual Violence Hurt Our Communities

More than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day.

(Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001, February 2003)

In New Hampshire at least 1/3 of women have been the victim of a physical assault by an intimate partner.

Nearly one in four women have been sexually assaulted—that is enough to fill Fenway Park more than three times.

(2007 NH Violence Against Women Survey, NHCADSV)