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**VICTIM-DEFINED ADVOCACY**

Module 9

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## As a Result of This Training, Participants Will Be Better Able to:

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- Define victim-defined advocacy for older survivors
- Provide strength-based support to older survivors of abuse
- Practice respectful, effective communication when working with older victims

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## Meeting Victims Where They Are At

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## Victim-Defined Advocacy

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“Seeks to craft alternatives that will enhance a victim’s safety, given the realities facing each victim” (Davies et.al, 1998)

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## Victim-Defined Advocacy

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- Ask what the victim wants
- Recognize the impact of trauma
- Promote self-determination to restore control to the victim
- Provide resources to support victim decisions
- Advocate to support victim
- Recognize the strength and resiliency of survivor

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## Resiliency and a Strength-Based Approach

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## Practice Respectful Communication

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- Determine survivors communication needs and style
- Allow more time
- Listen to what a victim may need now; be prepared for needs and goals to change over time
- Identify safety concerns
- Respect cultural and generational values

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## Case Example

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## Take Away Messages

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- Listen
- Reflect statements and feelings
- Validate fear and safety concerns
- Honor instincts
- Continue to listen and learn

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## Summary

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- Recognize survivor's strength and resiliency
- Provide victim-defined advocacy
- Practice respectful, effective communication

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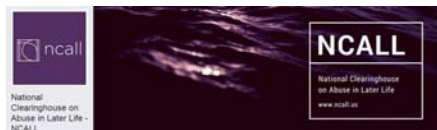


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## Staying Connected to NCALL and Other Advocates

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