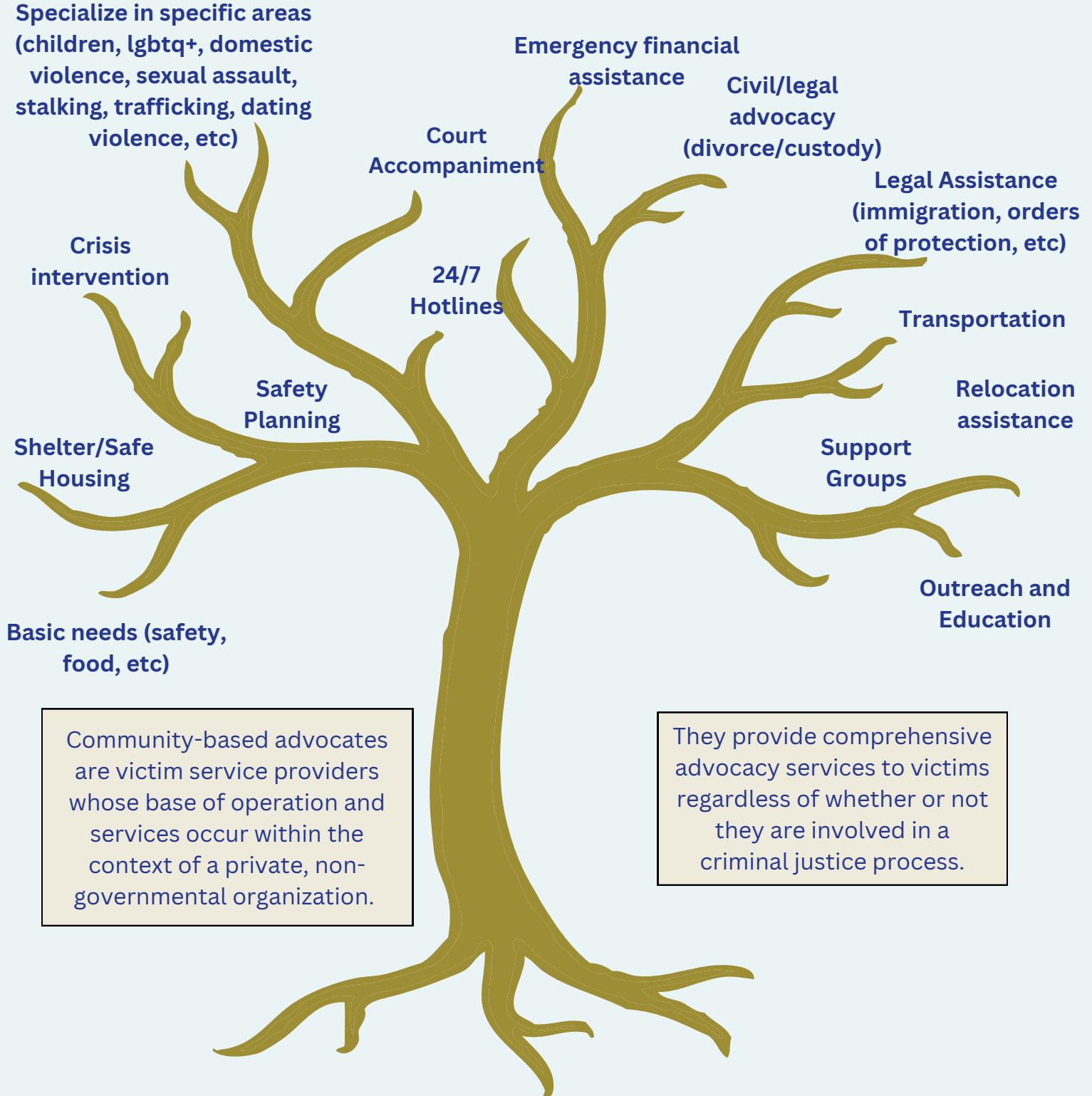


Community-Based Victim Services



Community-based advocates are victim service providers whose base of operation and services occur within the context of a private, non-governmental organization.

They provide comprehensive advocacy services to victims regardless of whether or not they are involved in a criminal justice process.

They act as the bridge to get connected with services

They offer a survivor-driven model of empowerment that recognizes survivors are the experts in their own lives. This model respects the decisions of survivors regarding their and their family's wellbeing.