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# Preparation Webinar – Advocacy Day 2022

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## Order of Presentation

- How is this Advocacy Day Different?
- Structure & Agenda for the Day
- Are you Meeting with Lawmakers? ***If yes:***
  - Your Meeting List & Details Arrive April 20 (may be late\*).
  - Contents of the April 20 Email
- Discussion Topics for Meetings
- Post-Meeting Steps

# How is this Advocacy Day Different?

## 1. What is the Same?

- Structure of the day – morning event and afternoon meetings
- Similar to last two years – ***virtual event***

## 2. What is Different?

- CART captioning (in addition to live ASL interpreters)
- Unlike last year, we are not asking you for specific times in the afternoon that you are available; instead, we are asking you to be available for the afternoon (12-4pm) if you want to attend meetings.
  - *This does not mean you will be in back-to-back meetings for the whole 4 hour period of time.*

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# Structure of the Day

## Morning Session, 9am-12pm

- Open to all
- Live-streamed on Facebook

## Afternoon Session, 12pm-4pm

- **Registration required**
- Must register for the whole afternoon
- Will be assigned to a group for meetings

# Agenda for the Day

## **Morning Speaking Program & Kick Off:**

1. *Kick-Off*, Mayor Sharetta Smith
2. *Keynote*, Representative Miranda, Representative Galonski
3. *Panel*, Rosie Hidalgo & Terri Poore
4. *Panel*, Lynn Rosenthal & Indira Henard
5. *Closing*, Representative Abrams, Representative Hicks-Hudson

## **Afternoon Legislative Meetings**

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# Meetings with Lawmakers



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# Prep emails

## April 20 Email (*who/what/where/when/how/why* email)

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for participating in legislative meetings. As you know, committing to a legislative meeting is a critical part of passing survivor-centered legislation and securing funding for rape crisis programs in Ohio.

You are scheduled to meet with the following lawmakers at the following times.

Time	Lawmaker	Access Method	Thank You Note Recipients
11:10	Rep. Smith {link to bio here}	Zoom: [Zoom Link will be here]	Aide Evan Jones, lawmaker may be late or not able to attend  Thank you note email: rep00@ohiohouse.gov
1:00	Rep. Robinson {link to bio here}	Conference Line: [Conference Link will be here]	Rep. Robinson will be there  Thank you note email: rep00@ohiohouse.gov

Your Group Lead is \_\_. \_\_ will reach out to you no later than Friday, April 22 to establish contact and offer support. Should you have any questions ahead of hearing from them, please feel free to reach out to them at [email address]. Your group lead will coordinate thank you emails to the lawmakers you met with.

We encourage you to review your lawmaker bios listed in the table above, and explore OAESV's Advocacy Day toolkit webpage [link listed here].



# Research Ahead of Time

- Lawmaker Bios
  - Example:



Ohio Senate District 9  
Counties: Hamilton (part)

Senator Cecil Thomas was elected in November 2014 to serve Ohio's 9<sup>th</sup> Senate district, which includes parts of Cincinnati, St. Bernard, Elmwood Place, Norwood, Golf Manor, Hollydale, Columbia Township, Silverton and Springfield Township.

A product of a working class family, Senator Thomas was born in rural Alabama in 1952. At the age of eight, his family moved to Cincinnati settling into the West End community where he attended St. Anthony Catholic School. After graduating from Withrow High School, he took a job as a public service worker. However, with the desire to attend college he joined the Cincinnati Police Cadet Program, which offered free college tuition.



# Meeting Topics

- HB 121, Spousal Exemption
- HB 105, Erin's Law
- HB 266, Statute of Limitations

OAESV supports each of these bills. In general, we can ask legislators to favorably consider these bills.

# HB 266

This bill would:

- Remove the spousal exception from ORC § 2907.02 Rape.
- Remove the statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions of ORC § 2907.02 Rape and certain related civil actions.
- Extend the period of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse.

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# HB 121

This bill would:

- **Remove the spousal exceptions** from § 2907.02 Rape, § 2907.03 Sexual Battery, § 2907.04 Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, § 2907.05 Gross Sexual Imposition, § 2907.06 Sexual Imposition, and § 2907.07 Importuning.
- **Permit spousal testimony** in a prosecution of the following offenses: § 2907.03 Sexual Battery, § 2907.04 Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, § 2907.05 Gross Sexual Imposition, § 2907.06 Sexual Imposition, § 2907.07 Importuning, and § 2907.09 Public Indecency.

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# HB 105

This bill would require:

- All Ohio school districts, community schools, and STEM schools in Ohio provide age-appropriate, **annual instruction on child sexual abuse prevention** for K-12 students.
- The Ohio Department of Education website to provide links to **free curricula** addressing sexual violence prevention to aid schools in developing their own programs.
- Each school district and educational service center to **incorporate child sexual abuse training into its required in-service training** for teachers and other professionals.
- That the mandated child sexual abuse prevention instruction include information on **available counseling and resources** for children who experience sexual abuse.

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# Navigating Unknowns

If you are meeting with a lawmaker that may bring up other legislation, we will do our best to notify you of that ahead and/or prepare your group lead.

Example: Rep. Russo is currently sponsoring legislation to remove the cap on tort damages for sexual assault civil suits – we support this and will include it in the briefing materials for lawmakers, but it is among many bills that cannot feasibly be included in a 20 minute meeting.

*It is always acceptable to note down a question or request that you will need to follow up on.*



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# Preparation for Meetings

## What you can do now:

- Start looking for connections between the highlighted bills for this Advocacy Day and your own area of practice or expertise.
- Research the lawmakers from your district.  
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>



## Post-Meeting Steps

### Thank You Email

- To Aide & Lawmaker
- Example:
- To: [Sarah.Smith@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Sarah.Smith@ohiohouse.gov); [rep00@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep00@ohiohouse.gov)
- Subject: Sexual Violence Meeting Thank You
  
- Sarah and Rep. Jones,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on April 27 to discuss the importance of eliminating the statute of limitations for rape, and for your thoughtful questions about HB 105 and 121. We appreciate your time and energy supporting sexual violence survivors.

Best,

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## Post-Meeting Steps

- Tweet & Social Media
  - Photo of you wearing teal or your Advocacy Day apparel
  - Thank you message to your lawmaker
  - Support for specific issues
  - Screen shots of speakers at our program and thank yours for their support
  - Tag your individual lawmakers and the lawmakers you are thanking
- Hashtags:
  - #embraceyourvoiceohio
  - #tellyourstory
  - #buildcommunity





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## Post-Meeting Steps

- Respond to Survey & Brief Action Step Requests in Post-Event Email
- Email anything needing immediate attention to [egemar@oaesv.org](mailto:egemar@oaesv.org)



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Thank You!

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