



Lobby Day 101

Who?

All domestic violence advocates, sexual assault advocates, and victims' rights advocates across the country are invited to participate in the free events.

Why?

By telling personal experiences, advocates can influence federal legislation and the distribution of government funds which are both critical to providing necessary resources and services to victims of violence and their children. These types of constituent visits are critical in the effort to end domestic violence because Members of Congress learn first hand, through shelter service statistics, victim testimonials, and discussions with advocates, how deeply family violence impacts their communities and why continued funding and program expansion is vitally necessary.

Where?

Washington, DC on Capitol Hill

What?

Advocates will meet with their Members of Congress and their staff to discuss the issues facing their communities. The NCADV Policy Office will thoroughly prepare all participants by providing all the necessary materials and talking points before the Congressional meetings.

Participants will be responsible for scheduling their own Congressional appointments, and will receive instructions on doing so after registering.

Advocates will be offered training sessions before the event, during which all relevant materials and legislation will be explained and discussed. The Policy Office is committed to ensuring that all participants are comfortable and prepared for their Congressional meetings.

Advocates will go to meetings in groups, organized by state and Congressional district, so no advocate will be alone. Advocates will meet with their group at Tuesday morning's plenary to get materials, meet their group, and discuss talking points.

Throughout the day, the NCADV Policy Office will host a Hospitality Suite on the Capitol Hill where advocates can obtain additional lobbying materials, voice questions or concerns to the NCADV staff, engage with other advocates, relax and enjoy food and beverages.

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