



ASK AN ADVOCATE

How do I connect someone to OAS?

The Office of Advocacy and Support provides confidential assistance for GW community members who have experienced any form of trauma or violence. You can read below to learn more about connecting someone to our services.

How do I handle a disclosure?

Start by believing them and offer to connect them to support resources. You do not need to investigate or ask them for more information than they are willing to share. If you are unsure about where to connect them, OAS is a great place to start.

What if I am a Designated Reporter?

If you are a Designated Reporter, sharing information with OAS does not mean you have fulfilled your duties. OAS is a non-reporting and confidential office. You will need to report to the Title IX Office. Try your best to share your designation openly and immediately, so that students understand what will happen if they disclose to you and can make informed decisions regarding what they want to share.

I know an OAS staff member, can I connect the client to them directly?

While we value our individual relationships with our stakeholders, we try to streamline referrals. It may be that the staff member you are thinking of is unavailable to meet with the client, and that can cause confusion and mistrust. We encourage our community members to contact us using the information at the bottom of this sheet.

Can an advocate come to my office to meet with a client?

Depending on availability and scheduling, an advocate may be able to come to your office to meet with a client. You can use the contact information below to arrange a meeting. We ask that you get the permission of the client first before contacting us to join in on any meetings.

Contact Us

You can contact us via email or phone.

We are open Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm (excluding school holidays)

520 22nd St. NW

oas@gwu.edu

202-994-0443

If you are referring a client to us, please provide the following:

- Name of the person you are referring
- Contact information of the person you are referring
- Brief description of the situation the person disclosed
- Best way to contact you if needed