



Domestic Violence Advocacy for People with Disabilities

Lesson 3

**Model protocols for
DV programs**



Model protocols for DV programs

We have learned about living with a disability, and how that might affect a survivor's decisions when she experiences domestic violence. Now it is time to explore two model protocols that can help provide practical suggestions when advocating for people with disabilities.



Screening Practices for DV Victims with Disabilities

The first protocol we will examine is about screening practices and how they can sometimes be a barrier to services for people with disabilities.

Screening Practices for DV Victims with Disabilities

[Click here to read Screening Practices Protocol](#)

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Screening Practices for DV Victims with Disabilities

ADVOCACY PRACTICE

Take a look at your program's crisis line form (first contact) and intake form. How do you currently ask about needs a survivor might have to use your services? Do you ask anything that might make a person hesitant to talk about what they need?

Write down a few sample questions that you think might make your initial contact or intake more welcoming.

Share your ideas with your co-workers. [Let us know if you change your forms, we would love to hear about what you are doing!]



Safety Planning for DV Victims with Disabilities

The second protocol we will examine is about safety planning practices and identifying the particular ways that an abuser uses disability against the survivor.

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Safety Planning for DV Victims with Disabilities

ADVOCACY PRACTICE

Take a look at your program's safety planning form. Write down a few additional safety planning questions that might address issues specific to survivors with disabilities

Share your ideas with your co-workers. [Let us know if you change your safety planning form, we would love to hear about what you are doing!]

Quiz

- You've completed Lesson 3 of this course, now it's time to see how much you can remember.
- Click the link below to test yourself and to signal to us that you have completed this section so we can record your credit.
- No worries, no grades.
- [Take the quiz](#)

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