

## GI Rights New Counselor Training Fall 2020—Sign up now

One of the ways individuals support the GI Rights Network is by becoming volunteer GI Rights Counselors with one of our member groups and helping to staff the GI Rights Hotline. Becoming a GI Rights counselor takes a significant amount of training in order to be a helpful resource to the people calling the hotline for services.

We are currently planning an online training this fall to bring in new counselors. This virtual training will take place over 9 weeks and will be broken down into weekly zoom “classroom” sessions covering commonly sought topics. Following completion of this first phase, trainees who want to continue on and take calls with the GI rights hotline will have the option to begin the second phase of training, which includes working one-on-one with experienced counselors using three-way calling, both listening to and practicing taking hotline calls.

We are planning a one-hour online information session to go over what’s involved in GI Rights counseling, the kind of calls that come into the hotline, and the different things counselors do to support callers and connect them to resources. There will be plenty of time for questions during and after the initial information session, which will be offered at two different times: Sunday, Aug 30 at 3pm ET and Tuesday, Sept 1 at 8pm ET. People who are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a counselor and who want to understand the commitment involved are invited to come to one of these information sessions.

There is no fee for the information session, however there will be a fee for those who decide to take the online training. If this training is something you are interested in, please email Lenore or Steve at [co2000now@gmail.com](mailto:co2000now@gmail.com) with “counselor training” in the subject line and indicate the information session you would like to attend. We will send you a Zoom link to join the meeting.

Also include the following in your email:

Name

Phone

Address

Experience you or family members have had with the military (none required).

Feel free to share this invitation with people you know who may be interested in this opportunity.

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