

VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Victim Advocacy Program Goal

- To ensure that each victim of domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault is provided support and assistance through the services of a Victim Advocate.
- To represent the interests of victims at the system level by representing their needs and requests.
- To educate the community on the issue of domestic abuse, rape, and sexual assault.

Victim Advocates' Responsibilities

The Victim Advocate represents the interests of all victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. They work to ensure the safety of victims and at risk family members. The Victim Advocates contact each victim as soon as possible and explains the options of restricted versus unrestricted reporting.

- The Victim Advocate will provide the following follow-up services:
- Crisis Management and safety planning
- Information to victims about resources and referral services
- Accompany victims to services and other proceedings such as court appearances
- Intervene on behalf of victims with service providers
- Inform victims of their rights within the Marine Corps and the civil community
- Emotional support and encouragement



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Roles of the Victim Advocate

- Represent the interests of all victims of domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault both individually and at the systems level.
- Serve as a member of the FAP/civilian sector coordinating committee.
- Assist in training and educating the community.
- Provide victim education classes.

Victim Advocate Phone No. (760) 577-6533 or after hours call (760) 514-2437

Family Advocacy Program, MCLB-Barstow

