## **Montgomery County Women's Center Advocacy Services**

We work on the field to accompany and provide quality support to our clients in hospital, court, and law enforcement/Prosecutor's offices! Texas Crime Victims have a right to "have a trained advocate present during a forensic medical examination and law Montgomery County Women's Center enforcement interview" if requested.



Service	Responsibility
Medical Accompaniment	Provide emotional support, resources, and work with client to identify specific needs we may be able to fill in our agency. This includes safety planning and crisis intervention. Typically, on an on-call basis.
Law Enforcement Accompaniment	We can accompany a client to a law enforcement interview and help clients file a police report. Typically scheduled in advance.
Court Accompaniment	We do not offer legal advice, but we can accompany a client to court for emotional support. Typically scheduled in advance.
Safety Planning	Collaborate with the client to assess their safety situation and create a plan together that identifies specific tools and strategies to keep the client safe and reduce emotional stress.
Crisis Intervention	Assessing the needs of the client in that moment and what they may need, such as emergency shelter, psychiatric intervention, mediation between clients and family and/or other professionals.
Other Services	We provide folders with resource information, as well as a bag of clothes and toiletries for the clients if they do not have an extra pair (in the event their clothes become evidence).

A client does not have to request an advocate themselves; a healthcare provider may request an advocate for the client if the client expresses interest in advocacy services. "Survivors have the right to be offered the presence of a sexual assault advocate before a forensic medical exam is begun." Give us a call and we'll take care of the rest!

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Montgomery County Women's Center 24/7 Crisis Hotline: 936-441-7273

TXFNE (Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners): 281-306-6893



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