

2023 Advocacy Day Prep Webinar

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Agenda

Structure for Today

- Overview of Event Schedule
- Legislative Meetings
- Communicating with Lawmakers
- Legislative Priorities
- Post-Meeting Steps
- Post-Event Steps
- Questions & Contact Information

Quick Poll!

Event Schedule



Schedule

Thursday, April 20, 2023

9-9:30am: Check In

9:30-10:30am: Morning Speaking Event

10:30-11am: Group Meet Up

11am-12pm: Legislative Meetings

12-1pm: Lunch Break (will vary by group)

1-3:30pm: Legislative Meetings

3:30-4pm: Group Lead Returns to Atrium

In-Person Considerations



SECURITY
CHECKPOINTS



NAVIGATING TWO
BUILDINGS



PARKING



**YOU MUST BRING A
PHOTO ID WITH
YOU**

Buildings – Ohio Statehouse & Riffe Center

- Morning speaking event is in the Ohio Statehouse
- Senate Offices are located in the Ohio Statehouse
- State Representatives are located in the Riffe Center
 - Riffe Center requires check in at a front desk with a photo ID
 - You also need to tell them what floor(s) you are going to – which will be in your materials



Reminders

- If you have an accommodations request, request it ASAP through your registration. If you have already registered, please email info@oaesv.org with the subject "Advocacy Day Accommodations Request".
- You should have received a confirmation email with registration outlining parking options & other information. Check your Spam/Junk/Other folders if you haven't received it.
- Lunch is on your own in Columbus.

Reminders

- Dress business casual at minimum if planning to attend legislative meetings in the afternoon.
- Wear your Advocacy Day T-shirt (linked on event web page) or teal colored clothing if you have it.
- Consider choice of shoes & bringing other items with you for the day – there are coffee shops, vending machines, and other options in Capitol Square if you forget something you need.

Legislative Meetings

Meeting Schedule

Your group meeting schedule will be sent to you via email by April 14th.

You will have the contact information of your group members.

Your meeting schedule is subject to change.

Meeting Template

Time	Lawmaker	Room/Floor	Thank You Note Recipients
11:10	Rep. Smith {link to bio here}	Floor 11	Aide John Jones, lawmaker may be late or not able to attend Thank you note email: rep00@ohiohous e.gov
1:00	Rep. Robinson {link to bio here}	Floor 10	Rep. Robinson is scheduled to be there Thank you note email: rep00@ohiohous e.gov

Communicating with Lawmakers

Prep Work

- Consult Lawmaker Bios



Ohio Senate District 9
Counties: Hamilton (part)

Senator Cecil Thomas was elected in November 2014 to serve Ohio's 9th 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.

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Communication & Meeting Tips

- Don't worry about filling time
- Don't worry about being an 'expert' on the legislative details
- Embrace your expertise & the perspective you bring to the issues on OAESV's Advocacy Day Agenda
- Avoid bringing up other issues – that can be raised in a meeting outside of Advocacy Day!

Communication & Meeting Tips

- Questions from lawmakers may not align with the topic you are discussing
- Balance sharing information amongst your group mates – Be aware of the privilege and power you are bringing into a space and make space for others to share

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.

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

Advocacy Day Agenda – Legislation

Meeting Topics



House Bill 124

Statute of Limitations Reform



House Bill 33

Maintain Budget Increase



House Bill 143

Housing Protections

House Bill 124 – Statute of Limitations

- Title: Eliminate period of limitation - rape prosecution or civil action
- Sponsors: Representative Miranda, Representative Galonski
- What will it do?
 - Extend Civil Statute of Limitations for victims of child sexual abuse to when the victim reaches 55 years of age.
 - Eliminate Civil Statute of Limitations for victims of rape

House Bill 33 – Budget Increase for Sexual Assault Services (Line Item GRF 055501)

- Title: Establishes operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025
- Sponsors: Representative Edwards
- What will it do?
 - Currently, the Rape Crisis Centers Line Item is in the budget (great news!) at \$30 million total across two fiscal years
 - We want to keep this amount in the budget (no changes)

House Bill 143 – Housing Protections for Survivors

- Title: Enact the Ohio Safe Homes Act
- Sponsors: Representative Grim
- What will it do?
 - Protect survivors of domestic violence & sexual violence from "nuisance" related charges for service calls to law enforcement
 - Provide early lease termination avenue for survivors
 - Provide option for new lock/locks installation
 - Prohibit landlord from sharing address or identifying information

Preparation

- What you can do TODAY:
 - Start looking for connections between the highlighted bills for this Advocacy Day and your own area of practice, lived experience, or other expertise.
 - Prepare short talking points for each topic that you wish to speak about on OAESV's Advocacy Day agenda.
 - Research the lawmakers from your district.

Extra Support

OAESV will provide prep materials & talking points via email and in-person

Visit event web page to access materials related to Advocacy Day

You will have group members for support

Post-Meeting Steps



Thank You Cards/Emails

- OAESV will provide printed thank you cards at the event for completion & signature.
- Group lead or group members will return completed thank you cards to the Statehouse Atrium.

Thank You Email

To Aide & Lawmaker Example:

To: Sarah.Smith@ohiohouse.gov; rep00@ohiohouse.gov

Subject: Sexual Violence Advocacy Day Meeting Thank You

Sarah and Rep. Jones,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on April 20 to discuss the importance of maintaining the increase for GRF 055501, and for your thoughtful questions about HB 143 and HB 124. We appreciate your time and energy supporting sexual violence survivors.

Best,
Your Name

Social Media

Post on Social Media

- Photo of you wearing your Advocacy Day apparel
- Photo with lawmaker & meeting group
- Thank you message to your lawmaker
- Support for specific issues (Budget Increase, HB 124, HB 143)
- Photos of speakers at our program and thank you's for their support
- Tag your individual lawmakers and the lawmakers you are thanking

- Hashtags:
 - #embraceyourvoice
 - #thetimeisnow
 - #tellyourstory

Post-Event

Post-Event Survey

- Respond to Electronic Survey in Post-Event Email
- Include any follow up requests from your meetings in this survey

Questions

Questions & Contact Information

- Email Emily with public policy related questions: publicpolicy@oaesv.org
- For accommodations & event information (parking, location information, etc.), contact our team at info@oaesv.org