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## **WIRC-CAA Victim Services Conducts Crisis Intervention Training**

**Macomb, Illinois, January 26, 2010** – The WIRC-Community Action Agency (WIRC-CAA) Victim Services Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SA) programs are looking for individuals who are committed to helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. As a volunteer for Victim Services, individuals can play a valuable part in assisting victims of DV and SA. While others may simply want to learn more about the problems of DV and SA.

The Crisis Intervention non-credit course will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:30 to 9:30 PM, beginning Tuesday, February 16, and ending in late April. Classes will be conducted at the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) at 223 South Randolph in Macomb.

The course offers two-40-hour training sessions, one on domestic violence and the other on sexual assault. In order to qualify as a Victim Services volunteer, participants are required to attend both sessions.

The course will train individuals to assist those in crisis situations due to sexual assault and/or domestic violence, and is taught by Victim Services staff members who work first hand with victims and survivors. The course can be taken by individuals who want to volunteer, or by those who would like additional training in working with domestic violence and sexual assault victims and survivors.

Participants are required to pay a one-time fee of \$60 for both sessions. Enrollment is limited, individuals wanting to volunteer for Victim Services will have priority. Pre-registration by phone is requested by noon, Friday, February 12. To pre-register or to receive additional information, contact Rebecca or Diane at (309) 837-6622, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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