# Meeting Survivors Where They Are: Mobile Advocacy

Survivors often face emotional and logistical barriers in asking for or receiving support. Our advocates will meet survivors in public places where they feel comfortable—like their workplace, coffee shop, library, doctor's office, or even in one of The Center's vehicles—to assess their situation and offer services. This can minimize barriers survivors have by meeting them on their own terms in safe, public settings.

Schedule time to meet with an advocate by calling our 24/7 crisis line at (812) 944-6743.

**#EverydayAdvocate:** *YOU Can Be the Difference!* 

Together, we can create a safer, more loving community. Whether you're a member of the business community, work

for a nonprofit, or just feel inspired to support survivors as an individual, learn how to become an #EverydayAdvocate by scanning the QR code.



## **IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS:**

CALL 812-944-6743 OR 1-844-237-2331 FOR HELP WITH:

Safety planning

Medical advocacy

Connection to resources, including but not limited to emergency shelter

### **SOUTHERN INDIANA CENTER**

1301 Akers Avenue, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 812-944-6743

## **24-HOUR CRISIS LINE**

1-844-BE-SAFE-1 (1-844-237-2331)



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## FIND US @THECENTERONLINE:

www.thecenteronline.org

### LEARN HOW THE CENTER SUPPORTS SOUTHERN INDIANA SURVIVORS.



Domestic violence and sexual assault services are funded in whole or in part with federal and state funds, including funds administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.





#### **Domestic Violence Program**

Abuse between partners comes in many forms, including but not limited to verbal, physical, emotional, and financial. Our advocates can help with the following:

- Safety planning: Assess concerns and identify how to reduce risk and mitigate the effects of trauma physically, mentally, and spiritually.
- Supportive case management: Determine shortterm needs and long-term goals; assist in applying for benefits, housing, or obtaining personal identification; connect survivors with employment and economic success services.
- Legal advocacy: Attend protective order court to provide emotional support before, during, and/ or after civil court hearings; support survivors in meetings with law enforcement, detectives, judges, attorneys, etc.
- Supportive counseling: Provide active listening, problem solving, support with building healthy relationships and support networks, and education about trauma reactions and power dynamics.
- Psycho-educational groups: Education and information, life skills development, parenting support, self-esteem/self-worth, survivors' network.
- Information and referrals

### **Empowerment Program**

A chance for survivors to use their voice, gain peer support, and share knowledge.

- Survivor-led groups and events
- Story sharing
- Provide program feedback
- Survivor newsletter



#### Sexual Assault & Rape Crisis Services

Sexual violence can be considered any nonconsensual sexual act, ranging from unwanted touching to rape. Our advocates can assist with the following:

- Medical advocacy: If you go to a hospital ER for a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) in Clark or Floyd counties, one of our hospital advocates can accompany you during the exam if you wish and provide advocacy, support, and resources. To receive an exam from a specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), call the crisis line, 1-844-237-2331, to identify a location.
- Supportive counseling
- Legal advocacy
- Supportive case management
- Sexual assault therapy
- Therapeutic support group
- Information and referrals



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**Prevention: Education & Awareness** 

As we work toward creating more loving, violence-free communities, we partner with organizations and individuals throughout the area to not only reach more survivors but teach people how they can help prevent violence and abuse from beginning or escalating.

- **Prevention education:** We facilitate overviews and trainings on many topics, including intimate partner and sexual violence, human trafficking, dating violence, healthy relationships and boundaries, and consent. From schools to professional or community settings, presentations are tailored to meet the needs of each group.
- **Community outreach and partnerships:** We attend and offer resources at community events; co-facilitate trainings, workshops and presentations with other agencies; provide brochures to display.

Ready to get involved?

We always need and appreciate volunteers, whether to assist survivors, support our advocates and staff, or help spread the word in the community. Contact us at 812-944-6743 for more information.