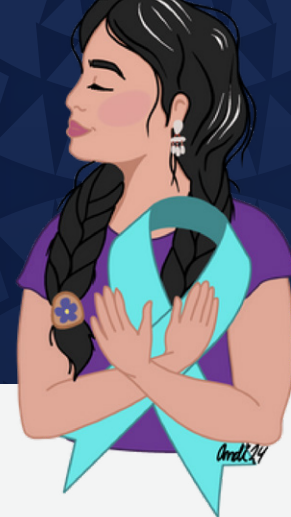


# ALASKA NATIVE ADVOCACY SKILLS



## CONNECT

- Familiarize yourself with regional cultural beliefs, practices and mannerisms.
- Build a supportive network with partners to increase access to services and resources for all victims / survivors. Potential partners include: troopers, VPSO's, clinic staff, tribal staff and other advocates.
- Build relationships with survivors to foster a safe and trusting environment.
- Set a tone of safety, support, respect, and helpfulness.

## UNDERSTAND

- Sit and listen with respect.
- Maintain strict confidentiality.
- Take the time to understand the victim / survivor perspective and meet them where they are at.
- Understand the victim's / survivor's needs.
- Help victims / survivors recognize they are not alone.

## ANALYZE

- Ensure that victim/survivor is safe.
- Explore risks and options with a victim/survivor that can influence their view of success.

## STRATEGIZE

- Create a safety plan.
- Reach out to resource partners to access alternate resources.
- Educate the victim / survivor on ways that systems may process a case.
- If the victim / survivor wants to file charges, coordinate with Troopers to arrange travel to the hub
- Explain the process of forensic exam and criminal process.
- If the victim / survivor needs shelter, contact the nearest shelter to make arrangements.
- Contact a local airline to make flight reservations.

## IMPLEMENT

- Carry out safety plans immediately and continue ongoing advocacy.
- Provide support according to the victim's / survivor's comfort level.

## REFLECT & ADAPT

- Respect the victim's / survivor's choices, taking care not to replace their judgment and decisions with our own.
- Continuously question, review and revise course of action in relation to shifting conditions.
- Ensure a course of action meets victim's / survivor's needs.



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