

ETHICS QUICK GUIDE: ADVOCATING WITHOUT OVERSTEPPING

GET INFORMED CONSENT

Before acting,
get clear consent
from the client.



Ask: “Would you like my
support in talking with the
landlord about
accessibility?”

CENTRALIZE THE CLIENT’S VOICE

Your role is to back the
client’s self-advocacy, not
replace it.



Ask: “What
points do you
want to make? Is there
anything you don’t want
me to say?”

CHECK YOUR MOTIVATION

Whose needs are you
centering?

Ask: “Who ben-
efits most from
this intervention?

The client? The system?
My ego?



EMPOWER AGENCY

Provide options and back
their decisions—whether
you agree or not.

Emphasize that
they have choices
and autonomy in
the process.

