Clarifying the Roles of

ADVOCATES & THERAPISTS

in Detention

AN ADVOCATE	A THERAPIST
Reports to a rape crisis center.	Normally reports to the correctional facility.
Has satisfied state requirements for sexual assault counselor status and provides trauma-informed emotional support.	Licensed to provide clinical mental health therapy.
Supports survivors during the forensic exam and investigative process.	Helps clients improve cognitive and emotional skills.
Provides survivors with referrals and follow-up services.	Helps clients reduce symptoms of mental illness.
Supports survivors in navigating resources and reporting systems.	Creates longer-term treatment plans that may include psychiatric medication.
Helps survivors to identify coping skills they already have.	Helps clients in processing trauma and abuse.
Provides confidential emotional support to incarcerated survivors regardless of reporting status.	Is a mandated reporter of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that occurs in a detention facility.



