



What We Do

Legal Representation

We provide expert legal advice and direct representation to survivors of sexual and domestic violence and stalking. This includes legal needs such as housing, safety, family matters, and other issues intertwined with instances of violence.

Empowerment and Holistic Healing

Among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho people, there are thousands of years of ancestral knowledge that has provided for resilience, healing, and restoration, which can be utilized in the justice process. Our team strives to walk beside individuals while they reaffirm their self-empowerment during the healing journey.



How to Reach Us

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

**Fremont County Alliance Against Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault:**

Riverton: (307) 856-4734 Lander: (307) 332-7215

Dubois: (307) 455-2512 Toll Free: (888) 873-5208

Red Paint Alliance:
Crisis Line: (307) 349-9813



WCADVSA
Wyoming Coalition Against
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Legal Program

*Providing holistic legal
representation by emphasizing safety
and self-empowerment for survivors
and involved children of sexual and
domestic violence and stalking.*



Who We Are

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, with the satellite office in Fort Washakie opening in 2018. Here, we focus on advocacy and direct representation. Our program attorneys are trauma informed and handle each unique case in a holistic manner, promoting safety and empowerment. Survivors thrive when centered, and are better able to work through difficult experiences toward self-determination and healing.

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.



Legal Needs Relating to Instances of Sexual Violence

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

Family:

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

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 perpetrators

Safety:

Represent survivors in proceedings to obtain protective orders for sexual and domestic violence and stalking ▪ 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



Shifting the Dynamic...



...in order to end violence

