SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND YOUNG ADULTS

Sexual violence against young adults is most likely perpetrated by someone the survivor is familiar with and often occurs within the context of alcohol or drugs. This never means the survivor is to blame. These instances can be traumatic and isolating, with safety concerns and fear of social backlash if disclosed.

Our healing attorneys at the WCADVSA recognize the holistic nature of our survivors and aim to provide clients with the tools and resources they need to work through difficult experiences. Survivors thrive when centered and are better able to focus on self-empowerment and healing.

Legal Representation
We provide expert legal advice and direct representation to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. This includes legal needs related to housing, safety, education, and other issues intertwined with instances of violence.

HOW TO REACH US

Services offered statewide with office locations in Laramie, Casper, Cody, Gillette, and Fort Washakie.

Tel: 307-755-0992

E-Mail: legalteam@wyomingdvsa.org

Website: wyomingdvsa.org

If you need immediate help, call 911 or contact your local shelter:

WCADVSA
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Legal Program

College Students and Young Adults

Providing holistic legal representation statewide, emphasizing safety and self-empowerment for survivors and involved children of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.
Since 1987, the WCADVSA has served as the leading voice on sexual and domestic violence in Wyoming. The work of the WCADVSA centers around social justice and grassroots efforts, combating oppression in all forms and working to empower communities on their paths to ending violence. As a macro organization, this takes the form of broader systems work such as public policy and systematic change. The goal of our work is to amplify and center the voices of survivors during their healing process.

The legal program of the WCADVSA began in 1998 to provide direct legal services statewide to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. Our program attorneys are trauma informed and use a holistic approach by emphasizing safety and empowerment. Our main office is in Laramie with satellite offices in Casper, Cody, Gillette, and Fort Washakie on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

We recognizes that sexual violence occurs in all types of relationships, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The WCADVSA welcomes diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic background, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, and disability.

WHO WE ARE

Justice looks different for each survivor. Here are some examples of legal matters we can help with:

**Housing**
- Negotiate with landlords for accommodations
- Help break leases
- Identify financial resources for housing needs

**Education**
- Represent survivors in student misconduct hearings and appeals
- Help survivors obtain accommodations from schools
- Assess whether a school is in compliance with state and federal laws, including Title IX

**Criminal Justice Advocacy**
- Advise survivors on the criminal justice process
- Advise survivors on their rights as a victim/witness in a criminal case against their perpetrator

**Safety**
- Represent survivors in proceedings to obtain protective orders
- Work with employers, housing authorities, and schools to enforce safety measures

**Privacy**
- Represent survivors at privacy hearings following a request for the release of privileged or confidential records
- Work with schools and employers to protect victim privacy where possible

**Employment**
- Negotiate leave from work or other employment accommodations
- Work with employers to accommodate safety needs
- Assess whether employers are in compliance with state and federal laws, including FMLA

**Immigration**
- Asserting that survivors’ immigration status is not used against them
- Represent non-citizens with victim-based immigration remedies such as U Visas and VAWA petitions

**Family Law**
- Assist survivors with obtaining child custody, visitation, child support, divorce, guardianship, termination of parental rights, and other family law matters.