

**Comparison: CAC Advocate and DV/SA Advocate**  
(may differ from community to community)

	<b>Child Advocacy Centers</b>	<b>DV/SA</b>
<b>Features</b>		
<b>MDT focus</b>	Best interest of the child is almost always central to the protocol and/or mission	Criminal investigation is more likely the central focus of the SART protocols
<b>Advocate focus</b>	To support the child through providing support, advocacy and education to the non-offending caregiver	To advocate for the adult victim
	Safety planning	Safety planning
<b>Confidentiality</b>	Advocate shares information that may impact the child or the case	Little information can be shared
	Information regarding the safety of the child must be shared	Adult victims chose what may be shared, regardless of impact on themselves or the case
<b>MDT involvement in case</b>	More on-going, less forensic	More related to the criminal event, as opposed to the entire picture of the adult's life, more forensic
	On-going nature affords advocate more opportunities to advocate for child victim	Fewer opportunities to advocate for adult victim
	Team expects to reach out to advocate for on-going support & information	Team members in general work in a more isolated from each other, including from the advocate
<b>MDT Case Review</b>	Occurs regularly, as required by NCA Standard	Seldom occurs
<b>MDT/Advocate Relationship</b>	Trust is more inherent in process and protocols	Trust is more of a struggle
<b>Referrals</b>	Strong emphasis on getting children and families into services	Can only suggest services that might be useful
	Advocate interacts with wide variety of service providers (therapists, teachers, etc)	Advocate interacts with few service providers due to safety and lethality concerns
<b>Advocate Outreach</b>	Expected to provide outreach to the non-offending caregiver	Unable to provide outreach to DV victim for safety reasons
<b>Advocate approach to client</b>	Expected to be respectful, non-judgmental	Expected to be respectful, non-judgmental
<b>Victims' Rights</b>	Less need for checks and balances, systemically	Advocate serves as a check & balance to ensure victims' rights are not violated
<b>Advocate in Court</b>	More likely to testify	Less likely to testify