LEGAL ADVOCACY

The court system can be a very intimidating and confusing place. An advocate can inform you of your legal rights, and if necessary, advocate on your behalf with prosecutors, police, and others working in the criminal justice system.

Legal advocates are not attorneys and do not give legal advice. But, our services are offered free of charge. A legal advocate can provide you with proper referrals for counsel and/or representation.

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WHAT IS A LEGAL ADVOCATE?

The primary job duties are to advocate for victims of domestic violence/sexual assault as they go through the criminal or civil legal system. They empower clients, and assist prosecution with impending cases. Legal advocates help with safety planning, offer options, make referrals and provide supportive advocacy.

LEGAL ADVOCACY SERVICES PROVIDED:

Helping you fill out paperwork.
Helping you understand the civil or criminal process.
Accompanying you to court hearings and appointments.
Outlining or prioritizing the legal options that are available.
Informing you of what actually goes on in court.
Preparing you for a hearing or trial and giving you support before, during, and after the court hearing.
Helping you with filing an Order for Protection and/or a Restraining Order.

REMEMBER

Under Minnesota state law, victims have the right to have an advocate with them during all court proceedings related to the abuse.
Do not hesitate to stop by the office or give us a call. The legal advocate is here to help you during this difficult time. You do not have to do this alone.

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