**Differences Between System-Based, Community-Based & DV Offender Treatment Victim Advocates**

**Community-Based**
- CRS: 13-90-107
- Mandated Privilege & Confidentiality
- Works to facilitate self-determination, provides support in areas which the victim prioritizes
- Key concepts: coercion, pattern of power and control, safety planning, and empowerment
- Engages in community awareness, offers support groups, shelter & advocacy services, have 24/7 hotlines

**System-Based**
- CRS: 24-4.1-301-304
- Victim Rights Act
- Works to facilitate prosecution, upholds victim rights in the criminal legal system
- Key concepts: due process, legal rights, criminal act
- Serves victims of many different types of crimes, not just domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking

**Advocacy in DV Offender Treatment**
- Duty to maintain confidentiality
- Works to reach out to victims and provides information about offender treatment, safety planning, and resources
- Key concepts: empowerment, victim chooses level of involvement, victim safety is prioritized
- Coordinates with the MTT to enhance victim safety & ensure offender accountability

**Criminal Justice System-Based Advocates** may work for law enforcement agencies, District or City Attorneys’ Offices, probation, or parole, to provide victim advocacy within the context of the criminal justice system. Colorado law outlines the communications which victims of certain crimes are entitled to, and system-based advocates work to ensure those communications happen. Any information shared by a crime victim with a system-based advocate is subject to subpoena.

**Community-Based Advocates and DV Offender Treatment Advocates** typically work for organizations that focus on services for people experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, for the purposes of increasing safety, providing support, and enhancing options for survivors. Community-based advocates have statute mandated privilege, but both of these types of advocates have a duty to maintain confidentiality when working with victims.

Each of these three types of advocates may be working the same victim.

**Differences in Advocacy:**
- Level and type of confidentiality
- Who is eligible to receive services
- Types of services provided
- Availability of services