



Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocacy Program

Your options. Your voice. Your path forward.

Pillars Community Health provides confidential, survivor-centered advocacy for people impacted by domestic or sexual violence. Our advocates offer compassionate support, clear information, and connections to resources so survivors can make informed choices about their safety, health, and well-being.

General Advocacy

- Emotional support and ongoing case management.
- Connections to community resources, including housing support, financial assistance, food pantries, clothing, and additional services based on each survivor's needs.
- Referrals to counseling and therapy services through Pillars Community Health or trusted partners.
- Personalized safety planning.
- Referrals to legal aid organizations for civil and criminal matters.
- Help with applying for Crime Victim Compensation.
- Information about the Safe Homes Act and VESSA.

Medical Advocacy

- Support at seven partner hospitals for domestic and sexual violence cases.
- Compassionate presence during the medical exam, including evidence collection when applicable.
- Communication with hospital staff during and after the visit, including help with billing concerns.
- Information about medical care options, reporting processes, and follow-up needs.
- Follow-up calls within 48 hours.

Civil Legal Advocacy

- Assistance with Orders of Protection and Civil No Contact Orders at the Maywood and Bridgeview courthouses.
- Support throughout civil court processes.
- Follow-up calls after filing to answer questions and connect survivors with additional resources.
- Coordination with court staff and state's attorneys.

Criminal Legal Advocacy

- Support with filing police reports for domestic or sexual violence cases.
- Accompaniment at criminal court hearings.
- Coordination with court staff and state's attorneys to help survivors understand next steps.

Ready to Reach Out?

Domestic Violence Hotline: 708-485-5254

Sexual Violence Hotline: 708-482-9600

Visit PillarsCommunityHealth.org to learn more about our services and how we can support you.



Pillars Community Health

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Pillars Community Health strives to improve the health of our communities and empower individuals through compassionate, whole- person care. We envision communities where all people have equal access to the care they need, when they need it.