Sexual Assault Advocacy Services

As of January 1, 2017, Beacon of Hope Crisis Center (BOHCC) has two trained advocates via the CORE 40 Sexual Assault Training and other SA trainings.

Availability: BOHCC office hours are 8:30-4:30 PM. Our victim advocates are available during office hours to assist sexual assault victims. We are an advocacy and referral crisis support center. We are not a 24/7 shelter provider. We do have collaborative partner referral resources to which we refer victims that must have assistance outside of our available hours of operation.

What our advocates provide: Advocates provide safety, education and support. Below are the services our advocates provide to victims.

1. Court Advocacy/Criminal Justice Support:
   - Updates to the victim on criminal case within the criminal justice process
   - Assistance to victims in connecting with their assigned advocate within the prosecutor’s office on detailed information regarding their case
   - Help to victims with preparation of a Victim Impact Statement
   - Accompaniment to court for criminal cases, protective orders or CHINS cases
   - Assistance to victims with filing for a protective order

2. Crisis Intervention:
   - Accompaniment to the hospital during office hours
   - Accompaniment to the police station
   - Support through the initial crisis phase and the recovery process

3. Case Management:
   - Help to victims with creation of a safety plan
   - Help to victims with the Crime Victims Compensation Application
   - Resource information and referrals (medical assistance, legal assistance, shelter/housing, employment, clinics, counseling/support groups)

Provide appropriate follow-ups