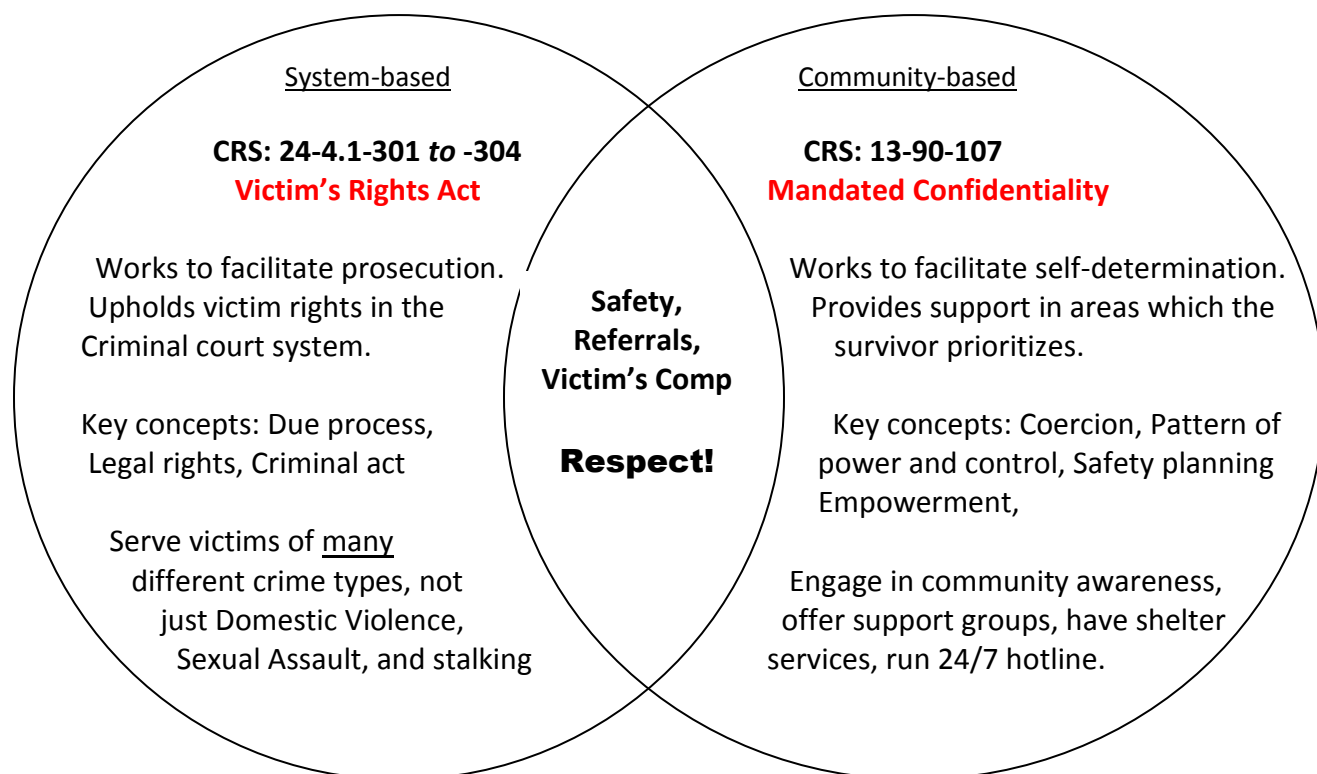


Differences Between System-Based and Community-Based Victim Advocates



Criminal Justice System-based advocates may work for law enforcement agencies or District Attorneys' Offices 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 the 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 work for non-profit organizations that focus on services for people experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking for the purposes of increasing safety, providing support, and enhancing options. Community-based advocates work on behalf of the victim, to help them navigate safety throughout many areas of their lives. Both types of advocates may be working with the same survivor.

Differences between System-based and Community-based Advocates

- ♦ Level of confidentiality
- ♦ Who is eligible to receive services
- ♦ Types of services provided
- ♦ Availability of services (24/7 response, go to the home, etc)

If you are interested in finding your local community-based advocacy organization in order to learn more about DV, SA, or Stalking, to request a training for your organization, or to volunteer, please visit ccadv.org and go to the 'Getting Help' tab.

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