



## **Domestic Violence and Firearms Quick Reference Checklist for Advocates**

- Listen to the concerns and experience of the client while identifying the concerns regarding the abuser's firearms.
- If the client indicates that the abuser has or has access to firearms use the *Supplemental Screening Tool for Firearms* to gain more in-depth information.
- The client may have special considerations because the abuser is a:
  - gang member or involved in other criminal activities
  - law enforcement officer
  - hunter or their livelihood is connected to hunting
- Help the client determine the safest way to proceed. It may not include asking for firearms to be removed.
- Educate the client on options available:
  - Illinois Domestic Violence Act: Remedy 14.5
  - Turning over the abuser's weapons to law enforcement for safekeeping
- Assist with the FOID revocation process by checking to see if FOID has received notice of the Order of Protection.
- Alert FOID to any "qualifying court orders" such as no contact restraining orders when applicable.
- Discuss gun safety with client if there are firearms in the home of the client or abuser.

### **To report orders of protection or for questions contact:**

Illinois State Police  
Firearms Information and Resources Bureau  
801 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400 M  
P.O. Box 19461  
Springfield, IL 62794-9461  
Phone: 217-558-0025  
Fax: 217-782-9139

**For detailed information please refer to the  
*Domestic Violence and Firearms: An Advocates Guide and the  
Supplemental Screening Tool for Firearms***