

Legal Advocacy Program at Family Tree Domestic Violence Services

We are a non-profit organization that provides legal advocacy (not legal advice) to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. We run a protection order clinic at the Jefferson County Courthouse Monday - Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. However, as the mediators may have noticed, many petitioners do not come through Family Tree but instead file directly with the courts. This is why they see us accompanying some victims to Permanent Protection Order hearings and not others.

We are happy to help any victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who could benefit from our services, even if they did not begin the process with us. That means that if the mediators are doing a POCC and begin to think that the victim could use an advocate's help (either with advocacy during the hearing or safety planning, legal assistance referrals, counseling referrals, etc. after the hearing) they are welcome to refer the client to an advocate who may be in the courtroom.

If no advocate is in the courtroom, **call down to our office at (303) 271-6559** and request that an advocate to come to the courtroom. Also, mediators can direct clients to **our office in suite 1070, ground floor of the courthouse**, after the hearing for assistance with custody/divorce, safety planning, referral to our safe shelter Women In Crisis, etc.