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An Inclusive and Individualized Response for Victims of Crime with Disabilities: The Adult Advocacy Centers' Model

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What is Advocacy?

Advocacy can mean different things to different people and can change depending on the situation. Generally, advocacy means taking an action or actions to support a person, cause, or policy.

People can advocate for themselves, others, or both.



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Types of Advocacy

Individual Advocacy

Individual advocacy is when you speak up for yourself. Individual advocacy is telling others what you want, making decisions about yourself, deciding what is important to you, and letting others know what you think and feel. Advocating for yourself helps you get what you need.

Group Advocacy

Group advocacy is when you advocate for yourself and others. Group advocacy means advocating about things that are important to you and other people. Groups of people can advocate for services, rights, issues, or other things that are important.

System Advocacy

System advocacy is when people come together to make a change. System advocacy is about changing policies, laws, or rules that affect people with disabilities.



In the News...

Featured article from the Ohio Capital Journal:

Advocates for people with disabilities want offensive Ohio laws rewritten

Advocacy groups are urging Ohio lawmakers to rewrite certain state laws to take out antiquated language now considered to be offensive against people with disabilities.

There are around two-dozen such sections within the Ohio Revised Code as well as two sections of the Ohio Constitution that have been identified as needing to be edited, the groups say. They have offered substitute language with the hopes that lawmakers will take up this issue with the new legislative term underway.

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2021/01/26/advocates-for-people-with-disabilities-want-offensive-ohio-laws-rewritten/>



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