

WWV ADVOCACY 101

While advocacy can include visits to Capitol Hill and meetings or calls with state legislators and local leaders, it is much more than supporting legislation or being involved in politics. Advocacy for Week Without Violence can include a wide array of activities that range from individual actions to group, community, and legislative or policy efforts:

PERSONAL

Represent and speak up for yourself and/or your loved ones. Be informed about the issues that impact you, your friends, your family, and your community.

COMMUNITY

Represent the rights and interests of your community (your neighborhood, place of worship, community organization, etc.). Educate those around you so you can work together to build the strongest community possible.

LEGISLATIVE

Work with elected officials (at local, state, or federal levels) to educate and influence them on important legislative decisions. Every citizen has a constitutional right to have their voice heard by their elected decision makers.

MEDIA

Increase public awareness and influence public interest in eliminating gender-based violence. Promote support for survivors through letters to the editor, social media, radio, and television interviews, etc.

POLICY

Influence laws, regulations, and rules that have an impact on eliminating gender-based violence and supporting survivors. This can be as lofty as commenting on a federal regulation or as simple as a helping to implement rules at your workplace that ensure safety and support survivors.