Overview

- **Team 6 — CalAdvocate**
- **Team Members:** Nicholas Montecino, Arwa Alkhawaja, Sana Jain, William Qin, Aashish Sunar
- Trauma-informed, survivor-centered chatbot
- Supports survivors of domestic violence, harassment, assault
- Provides confidential, anonymous emotional support and resources
- Focused on empowering survivors, not retraumatizing them

Ethical Considerations

- **Ethical Focus:**
- Privacy, dignity, consent, emotional safety, cultural responsiveness
- Anonymous feedback channels and public transparency
- Regular feedback even after launch

Design Logic

- **User Experience:**
- Anonymous use by default
- Multilingual, voice, and visual accessibility
- Immediate session encryption and deletion
- Emergency "Quick Escape" button always available

Design Principles

- **Core Commitments:**
- Culturally and linguistically inclusive
- Device and accessibility-friendly design
- Transparent user rights
- Survivor feedback-driven improvements
- The idea of a chatbot for survivors isn't entirely new… but your focus on emotional safety, multiple reporting pathways, and *avoiding re-traumatization* seems like a fresh, careful rethinking.

Live Demo (or Description)

- **Typical Interaction:**
- Gentle, anonymous welcome
- Clear options for emotional support or resources
- Voice/text modes and safe exit anytime
- Language switch flexibility and cultural sensitivity

EXIT SAFELY

Privacy & Data Use

Anonymous use, no name/location needed

Your data will never be shared, stored, or sold by us

Emergency: Call 911, Domestic Violence (DV) Hotline (1-800-799-7233), or RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) (1-800-656-4673)

Under 18? Laws may require notifying trusted adults if you're at risk

Cancel Continue

What’s Next – Future Considerations

- **Future Steps:**
- Expand multilingual and culturally responsive flows
- Strengthen survivor advisory engagement
- Publish public ethical reviews and maintain transparency
- Continuous bias audits and accessibility updates

Technical Improvements

- Data Privacy: Currently, we are not storing data in the database but with the users consent we will store it in the database in the encryption form.
- Reasoning under the hood: Similar to the reasoning ("Chain of Thought (CoT)") showed by ChatGPT and other LLMs, we will show such CoT in our model so that the users know what is happening.
- Dynamic prompting: To improve the adaptability of GPT, we will modify the system prompt in the real time, by analyzing the behaviors of the users while interacting with the bots.