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## Texas Advocacy Project Training Menu & Request Form

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### Training Topic(s) Requested

Check the training topic(s) you wish to request. Please see topic descriptions on page 3.

#### Protective Orders

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- Understanding Protective Orders in Texas (1.5 hrs)
- Emergency Protective Orders in Texas (1.0 hr)

#### Teen Outreach

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- Legal Rights of Teen Dating Violence Survivors (1.5 hrs)
- Sexting and Cyberbullying: Redefining Dating Violence and the Legal Remedies for Teens (1.5 hrs)
- Healthy Relationships, Teen Dating Violence, and Digital Abuse (1.0 hr)

#### Legal Rights & Advocacy

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- ❖ The Court System & Current Law
  - Legal Rights of Sexual Assault Survivors (1.5 hrs)
  - Legal Options for Survivors of Violence (1.5 hrs)
  - Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence in Texas (1.5 hrs)
  - Intimate Partner Violence and Digital Abuse (1.5 hrs)
  - Helping Survivors Help Themselves: How to Support Self-Represented Survivors as They Navigate the Legal System (0.75 hr)
  - Legal Advocacy and Unauthorized Practice of Law in Texas (1.0 hr)
- ❖ Survivor-Centered Advocacy
  - Advocating for Survivors of Violence: A Systems Approach (1.5 hrs)
  - Economic Advocacy: Helping Survivors Understand Financial Abuse and Building Legal Protections (1.5 hrs)
  - Advanced Safety Planning (1.0 hr)
  - Empowerment-Based and Trauma Informed Response to Survivors of Violence (1.0 hr)
- ❖ Military & Veterans
  - Coordinated Community Response Between the Military and Civilian Community (1.5 hrs)
  - Intimate Partner Violence and Military Sexual Trauma in Veteran Treatment Courts (1.5 hrs)

**\* Texas Advocacy Project strongly encourages a minimum of one month's notice for training requests. We also require a 48-hour notice for any modifications to the original request to ensure we have adequate staff and resources to accommodate changes.**

<b>Contact Information</b>	
Contact Name:	Title:
Organization Name:	Organization Address:
Phone Number:	Email:
<b>Organization &amp; Audience Information</b>	
How many participants are expected?	
Please list participants' professions:	
Will this presentation be part of a larger conference? If so, please provide conference name.	
<b>Training Platform</b>	
Which training platform do you prefer?	
Zoom	Microsoft Teams
No Preference	
Do you give us consent to record this meeting for further training purposes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Training Information</b>	
Suggested training date*: 1 <sup>st</sup> choice: _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> : _____ 3 <sup>rd</sup> : _____	
Preferred duration of training:	Preferred time of day:
<b>Continuing Education Credits</b>	
Would you like The Project to provide CEUs or completion certificates for this training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If you would like CEUs, please check which continuing education units you are requesting:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Professional Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Please tell us why you are requesting this training.	
What are your goals as a result of this training?	
<p>ACKNOWLEDGMENT: By submitting this application I acknowledge that the information contained in the Texas Advocacy Project trainings is intended to convey general legal information related to the subject matter(s) of the training only and should not be construed in any way as the provision of legal advice and is not to be acted on as such. The Organization entering into this agreement acknowledges and agrees that this agreement, and Texas Advocacy Project's provision of services/training contemplated hereunder, does not create an attorney-client relationship between Texas Advocacy Project and the Organization or any of its employees, students, agents, or contractors. If the Organization has any questions concerning a particular matter or issue, please consult your legal representative retained for the specific purpose of providing advice for that matter or issue. If the Organization is an institution of education it acknowledges that Texas Advocacy Project may represent students, staff, and other persons in all matters related to our mission, including complaints against your institution, and may use any information acquired either in the course of the training or otherwise to do so.</p>	
Authorized Signature: _____	
On behalf of:	

## ***Topic Descriptions***

### **Protective Orders**

#### **Understanding Protective Orders in Texas (Available in Spanish!) (1.5 hrs)**

This training explains the different types of protective orders, how they work, and how they can be utilized to improve survivor safety and to prevent future violence. This workshop also discusses the changes and additions made to protective orders as mandated in the last legislative session. This presentation will cover family violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, Trafficking Protective Orders, and Emergency Protective Orders.

#### **Emergency Protective Orders in Texas (1.0 hr)**

In this training, learn about two forms of short-term protection for survivors of violence: a Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection (commonly known as Emergency Protective Order or EPO) and a Temporary Ex-Parte Protective Order. The presentation provides details on the legal standards that must be met and circumstances under which each order can be obtained, as well as the protections afforded by the orders. Travis County's Model EPO Program is also discussed.

### **Teen Outreach**

#### **Legal Rights of Teen Dating Violence Survivors (1.5 hrs)**

This workshop provides insight into the dynamics and prevalence of teen dating violence and digital abuse. Participants will gain understanding of remedies available to teen survivors of dating violence, including protective orders and school-based options.

#### **Sexting and Cyberbullying: Redefining Dating Violence and the Legal Remedies for Teens (1.5 hrs)**

Teen dating violence and bullying do not just encompass physical harm – abusers are using today's communication tools including social media, websites, and smartphones to inflict verbal and emotional abuse digitally. As awareness of this issue grows, the law is evolving to provide greater protection for young people who experience dating violence, sexting, and cyberbullying. This presentation will explore the effects of these crimes on teens and the legal options to help keep them safe.

#### **Healthy Relationships, Teen Dating Violence, and Digital Abuse (1.0 hr)**

In this presentation, learn the differences between conflict resolution in a healthy relationship and controlling behaviors that are often precursors to dating violence and digital abuse. Young people will discover communication approaches and techniques to respond to requests that do not respect their boundaries. Options for staying safe in school are also discussed.

### **Legal Rights & Advocacy**

#### ***The Court System & Current Law***

#### **Legal Rights of Sexual Assault Survivors (1.5 hrs)**

In this workshop, we will identify how trauma affects survivors of sexual assault and the way they respond and report the crime. We will explore different civil legal remedies available to survivors of sexual assault including housing protections, protective orders, financial remedies, and campus response. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the laws governing consent and crimes including sexual assault and sexual harassment.

#### **Legal Options for Survivors of Violence (1.5 hrs)**

Intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking impact victims in many aspects of their lives, including housing, employment, and pursuit of education. As victims exercise their legal options, they will encounter multiple criminal and civil systems. This presentation will help advocates and other professionals to better understand the potential for re-

traumatization as survivors navigate through the systems, and provides guidance on offering empowerment-based, survivor-centered advocacy.

#### Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence (1.5 hrs)

There have been numerous changes to Texas stalking laws during recent legislative sessions. This presentation will provide the latest information about stalking and related crimes, and will help practitioners better understand what stalking behaviors look like and their impacts on survivors. Legal protections and resources for survivors will also be addressed.

#### Intimate Partner Violence and Digital Abuse (1.5 hrs)

In an age when it is easier than ever for abusers to use technology and communication tools to control, stalk, and harass victims, it is important for community members to understand how the law defines these crimes. In this training we will identify the laws and remedies available to protect survivors and discuss practices for safety planning around technology.

#### Helping Survivors Help Themselves: How to Support Self-Represented Survivors as They Navigate the Legal System (0.75 hr)

This training is geared toward program advocates to help survivors navigate Texas Advocacy Project's Assisted Pro Se (APS) services. Through APS, survivors working with advocates can receive customized legal documents and ongoing legal advice as they represent themselves in court proceedings for divorces, protective orders, or custody and visitation suits.

#### Legal Advocacy and Unauthorized Practice of Law (1.0 hr)

This training will help legal advocates understand their role and the boundaries within their position. Advocates will gain knowledge on how to navigate clients through the civil and criminal justice systems while providing advocacy and support.

### ***Survivor-Centered Advocacy***

#### Advocating for Survivors of Violence: A Systems Approach (1.5 hrs)

This training focuses on the complexity of the systems that survivors of family and sexual violence may encounter or from which they may seek assistance. Advocates will develop a deeper understanding of their roles in supporting survivors through trauma and carving a path for access to justice, with an approach grounded in empowerment based advocacy. Legal options and remedies available through the various systems are discussed.

#### Economic Advocacy: Helping Survivors Identify Financial Abuse and Building Legal Protections (1.5 hrs)

Nearly all survivors experience financial abuse in some form. Economic factors greatly impact safety planning, and advocates and allies must help survivors navigate these challenges within their individual circumstances. This training will bring new understanding to the prevalence of financial abuse and provide information on legal remedies available to survivors.

#### Advanced Safety Planning (1.0 hr)

Participants will learn how to help survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault create an individualized plan to help reduce the risks they and their children face. This presentation will move beyond the basic safety plan and identify unique circumstances that require additional safety precautions and the best practices to employ.

#### Empowerment-Based and Trauma Informed Response to Survivors of Violence (1.0 hr)

This training will first identify what empowerment-based models are and will explain how these models can be replicated and implemented into each practice. Empowerment-based advocacy can help survivors identify their own strengths and reframe their sense of self, therefore enhancing their capacity for self-determination. Survivors of power-based violence, including intimate partner violence and sexual assault, experience ongoing trauma that affects the way they will respond to and heal from victimization. This workshop will help participants identify how trauma affects survivors of violence, the neurobiology of trauma within the brain, and appropriate ways to serve individual survivors.

## *Military & Veterans*

### Coordinated Community Response Between Military and Civilian Community (1.5 hrs)

This training addresses the importance of establishing and enhancing a coordinated community response to intimate partner violence and sexual assault that includes both military and civilians, which is vital in promoting a message in communities that violence is not acceptable and offenders will be held accountable. Although both cultures vary greatly, collaboration between systems can create a more uniform response to violence. This presentation walks through examples of how collaboration has increased in Texas and how to replicate the collaboration model in your community. Coordinated community response models will include active duty, reserves, and veteran's options. This training is available to all levels of experience.

### Intimate Partner Violence and Military Sexual Trauma in Veteran Treatment Courts (1.5 hrs)

Veteran Treatment Courts provide invaluable resources and treatment for veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, and other mental health issues as a result of their service. It is becoming more common for intimate partner violence to be accepted into these courts. This workshop will focus on best practices for accepting these cases into Veteran Treatment Courts (VTCs), consideration of survivors through this process, and national and state resources.