



SURVIVORS AND ADVOCATES FOR EMPOWERMENT

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Court Watch Volunteer Description

The position is located in the Domestic Violence Intake Center at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Domestic Violence Intake Center is a location for victims and survivors of domestic violence to seek protection orders and criminal justice services.

The Court Watch Program is intended to monitor court proceedings in the Domestic Violence Unit, specifically in the courtrooms that hear civil protection orders for domestic violence victims as well as criminal cases related to domestic violence incidents. The data will be gathered via standardized forms developed in conjunction with advocates, victims, and court personnel. These forms will be administered during court by an observer trained in proper court procedure and the relevant domestic violence laws.

Reports will be published semi-annually to reflect the experience of victims in the Domestic Violence Unit. The ultimate goals of this project are to improve the court experience for those seeking relief and to ensure survivor safety.

Responsibilities:

Volunteers must be able to commit at least 4 hours per week to observing protection order hearings for a period of 10 weeks. Volunteers must also attend and complete a 2 hour training session.

Some knowledge of women's issues and basic familiarity with the legal system are helpful but not required.

The position is located at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia at Judiciary Square.

Interested candidates should send completed application and resume to our Volunteer Coordinator at SAFEvolunteers@dcsafe.org.

Located at the District of Columbia Domestic Violence Intake Centers:

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