What is the role of a Legacy of Healing Program Advocate?

The Legacy of Healing Program provides Advocacy services for adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The program is committed to providing free and confidential services to survivors of violent crime, including information, opportunities, advocacy, and support in the tribal and non tribal civil and legal justice system.

Advocates aspire to empower and assist survivors of crime in their recovery and will act as liaisons between victims and the tribal and non tribal justice system.

They advocate for victims' needs and wishes and meet them where they are at, which may not be where friends and/or family would like the victim to be.

Advocates help victims determine which courses of action are best for them but they do not try to persuade victims to do something they aren’t ready or willing to do.

Advocates recognize the impact crime has had on victims and support the important role victims play in the criminal justice process.

Advocates do their best to ensure victims are treated fairly and respectfully, and provide services that lessen the impact of the crime and restore victims' losses.

Advocates provide crisis counseling, emotional support and guidance, and help to remove all potential physical, psychological and cultural barriers.

Advocates inform and refer survivors to community services, counseling and other programs that are helpful to their needs.