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# Introducing a Peer Advocate to your Clients (Script for Clinical Health Care Provider)

Introducing a Client to a Peer Advocate is an important first step in developing a strong foundation for the Peer Advocate and the Client. It also works to strengthen the relationship between the Provider and the Peer Advocate, as the Peer Advocate feels supported and part of the team. Most of the time, the Provider can tell his/her patient that the Peer Advocate is HIV positive. However, sometimes this can also come directly from the Peer Advocate when they are talking one on one to the Client.

Here is a sample introduction:

“This is Mary. Mary is a peer advocate from Organization X who is part of our care team here at the clinic. She has been living with HIV for X number of years. Mary works with positive women like yourself to help them manage their health and is here to provide you with emotional and practical support. Mary can also help you with finding referrals for needed services, such as case management, support groups and housing. Mary can tell you more about herself and answer other questions you may have.”