

# CAMPUS-BASED ADVOCATES

Oregon is the first state in the country to provide legal privilege to advocates working on college and university campuses. Read on to learn more about how advocates serve Oregon's 2 & 4 year, public and private institutions of higher education.

## ROLE

Campus-based advocates are professional staff trained to support victims of sexual violence in the college and university setting. Advocates receive specialty training, and offer survivors information, emotional support and assistance finding resources that work best for the survivor's needs and situation.



## CONFIDENTIAL & PRIVILEGED

Oregon's Advocate Privilege law (ORS 40.264) allows advocates that meet statute guidelines to have legal privilege, similar to that of a doctor, lawyer or mental health professional. They cannot share a survivor's information without a written release.

## EDUCATION & INFORMATION

Advocates offer survivors information about the different options and services available to them, and support survivor's decision-making. Advocates do not tell victims what to do. Advocates believe in a survivor's right to autonomy and choice.



## TRAUMA-INFORMED

Campus-based advocates understand how trauma impacts the brain (neurobiology of trauma) and can help survivors, their support people and campus administrators understand the many emotional challenges a survivor may face after a traumatic event.

## NAVIGATING SYSTEMS

If a student wants to seek services at their school (including a Title IX report), law enforcement, medical system or other community resource, advocates can serve as guides to these systems. Many advocates accompany survivor's to resources on and off campus.



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