## Legal and Court

Advocate



Saving Grace offers safety, hope, and healing to survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault and engages Central Oregon to build life free from violence. Our services for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors are designed to help them with the healing process and to provide them with empowering resources for their lives. Our services for professionals and community members help them identify abuse and how to respond so future abuse can be prevented.

Saving Grace Courthouse Advocates are able to assist clients in filling out and filing various civillegal documents. However, Saving Grace advocates cannot provide any legal advice to clients. Courthouse Advocates are also able to prepare clients for the courtroom and accompany clients into court in order to provide support throughout the legal process.



I get a chance to listen to them and help them maneuver through the confusing paperwork at a time when they are feeling alone and vulnerable.

I am proud to be a member of this organization."

- Brenda W



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## WHAT IS A LEGAL & COURT ADVOCATE?

Saving Grace Legal & Court Advocates are incredibly important to the continued safety of survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The legal system can be overwhelming and confusing, our advocates provide the options and resources available to our survivors, without giving direct legal advice.

## WHAT ARE THE LEGAL & COURT ADVOCATE RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Be available to work in the Saving TRO clinic or accompany clients to court at least twice a month
- Assist clients seeking restraining orders and sexua assault protection orders in filling out and filing appropriate documents
- Prepare clients for the courtroom experience
- Accompany clients to court when needed.
- Empower clients by providing information, resources, and support. Provide information regarding types of services available to them
- Refrain from offering legal advice.
- Maintain Confidentiality
- Advocate for clients
- Adhere to Saving Grace ethics and codes of conduct
- Attend in-service trainings

Ask questions and learn more from our Volunteer Coordinator at jenna.m@saving-grace.org.