

MOBILE ADVOCACY

Mobile advocacy is a particularly innovative and challenging aspect of the DVHF approach: Advocates work out in the community, meeting survivors wherever it is safe and convenient for the survivor. We asked advocates and directors to share their thoughts on mobile advocacy.



IS IT SAFE?



ANXIOUS

"It's okay to feel anxious, It's something new."

CONCERNS

"While there are safety concerns, we've found they are few and far between."

ADVOCATES

"Our advocates often meet people down in the park—the kids play so mom and the advocate get a chance to talk."

VALUE

"The value of doing mobile advocacy supersedes the initial anxiety."



IS IT MORE WORK?



MORE TIME

"This kind of advocacy is going to take a little more time."

BE PREPARED

"Instead of having to meet the client three or four times, be prepared to do more with them in one shot."

FREEING

"It's freeing us up to do more advocacy work around the court, police, schools, welfare systems."



HOW DO WE DO THIS?



SLOW

"We had to remind ourselves to go a little slowly."

STEADY

"We realized that we were already doing a lot of similar things."

GROWTH

"It's kind of a growing process. It doesn't happen overnight."



IS IT WORTH IT?



COMMUNITY

"Our goal is to provide culturally sensitive, appropriate, and far reaching services, we can't do that without going into the community and meeting with people where they are most comfortable."

EASIER

"What I have heard from survivors is that it's so much easier and much more accessible."

COMPLETE

"Advocates feel that they are able to do more complete advocacy with clients."

POSSIBILITY

"A great possibility to do things that we haven't been able to do before."

