Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center
Contact: Valerie Wasielewski, Valerie.Wasilewski@albanycountyny.gov
112 State Street
Room 1100
Albany, NY 12207
Main Office: (518) 447-7100


The Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center began in 1974 as AWARE, Albany Women Against Rape. In 1975, the agency became a department of Albany County and was renamed Albany County Rape Crisis Center. The goal of the agency was to provide crisis counseling to rape victims over a 24 hour hotline, and to provide advocacy and support for victims in area emergency rooms and police stations. In addition, efforts were made to publicize the frequency and effect of rape through public presentations. A small staff and many volunteers provided coverage for the hotline.

Over the years, the agency grew as the demand for services increased. In 1989, the Center received a grant from the New York State Crime Victims Board to provide advocacy services for victims of violent crime in Albany County. The Comprehensive Crime Victims Assistance Program was housed down the hall from the Rape Crisis Center, and shared personnel and resources.

Birthnet
Contact: Carolyn Keefe
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(518) 482-2504
215 Partridge St, Albany, NY 12203

http://www.birthnewyork.org

Mission: BirthNet is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public about maternity care in order to improve it. BirthNet's goal is to encourage all women and families to learn about their rights and options during the childbearing year. Birth options, such as where, with whom, and how to give birth, are reproductive rights.

Capital Roots
Contact: Josh Stephani
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(518) 274-8685
594 River Street, Troy, NY 12180

http://www.capitalroots.org/

Mission: Established in 1975, CDCG is a private non-profit community service organization that has been helping residents of Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties improve their neighborhoods through community gardening, healthy food access and urban greening programs for more than 30 years. We're dedicated to
working with people to foster self-sufficiency through the rewards of gardening. We help families cut their living costs by growing food locally and improving access to fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved areas. We transform vacant lots into productive neighborhood garden spaces and beautify urban areas through landscaping and street tree programs. To volunteer, fill out the volunteer registration form at http://www.cdcg.org/Volunteer%20Registration%20Form09.html.

**Capital Region Action Against Breast Cancer (CRAABI)**  
*Contact:* Kelly Primeau-Fahey  
compassionatecaren@gmail.com

http://www.compassionatecaren.org

*Mission:* A community-based non-profit organization created in 1997 by a diverse group of caregivers, health practitioners, educators, advocates and several breast cancer survivors who know first-hand about the shock of a cancer diagnosis and the need to find support.

**Center for Women in Government and Civil Society**  
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(518) 442-3900  
135 Western Avenue, Draper Hall 302, Albany, NY 12222

http://www.cwig.albany.edu/

*Mission:* Founded in 1978, the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society provides research for multiple audiences, public policy leadership, nonprofit management and leadership, youth capacity development, and information on national and New York state policy. The Center is currently focusing on a nonprofit education initiative; Voices for Change, an initiative to strengthen the voices of immigrant women in New York State's public policy arena; and the Liberty Partnerships Rising Stars Program, which encourages youth achievement.

**Citizen Action of NY**  
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(518) 465-4600 x 115  
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94 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

http://www.citizenactionny.org

*Mission:* Citizen Action of New York is a grassroots membership organization taking on big issues that are at the center of transforming American society – issues like: quality education and after-school programs for all our kids; guaranteed quality, affordable health care; public financing of election campaigns; dismantling racism and promoting racial justice; a more progressive tax system; and an end to the War in Iraq. We look for opportunities to accomplish big changes – not small, incremental reforms. We work to elect progressive candidates to office who are committed to these issues. Our power comes from the grassroots: people coming together to push the edge of the possible. Every new member helps bring New York and America closer to a society that works for all of us!
Environmental Advocates  
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kgreen@eany.org  
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353 Hamilton Street, Albany, NY 12210-1709  
http://www.eany.org

*Mission:* Environmental Advocates of New York's mission is to protect our air, land, water and wildlife and the health of all New Yorkers. Based in Albany, we monitor state government, evaluate proposed laws, and champion policies and practices that will ensure the responsible stewardship of our shared environment. We work to support and strengthen the efforts of New York's environmental community and to make our state a national leader.

Equinox  
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HR@equinoxinc.org  
(518) 434-4502  
95 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206  
http://equinoxinc.org/

*Mission:* Equinox provides comprehensive treatment, services, and support to over 5,000 people each year at 11 different locations throughout Albany County. For more than 40 years, Equinox has reached out to people who need us most with innovative and effective programs that truly change lives, allowing us to fulfill our purpose of helping those we serve move forward on their paths to recovery, healing, and independence.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network), New York Capital Region Chapter  
*Contact:* Martha Harvey at the Pride Center of the Capital Region (see below)  
518-448-7777  
P.O. Box 5392, Albany, NY 12205  
http://www.glsennycr.org

*Mission:* Teaching respect for all in our schools. The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Grand Street Community Arts  
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518.463-2222  
Physical: 68 Grand Street, Albany, NY 12202  
Mailing: 14 Wilbur St, Albany, NY 12202  
http://www.grandarts.org/

*Mission:* The mission of GSCA is to create unity and connection, especially through the arts, in an inner-city neighborhood with racial and economic diversity. The arts center creates a supportive community and focuses on its youth. The center presents a broad spectrum of arts programs and performances that encourage art as a natural tool of expression available to everyone. By restoring historic St. Anthony’s church as its home, the arts
center creates and nurtures a link with the unique living history of the local community. Includes projects such as YO! (Youth Organics) and YouthARTS, an after-school arts club for kids ages 4-12.

**Holding Our Own & The Women’s Building**

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http://www.holdingourownonline.org /

*Mission:* Holding Our Own, Inc., the women’s foundation of New York State’s Capital Region, was established in 1982 to create and advance feminist social and economic change. As a multiracial, multicultural foundation led by women of color, HOO occupies a unique position among New York’s Capital Region’s philanthropic, advocacy, and social justice organizations. We form a bridge linking many directions: connecting the various communities of color, the philanthropic community and social change work; between heterosexual and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, and predominantly white led and predominantly people of color led organizations.

HOO’s current priorities are:
- creating a nexus of feminist activists and activism in the Capital region;
- cultivating feminist leadership across the spectrum of social justice efforts in the region; and
- fostering the development of non-monetary resources and infrastructure for feminist social justice work.

Holding Our Own also owns and operates the Women's Building.

**Homeless and Travelers' Aid Society (HATAS)**

*Contact:* info@hatas.org  
(518) 463-2124  
138 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

http://www.hatas.org/

*Mission:* HATAS is a point of entry human services agency that helps the poor, the homeless, and others in need lead independent, self-sufficient, and safe lives in the community. We are a resource for collaborative change. Internship opportunities include: reception, ambassadors, fundraising, mentors, workshop facilitators, and handy people.

**Honest Weight Food Co-op**

*Contact:* Nate Horowitz, Membership Coordinator  
nate@honestweight.coop  
(518) 482-2667 ext 104  
100 Watervliet Ave, Albany, NY 12206

http://www.honestweight.coop

*Mission:* Honest Weight is a member-owned and-operated consumer cooperative that is committed to providing the community with affordable, high quality natural foods and products for healthy living. Our mission is to promote more equitable, participatory and ecologically sustainable ways of living. We welcome all who choose to participate in a community that embraces cooperative principles, shares resources, and creates economic fairness in an atmosphere of cooperation and respect for humanity and the earth.
In Our Own Voices (IOOV)
Contact: Ralph Wilson or Lisa Jones
info@inourownvoices.org
(518) 432-4188
245 Lark Street, Albany, NY 12210

http://www.inourownvoices.org/

Mission: IOOV serves the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgendered people of color, our friends and families. We focus our efforts on: Advocacy and education, Anti-violence programs, Substance abuse and recovery, Community organizing, Family wellness, and Social activities.

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY
Contact: Wendy Wahlberg
wwahlberg@lasnny.org
(800) 462-2922 ext. 313
55 Colvin Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

http://lasnny.org/

Mission: The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York provides effective, free civil legal services and education to and advocacy for people with low income or other barriers to accessing the legal system. We secure basic needs, protect and preserve legal rights, provide equal access to justice and seek fairness and dignity for our clients.

The Legal Project of the Capital District Women’s Bar Association
Contact: Katie Weinberg
kweinberg@legalproject.org
(518) 435-1770
24 Aviation Road, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205

http://www.legalproject.org/

Mission: The Legal Project is a private, not-for-profit organization that was founded by the Capital District Women's Bar Association in 1995. It provides a variety of free and low cost legal services to the working poor, victims of domestic violence and other underserved individuals in the Capital District of New York State.

Liberty Partnerships Rising Stars Program
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(518) 442-3854
Richardson Hall 111, 135 Western Ave., Albany, NY

Mission: The Liberty Partnerships Rising Stars Program (LPRSP) is an after-school program located at the University at Albany School of Social Welfare. The program encourages young women and men in grades 5-12 to achieve academic and personal excellence, obtain their high school diploma, pursue higher education and begin workforce preparations. The program also encourages young women and men to build new relationships, self-esteem and skills that will enable them to become the leaders of tomorrow.
NOW (National Organization for Women)-NYS

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(518) 452-3944
1500 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205

http://www.nownys.org/campusnow.html

Mission: The National Organization for Women is a national organization with chapters in each of the 50 states. NOW is an activist rather than a direct services organization. This simply means that NOW seeks to effect change through lobbying, advocacy, education and protest, and does not serve clients. You can learn more about our work, and the history of the National Organization for Women at our national web site. NOW-New York State (NOW-NYS) is the statewide Chapter of NOW in New York State. It is the largest women's political action organization in New York, representing over 14,000 women and men in 24 chapters. We are dedicated to fighting for women's equality and to improving the status of women in New York.

NYS Division for Human Rights

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Agency Building 1, 2nd Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12220

http://www.dhr.ny.gov/

Mission: New York has the proud distinction of being the first state in the nation to enact a Human Rights Law, which affords every citizen "an equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life." This law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodations, and non-sectarian educational institutions, based on age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, military status, and other specified classes. The New York State Division of Human Rights was created to enforce this important law. The mission of the agency is to ensure that " every individual . . . has an equal opportunity to participate fully in the economic, cultural and intellectual life of the State." It does so in many ways, including the following: 1) Through the vigorous prosecution of unlawful discriminatory practices; 2) Through the receipt, investigation, and resolution of complaints of discrimination; 3) Through the creation of studies, programs, and campaigns designed to, among other things, inform and educate the public on the effects of discrimination and the rights and obligations under the law; and 4) Through the development of human rights policies and legislation for the State.

NYSCADV: New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Contact: nyscadv@nyscadv.org
(518) 482-5465
119 Washington Ave, Albany New York, 12210

http://www.nyscadv.org/internship-opportunities/

Mission: The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Coalition) is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to eradicate domestic violence and to ensure the provision of effective and appropriate services to victims of domestic violence through community outreach, education, training, technical assistance and policy development. The Coalition's principles and practices prioritize the safety and concerns of women who are abused, provide support and encouragement for the participation of women who are abused in the struggle to eradicate personal and institutional violence against them, and provide for a non-competitive
atmosphere that fosters open communication, respect, and cooperation among advocates and women who are abused.

NYSCASA: New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
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(518) 482-4222 ext. 314
28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206

http://www.nyscasa.org

Mission: In 1987, rape crisis activists from around the state organized NYSCASA for mutual support. The mission and purpose evolved rapidly from networking to technical assistance, resource development and policy advocacy for the centers and sister agencies and collaborators statewide that work with survivors of sexual violence and their families. Since its inception, NYSCASA has successfully produced a series of manuals, trainings and issue forums on sexual violence and four status reports about the impact of sexual violence in New York State. NYSCASA has steered successful campaigns for increased state funding to Rape Crisis Centers, improved access to criminal courts for survivors of sexual violence and continues to enhance the over-all health and criminal justice response to sexual assault.

NYS Prisoner Justice Network
Contact: Naomi Jaffe
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Mission: The Network’s purpose is to explore, plan, strategize and implement organizations and individuals working collaboratively to change the criminal injustice system, to bring our collective strength to bear on changing the intolerable system of mass incarceration, injustice, and disrespect for the lives of our loved ones and the survival of our families and communities, that now prevails, and to reverse the culture of racism, inequality, and scapegoating that sustains it.

Peace Action
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http://www.peaceact.net

Are you interested in playing a part in the international movement for peace? Become a Peace Action intern and help us form a Peace Action chapter at SUNY Albany.

What does Peace Action work toward?
- Ending the war in Afghanistan
- Closing foreign military bases
- Changing our weapons-based economy
- Abolishing nuclear weapons
- Stopping military recruitment in public schools
- Securing peace between Israel and Palestine
- Bringing our war dollars home
- Educating on human & financial costs of war

What will SUNY Peace Action Do?
You could organize teach-ins and speaker programs, hold demonstrations, circulate petitions, organize delegations to elected officials, or utilize the campus media. Work with students from other campus Peace Action chapters in New York State and the national Student Peace Action Network. You don't have to have done similar organizing before. You will receive help on what to do. The main thing is your interest in taking on the effort and your commitment to follow through.
**Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts**  
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(518) 436.8408  
194 Washington Avenue, Suite 620  
Albany, New York 12210

https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/empire-state-acts

*Mission:* Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts (PPESA) is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization which represents Planned Parenthood in New York State. PPESA advocates for public policies that protect and support sexual and reproductive health, services, rights, and justice. PPESA also fosters and preserves a social and regulatory climate that protects and expands access to sexual and reproductive services and information. PPESA was formed in January 2017 by the union of Family Planning Advocates of New York State and Planned Parenthood Advocates of New York.

**Pride Center of the Capital Region**  
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(518) 462-6138 ext. 15  
332 Hudson Ave, Albany, NY 12210

http://www.capitalpridecenter.org/getinvolved.cfm#volunteer

*Mission:* The mission of the CDGLCC is to promote the well being of all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identified people and those affected by discrimination based on gender identity and expression.

**The Sanctuary for Independent Media**  
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miller@mediasanctuary.org  
3361 6th Avenue Troy, NY 12180  
(518) 272-2390

http://www.mediasanctuary.org/internships

*Mission:* The Sanctuary for Independent Media is a telecommunications production facility dedicated to community media arts, located in an historic former church at 3361 6th Avenue in north Troy, NY. The Sanctuary hosts screening, production and performance facilities, training in media production and a meeting space for artists, activists and independent media makers of all kinds. As a Sanctuary for Independent Media intern, you will gain experience in a nonprofit community media and arts center setting and learn how media, art, and activism intersect to connect and build community.
The Social Justice Center of Albany
Contact: Naomi Jaffe
naomi@nycap.rr.com
33 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12210
(518) 434-4037
http://www.albanysocialjusticecenter.org

Mission: The Social Justice Center of Albany is both a building housing a wide variety of organizations and activities, and an organization doing social justice work. SJC owns a three-story older building at 33 Central Avenue in Albany that is the home of a dozen member organizations and hosts scores of meetings, performances, forums, and other social justice events. It is staffed by a part-time executive director who would be the intern's supervisor. The internship has varied tasks, depending on what activities the Center is involved in at the time. Currently the Center has a staffed booth offering a variety of support services at Occupy Albany. An intern with design, computer, organizing or other skills and a passion for social justice would be the best fit.

Troy Bike Rescue
Contact: Andrew Lynn
breathingplanet@gmail.com
(518) 328-4827
3280 6th Ave, Troy, NY 12180
http://www.troybikerescue.org/volunteer

Mission: Troy Bike Rescue is a collective of people in the capital region committed to removing bikes from the waste stream and getting them back on the streets. Operating on a volunteer basis out of donated spaces in both Troy and Albany, NY, we are part of an international movement of "community bike projects" - using bicycles to create community.

U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants
Contact: Jill Peckenpaugh
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(518) 459-1790
991 Broadway, Suite 223, Albany, NY 12204
http://www.refugees.org

Mission: For nearly 100 years the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants has acted to address the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing fair and humane public policy, facilitating and providing direct professional services, and promoting the full participation of migrants in community life. Every day we help: 1) Refugees fleeing war and persecution find immediate safety and assistance. Refugee families find permanent safe homes where they can rebuild their lives. Sometimes this means going back to the country of their birth, other times settling in the country to which they have fled, and occasionally settling in a third country that accepts refugees such as Canada, Australia, the US, or many European countries; 2) Refugee families resettling in the US; and 3) Unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children who are in the US with without their parents or other responsible adult.

UAlbany's Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
Contact: Courtney D’Allaird
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Campus Center 332
Mission: The Gender & Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) serves as part of the Office of Multicultural Student Success (OMSS) to further the University at Albany's commitment to diversity and social justice by extending institutional support and services to the Universities Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersexed, Pansexual, Transgender, Queer and Allied (LGBIPTQA) students, faculty and staff. The resource center provides a safe space for LGBTQIPA students as well as sponsors and co-sponsors educational, cultural awareness and social programs targeted to the overall university community. We serve as a resource for general diversity concerns and questions and offer information, placements and referrals for summer and academic year employment/internship opportunities.

United Tenants of Albany Inc
Contact: info@unitedtenantsalbany.org
255 Orange Street
Suite 104
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 436-8997
33 Clinton Ave, Albany, NY 12207
http://www.unitedtenantsalbany.org

Mission: United Tenants of Albany (UTA) is a community based nonprofit organization that works to improve housing conditions, both in terms of physical conditions and in terms of tenants' rights for security and equity. UTA responds to calls throughout the Capital District and concentrates its activities in low and moderate income neighborhoods in Albany. The mission of UTA is to protect tenants rights for safe, decent and affordable housing, with special emphases on those who have the greatest need or who experience the most severe problems and to promote the development and preservation of more affordable housing.

Unity House
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SWilkins@UnityHouseNY.ORG

Mission: Unity House is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people living in poverty, adults with mental illness, victims of domestic violence, children with developmental delays and their families, people living with HIV/AIDS, and others whose needs can effectively be met by Unity House services and philosophy. Unity House provides direct service and works toward social justice. We help individuals identify their strengths and needs, draw upon their abilities, and access community resources. We educate, collaborate with others and advocate to influence public policy and to create awareness of the people we serve and the issues they face.
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
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855 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206

http://www.plannedparenthood.org/uhpp/uhpp-internships-19814.htm

*Mission:* The mission of UHPP is to promote healthy sexuality and reproductive choice through exceptional services, honest education and fearless advocacy.

The Women’s Building
*Contact:* Carmen Rau
See contact information under "Holding Our Own," above.

YWCA of the Greater Capital Region
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http://www.ywca-gcr.org/volunteer/index.cfm

*Mission:* The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women’s organization in the world. Across the globe, we have more than 25 million members in 122 countries, including 2 million members in 300 local associations in the United States. More important than the numbers, is our mission to eliminate racism and empower women. We provide safe places for women and girls, build strong women leaders, and advocate for women's rights and civil rights in Congress.

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