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### **NOVA Announces Spring Session of Crisis Volunteer Training**

*Register now for course starting in mid-April*

**(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.)** Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) has announced that registration is open for its upcoming six-week, 45-hour specialized volunteer crisis counselor training that starts in mid-April. The comprehensive training is free of charge and will be presented by NOVA professionals. The training provides volunteers with the skills and information to appropriately respond to calls on NOVA's 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, as well as provide support to crime victims during emergency room visits or police interviews.

NOVA's 24-Hour Crisis Hotline supports victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and delivers crime prevention education programs to young people and the elderly. Crisis Hotline volunteers can take calls during evening and weekend hours. Flexible shifts of two, four or six hours are available each week for volunteers.

The next six-week training session will be offered during the evening at NOVA's Jamison office, located at 2370 York Road, Suite B1. Dates and times to be announced. **Advance registration is required for all participants in Crisis Volunteer Training.**

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To register or obtain additional information about crisis volunteer training, contact Julie Dugery, Coordinator of Volunteers and Community Outreach, at 215.343.6543 or [JulieD@NOVABucks.org](mailto:JulieD@NOVABucks.org).

## **ABOUT NOVA**

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasio. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit [www.NOVABucks.org](http://www.NOVABucks.org).

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