

Services Provided by Against Abuse, Inc. to Victims of Domestic Violence

The Case Managers/Lay Legal

Advocates not only provide

services to the clients in the

domestic violence shelter, La

Casa de Paz; but also to anyone

residing in Pinal County.



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Other Helpful Numbers:

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- **Southern Arizona Legal Aid (SALA)**
520-623-9461
- **Pinal County Superior Court**
520-866-6296
- **Pinal County Victim Assistance**
520-866-6813
- **Immigrant Survivors Legal Assistance**
520-670-0872

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“The mission of **Against Abuse, Inc.** is to provide services, support and education to all who experience the effects of family dysfunction and/or violence, past and present.”

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What is Legal Advocacy?



A Lay Legal Advocate provides information and explains options and rights within all aspects of the legal system, but cannot provide legal advice.

Legal advocacy focuses on providing information and resources in order to empower the client to navigate the legal system. The primary job of a lay legal advocate is to act as an interpreter between the participant and the legal system.

Functions of a Lay Legal Advocate

Lay Legal advocates assist victims of abuse by helping them through various processes:

- Designing a personalized safety plan.
- Risk/Lethality assessment.
- Filing for protective orders.
- Accessing the fullest protection provided under the law.
- Overview of the law, the family law system, the criminal system and what legal protections exist.
- Discussion of issues regarding custody, parenting, mediation and confidentiality.
- Discussions of timing for possible actions.
- Determining and referring to appropriate community and legal resources.
- Preparing them to speak their truth.
- Providing court accompaniment for court hearings.



- Assistance with implementing any order, foreign judgment and full faith and credit issues.
- Providing them with information, tools and referrals for screening and selecting an attorney.



- Encouraging and assisting them to prepare before going to see a lawyer, how to convey dangerousness of the abuser and how to convince the lawyer of the necessity of certain outcomes
- Personal and emotional support.
- Assistance in keeping track of their court dates.
- Law enforcement advocacy.
- Support in the form of listening.
- Assistance in gathering information and evidence, e.g. police reports, medical reports, photos, etc...
- Advocating on their behalf.
- Prepare and gather information for VAWA Self Petitions.
- Referral to Immigrant Survivors Legal Assistance (ISLA) (VAWA and U Visas/Asylum) program, to make themselves whole and obtain legal status in the United States.