

# Legal Info for Crisis Workers

1. Systems' Responses:
  - a. Police
    - i. Pro Arrest Policy
  - b. Prosecuting Attorney's Office
    - i. Need a specific incident, with specific "evidence"
    - ii. Conviction = accountability
  - c. Court
    - i. Goals
      1. Protect the children
      2. Support the safety and well-being of the victim
      3. Empower the victim to make decisions
      4. Hold the perpetrator accountable
      5. Allow the children access to both of their parents
  
2. Personal Protection Orders and No Contact Orders
  - a. NCO: Resulting from a DV charge, temporarily restricts the perpetrator from having any contact with the victim
  - b. PPO: Resulting from a victim's petition
    - i. Can order the perpetrator (respondent):
      1. Not to enter her property
      2. Not to beat her/threaten her
      3. Not to come onto the premises of her workplace/education
      4. Not to remove her children from her legal custody
      5. Not to call her or engage in other stalking actions
      6. Not to purchase or possess a firearm
    - ii. Typically lasts for one year  
\*\*Paperwork can be obtained at the Michigan Court's Website, the County Clerks' Office or through Center for Women in Transition
  - c. Reporting violations
  
3. Typical situations to refer to day time crisis:
  - a. Recent arrest for DV
  - b. Personal Protection Orders (requests for assistance/information)
  - c. Divorce/custody
  - d. Immigration/citizenship

\*\*Think about what can be accomplished on an emergency basis. Encourage the client to contact 911 if there's an immediate need, and then refer the client to day time crisis. Example: "I would encourage you to contact CWIT during business hours to discuss these things further. They may have further services/options to provide to you."