### ADVOCACY PROBLEM ANALYSIS

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1. Identify the specific problem(s*),* **in terms of the malfunction of the system rather than the**

**survivor.** Is it an internal policy, agency practice, lack of training or awareness that is affecting their response to survivors?

*Be mindful that systems change can take a long time. It is often necessary to create an additional, immediate strategy with the survivor for them to be safe and get their needs met.*

1. Is the problem currently occurring? How long has it been going on within the system?
2. Work with the survivor to understand the system. Identify the challenges the advocate and survivor will

have in navigating the system.

1. Specify what needs to happen to address the problem. What sorts of information and documentation

must you compile, and how do you get this?

1. Identify goals in making change within the system so that in the future, survivors receive an

appropriate, effective response as consistently as possible. Assist the survivor in identifying their individual goals.

1. What kind of individual support may the survivor need while pursuing this? Who, in addition to

yourself, might be able to provide this? Others within your advocacy program? Referral resources?

1. Are there any additional measures that the survivor might need to utilize during this process to ensure their safety and protect confidentiality?
2. Identify who has power to change the situation to what the survivor is requesting. Make a working

relationship with this person(s), and/or work with others who have existing relationships with them to achieve change. Ideally, these relationships and planned change should be mutually beneficial.

1. Create a strategy of what needs to be done to cause these persons to change the situation. Develop a

chronological plan of action, with alternatives and contingencies.

1. Are additional resources needed (people, data, money, services, publicity, etc.)? How can these be

obtained?

1. Consistently re-visit and re-evaluate the plan. Is it working? Is the goal attainable? Are there unintended consequences? If the invested time and energy are not achieving needed results, then brainstorm another strategy.
2. After implementing the strategy, document your efforts and spread the word to other advocates and other women and other survivors with similar situations.