Making the Most of Legislative Meetings with Elected Officials

OAESV
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence

INTRODUCTIONS

Start each legislative meeting by introducing yourself and your group mates. Be sure to emphasize your affiliation with any organization(s) and the Advocacy Day event.

"My name is ___ and I represent _____. I am here today as part of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence's Advocacy Day."





MEETING PRIORITIES

Address the purpose of your visit directly. There are several goals associated with legislative visits: building relationships, accompanying victims and survivors, providing education, and advocating about a specific bill or legislative priority.

Refer to your legislative factsheets for details and talking points related to key issues impacting survivors of sexual violence.

"We would like to speak with you about _____ today."

THE ASK

It is normal, and expected, to make requests to the elected officials who represent you and/or the survivors you serve. It is important that legislators understand how constituents feel about specific legislation. You offer unique insights, perspectives, and expertise surrounding specific bills and priorities.

"*We hope you will consider supporting/opposing this legislation/ask."*



CLOSING

Remember to close each meeting by thanking the office. Repeat any follow up requests discussed in the meeting. Finally, ask permission to take a photo with the office and share to social media - don't forget to tag OAESV!

"Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out."