

Section 3 Handout – Important Victim Assistance Resources

Victim Assistance Programs

There are over 10,000 victim assistance programs in the United States today. The programs that are specific to victims of rape, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse include:

- Community-based programs that serve a variety of crime victims, including victims who report crimes and go through the justice system, as well as those who do not. Examples include:
 - Rape crisis centers and sexual assault awareness programs.
 - Programs and shelters for battered women and their children.
 - Homicide support groups (such as Parents of Murdered Children chapters).
 - Children’s Advocacy Centers that provide multidisciplinary services to victims of child abuse and neglect.
 - Court-appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs that advocate for abused and neglected children.
 - Elder protection programs (that assist victims of elder abuse and neglect).
 - Faith-based victim assistance programs that are increasing in both number and scope of services, which help victims of different faiths cope with the spiritual impact of crime and provide other support and assistance.
- System-based programs that operate within the context of the criminal or juvenile justice system, or state agencies that oversee victim assistance programs, help victims understand and exercise their rights, and offer referrals to other victim assistance services. Examples include:
 - Victim assistance programs in law enforcement, prosecutors’ offices, courts, probation, parole, institutional corrections, and Attorneys General offices.
 - State victim compensation programs.
- State coalitions and associations that advocate for local victim-specific programs and issues. Examples include:
 - General victim assistance coalitions (that involve all types of crime victims and those who serve them).
 - Sexual assault coalitions.
 - Domestic violence coalitions.

- State associations of victim/witness professionals.
- State offices of Adult Protective Services.
- State offices of Child Protective Services.
- State VOCA assistance administrators, who oversee victim assistance funding authorized by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) through fines, fees and forfeitures collected from convicted federal offenders by the Crime Victims Fund, administered by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; and state VAWA administrators, who oversee the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (reauthorized by Congress in December of 2005).
- National associations and coalitions that address a wide range of crime victim assistance issues, many of which sponsor national toll-free information and referral telephone lines, as well as comprehensive web sites for victim assistance, information, and referrals.
- Federal agencies whose primary or collateral role is assisting crime victims (such as the Office for Victims of Crime and Office of Violence Against Women within the U.S. Department of Justice; and allied federal agencies at the Departments of Health and Human Services, State, etc.)

Victims' Rights

Today in America, there are over 32,000 laws that define and protect crime victims' rights at the federal, state and local levels, many of which are relevant to victims of rape, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse. Victims' rights vary considerably from state to state in both scope and consistency of implementation.

Definition of Victims' Rights

The term "rights" has many different definitions. The legal definition is that a right is "a capacity residing in one person of control, with the support and assistance of the government, the actions of others." The more practical definition of a right when being used to describe a "victim's right" is a "power granted by law that entitles a victim to require another person, usually a criminal justice official (i.e., police, prosecutor, judge, probation or parole officer, or corrections official), to perform a specific act or refrain from performing a specific act."

Victims of crime have six core rights throughout the criminal and juvenile justice processes¹:

1. Right to notification.
2. Right to apply for victim compensation.
3. Right to reasonable protection.
4. Right to be heard.
5. Right to restitution.
6. Right to information and referrals.

Right to Notification

Victim notification is essential to help victims understand and become informed about criminal and juvenile justice processes and supportive services available to help them. In general, victims are notified about the status of their case, the status and location of the alleged, convicted or adjudicated offender, and services that can help them rebuild their lives in the aftermath of crime. Automated victim notification has augmented the capacity of justice agencies to provide timely notification to victims about the status of their case and offender.

Right to Apply for Victim Compensation

State victim compensation programs provide financial assistance to victims of nearly every type of violent crime including rape, robbery, assault, sexual abuse, drunk driving, domestic violence, and survivors of homicide. The programs pay for expenses such as medical care, mental health counseling, lost wages and, in cases of homicide, funerals and loss of support. These expenses or costs cannot be covered by insurance or some other readily available "collateral source."

¹ Seymour, A. 2003. "Victims' Rights Handbook" (in press). Denver, CO: National Victims' Constitutional Amendment Network.

Right to Reasonable Protection

Victims of crime may have important concerns about their personal safety, and that of their family and loved ones. Often, victims' concerns about safety arise from the trauma of victimization; from real or implied threats made by the alleged or convicted offender and his or her colleagues; or from not knowing or understanding their rights to protection as defined under law, and the range of services available to identify and address their safety concerns. When victims have concerns about their safety, and identify these concerns to criminal/juvenile justice and victim assistance officials, a variety of approaches can be developed that promote safety for the victim within the criminal or juvenile justice system, as well as at home and in the community.

Right to be Heard

Victims have the right to be heard at various stages of the criminal and juvenile justice processes, including at the time of sentencing or adjudication and at any parole release hearing. The victim impact statement is the victim's opportunity to describe how the crime affected him or her – emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually. The “voice of the victim” is clearly heard through the victim impact statement process, and provides valuable information to the court to determine a just and effective sentence, or to the paroling authority to determine decisions relevant to an inmate's possible release. For many victims, it is also a useful process to reflect personally on how the crime has affected them, their family and friends.

Right to Restitution

Victim restitution is the payment of crime-related expenses to a victim from an offender who is convicted of a crime or adjudicated for a juvenile offense. It is designed to help crime victims recover the out-of-pocket expenses that result from the crime, such as medical treatment for physical injuries; the costs of mental health counseling; and the loss of or damage to property. It generally does not cover some costs, such as those resulting from “pain and suffering.” When an offender is found guilty or adjudicated, the court can order that he or she pay restitution to the victim based on the financial losses resulting from the crime.

Right to Information and Referrals

Often, victims of crime may have needs, issues and concerns about how they feel, what is going to happen, their role as a victim or witness, and what services are available to help them. There is a wide range of services to help victims cope in the aftermath of a crime, and to help them make informed decisions about their lives. Many services are available to *all* victims of crime, while some victims' rights and services require that a victim reports the crime and cooperates with the investigation and prosecution of a criminal or juvenile case. In addition, some specialized services are available to help victims of specific types of crime.

Victim information and referrals can be provided by criminal and juvenile justice agencies and professionals, and also by community-based victim service organizations.

General information about victims' rights within specific justice systems – including criminal, juvenile, military and tribal – is included in the National Victim Assistance Academy text available at:

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/chapter3_1.html.

A concise summary of crime victim and witness rights is available at the National Organization for Victim Assistance web site at: <http://www.trynova.org/victimrights/>.

Updates on victims' core rights and a variety of OVC Legal Bulletins about specific victims' rights are available at the National Center for Victims of Crime web site at:

http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_Issues731.

A comprehensive "Victim Impact Statement Resource Kit" is available from Justice Solutions at:

http://www.justicesolutions.org/art_pub.htm#impact.

Crime Victim Compensation Fact Sheet

- As of 2005, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico operate victim compensation programs.
- Compensation programs provide financial assistance to victims of nearly every type of violent crime including rape, robbery, assault, sexual abuse, drunk driving, domestic violence, and survivors of homicide. The programs pay for expenses such as medical care, mental health counseling, lost wages and, in cases of homicide, funerals and loss of support. These expenses or costs cannot be covered by insurance or some other readily available “collateral source.”
- With a few exceptions, however, programs do not cover lost, stolen, or damaged property. Most programs cover a basic core of offenses, although eligibility requirements and specific benefits of compensation programs vary somewhat from state to state.
- State programs have established limits to the maximum benefits available to victims that typically range from \$15,000 to \$35,000, although a few states have lower or higher maximum benefits.
- Each state has eligibility requirements that victims must meet to qualify for compensation benefits. While eligibility requirements vary from state to state, virtually all programs require victims to:
 - Report the crime promptly to law enforcement. Seventy-two hours is the general standard, although many programs have longer periods and a few have shorter periods. Nearly all states have *good cause* exceptions applied liberally to children, incapacitated victims, and others with special circumstances. The apprehension or conviction of a perpetrator is not a prerequisite to applying for or receiving compensation benefits.
 - Cooperate with police and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of the case.
 - Submit a timely application to the compensation program, generally within one or two years from the date of the crime. A few states have shorter or longer deadlines, and most have the ability to waive these deadlines for exceptional circumstances. Children are generally exempted from timely filing requirements.
- Victims are required to provide other essential information as needed by the program, and they generally are not eligible for compensation if the victimization giving rise to the claim resulted from the victim's/claimant's own criminal activity or significant misconduct.

For Additional Information

The National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards (www.nacvcb.org) offers many excellent information and referral resources for victim compensation.

- *Crime Victim Compensation: An Overview* highlights the purpose, application process, and eligibility requirements of victim compensation (www.nacvcb.org/articles/Overview_prn.html).
- *State Compensation Web Sites* provide direct links to state victim compensation program web sites, all of which include information about victims' rights to compensation, eligibility requirements, how to apply, and who can help victims with the application process; and some of which include on-line applications (www.nacvcb.org/statelinks.html).
- The *NACVCB Program Directory* allows you to click on any state in the visual U.S. map to see an overview of that state's victim compensation program (www.nacvcb.org/progdir.html).

**Information and Referral About Victims' Rights,
Services, and Criminal & Juvenile Justice Resources**

Battered Women's Justice Project	800-903-0111
Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline	800-633-5155
Childhelp USA National Hotline	800-4-A-CHILD TDD 800-2-A-CHILD
Justice Statistics Clearinghouse	800-851-3420
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse	800-851-3420
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	800-843-5678 TDD 800-826-7653
National Center for Victims of Crime	800-FYI-CALL
National Children's Alliance	800-239-9950
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information	800-729-6686 TDD Hotline 800-487-4889 Hearing Impaired 800-735-2258 Español 877-767-8432
National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect	800-394-3366
National Crime Prevention Council	800-NCPC-911
National Criminal Justice Reference Service	800-851-3420
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-SAFE TTY Hotline 800-787-3224
National Organization for Victim Assistance	800-TRY-NOVA
National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.	888-818-POMC
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	800-537-2238 TTY Hotline 800-553-2508
National Sexual Violence Resource Center	877-739-3895
Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center	800-851-3420 TTY 877-712-9279
Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center	866-OVC-TTAC TTY 866-682-8880
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network	800-656-HOPE
Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Custody	800-527-3223

Victim Assistance, Criminal and Juvenile Justice-related Web Sites

Federal Agencies/Resources

Bureau of Justice Assistance	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA
Bureau of Justice Statistics	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention	http://prevention.samhsa.gov
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment	http://csat.samhsa.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	www.cdc.gov
Federal Bureau of Investigation	
Uniform Crime Reports	www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm
Federal Judicial Center	www.fjc.gov
FirstGov	www.firstgov.gov
National Archive of Criminal Justice Data	www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/index.html
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information	
National Criminal Justice Reference Service	www.healthfinder.gov/orgs/HR0027.htm
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	www.ncjrs.org
National Institute of Corrections	www.nhtsa.dot.gov
National Institute of Justice	www.nicic.org
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij
National Institute on Drug Abuse	www.niaaa.nih.gov
Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	www.drugabuse.gov
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc
Office of Justice Programs	
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	www.cops.usdoj.gov
Office of National Drug Control Policy	www.ojp.usdoj.gov
Office on Violence Against Women	
Supreme Court of the United States	www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org
THOMAS: Federal Legislation	www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov
U.S. Department of Education, Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention	www.ojp.gov/vawo
U.S. Department of Education	www.supremecourtus.gov
Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools	http://thomas.loc.gov
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Grantsnet	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Grants Information	www.edc.org/hec
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA Funding Opportunities	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs
U.S. Department of Justice	www.hhs.gov/grantsnet
U.S. Department of State	
Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services Victim Assistance	www.hhs.gov/grants/index.shtml
	www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
	www.usdoj.gov
	http://travel.state.gov/travel/brochure_victim_assistance.html
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	
National Center on PTSD	www.ncptsd.org
U.S. Parole Commission	www.usdoj.gov/uspc

National Victim-Related Organizations

American Bar Association	
Center on Children and the Law	www.abanet.org/child
Commission on Domestic Violence	www.abanet.org/domviol
Commission on Law and Aging	www.abanet.org/aging
American Humane Association	www.americanhumane.org
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children	
Anti-Defamation League	www.apsac.org
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	www.adl.org/hate-patrol/main.asp
Battered Women's Justice Project	www.atask.org
Child Abuse Prevention Network	www.bwjp.org
Childhelp USA	http://child-abuse.com
Child Quest International	www.childhelpusa.org
Child Welfare League of America	www.childquest.org
Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS)	www.cwla.org
Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute	www.nationalcops.org
Family Violence Prevention Fund	www.fvsai.org
Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community	http://endabuse.org
Justice Solutions	www.dvinstitute.org
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	www.justicesolutions.org
National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards	www.madd.org
National Association of Social Workers	
National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators	www.nacvcb.org
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children	www.naswdc.org
National Center for Victims of Crime	
National Center on Elder Abuse	www.navaa.org
National Children's Alliance	www.missingkids.org
National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information	www.ncvc.org
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.elderabusecenter.org
National Coalition of Homicide Survivors	www.nca-online.org
National Commission Against Drunk Driving	
National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association	http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov
National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center	www.ncadv.org
National Fraud Information Center	www.mivictims.org/nchs
National Insurance Crime Bureau	www.ncadd.com
National MultiCultural Institute	
National Organization Against Male Sexual Victimization	www.nationalcasa.org
National Organization for Victim Assistance	www.musc.edu/cvc
National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.	www.fraud.org
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	www.nicb.org
National School Safety Center	www.nmci.org
National Sexual Violence Resource Center	
National Victim Assistance Academy (OVC)	www.malesurvivor.org
National Victim Assistance Academy (VALOR)	www.trynova.org
National Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment Network	www.pomc.com
National Violence Against Women Prevention	www.nrcdv.org

Research Center
Parents for Megan's Law
Prevent Child Abuse America
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
Safe Campuses Now
Security on Campus, Inc.
Stalking Resource Center
Voices for America's Children
Witness Justice

www.vawprevention.org
www.parentsformeganslaw.com
www.preventchildabuse.org
www.rainn.org
www.safecampusesnow.org
www.securityoncampus.org
www.ncvc.org/src
www.childadvocacy.org
www.witnessjustice.org

National Criminal and Juvenile Justice- and Public Policy-Related Associations

American Center for Law and Justice
American Correctional Association
American Correctional Health Services Association
American Council for Drug Education
American Jail Association
American Judges Association
American Probation and Parole Association
Association of Paroling Authorities International
Association for Conflict Resolution
American Youth Policy Forum
Association of State Correctional Administrators
Balanced and Restorative Justice Project
Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking
Center for Sex Offender Management
Center on Juvenile & Criminal Justice
Coalition for Juvenile Justice
Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute
Community Justice Exchange
Community Policing Consortium
Correctional Education Association
Council of State Governments
Governors Highway Safety Association
Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention
Institute for Law and Justice
International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators
International Association of Chiefs of Police
Join Together
National Association for Community Mediation
National Association for Native American Children of Alcoholics
National Association of Attorneys General
National Association of Counties
National Association of Court Management
National Association of Drug Court Professionals
National Association of Police Organizations
National Association of State Alcohol & Drug Abuse Directors
National Association of State Judicial Educators
National Association of Women Judges
National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

www.aclj.org
www.aca.org

www.corrections.com/achsa
www.acde.org
www.corrections.com/aja
<http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>
www.appa-net.org

www.apaintl.org
www.acrnet.org
www.aypf.org
www.asca.net
www.barjproject.org
<http://ssw.che.umn.edu/rjp>
www.csom.org
www.cjcj.org
www.juvjustice.org
<http://cadca.org>
www.communityjustice.org
www.communitypolicing.org
www.ceanational.org
www.csg.org
www.ghsa.org

www.edc.org/hec
www.ilj.org

www.iaclea.org
www.theiacp.org
www.jointogether.org
www.nafcm.org

www.whitebison.org/nanacoa
www.naag.org
www.naco.org
www.nacmnet.org
www.nadcp.org
www.napo.org

www.nasadad.org
<http://nasje.unm.edu>
www.nawj.org

www.casacolumbia.org

National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise	www.ncne.com
National Center for State Courts	www.ncsconline.org
National Conference of State Legislatures	www.ncsl.org
National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics	www.search.org
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	www.ncjfcj.org
National Criminal Justice Association	www.ncja.org
National District Attorneys Association	www.ndaa-apri.org
National Governors Association	www.nga.org
National Indian Justice Center	www.nijc.indian.com
National Judicial College	www.judges.org
National Juvenile Detention Association	www.njda.com
National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center	www.nlectc.org
National League of Cities	www.nlc.org
National Mental Health Association	www.nmha.org
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	www.noblenatl.org
National Sheriffs' Association	www.sheriffs.org
Partnership for a Drug-Free America	www.drugfreeamerica.org
Police Executive Research Forum	www.policeforum.org
Police Foundation	www.policefoundation.org
Restorative Justice Online	www.restorativejustice.org
Restorative Justice Project	www.fresno.edu/pacs/rjp
Southern Poverty Law Center	www.splcenter.org
State Justice Institute	www.statejustice.org
Victim Offender Mediation Association	www.voma.org

State Crime Victim Compensation Programs

Alabama	www.acvcc.state.al.us
Alaska	www.state.ak.us/admin/vccb
Arizona	www.acjc.state.az.us
Arkansas	www.ag.state.ar.us/outreach/cvictims/outreach4.htm
California	http://www.boc.ca.gov/Victims.htm
Colorado	http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/comp.htm
Connecticut	www.jud.state.ct.us/faq/crime.html
Delaware	www.state.de.us/cjc
District of Columbia	http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/victims/cvcp.shtm
Florida	www.myfloridalegal.com/victims
Georgia	www.ganet.org/cjcc/victimcomp.html
Hawaii	www.ehawaii.gov.org/cvcc
Idaho	www2.state.id.us/iic/crimevictims.htm
Illinois	www.ag.state.il.us/victims/victimcomp.html
Indiana	www.state.in.us/cji/victim/comp.html
Iowa	www.state.ia.us/government/ag/cva.html
Kansas	www.ksag.org
Kentucky	http://cvcb.ppr.ky.gov
Louisiana	www.cole.state.la.us/cvr.htm
Maine	www.state.me.us/ag/crime/victimcomp.html
Maryland	www.dpsc.state.md.us/cicb
Massachusetts	www.ago.state.ma.us/sp.cfm?pageid=1037
Michigan	www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_3184---,00.html
Minnesota	www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/FinancialHelp
Mississippi	www.dfa.state.ms.us/cvcomp.html

Missouri	www.dolir.state.mo.us/wc/cv_help.htm
Montana	www.doj.state.mt.us/victims/default.asp
Nebraska	http://nol.org/home/crimecom
Nevada	http://hearings.state.nv.us/Victims.htm
New Hampshire	http://doj.nh.gov/victim/compensation.html
New Jersey	www.state.nj.us/victims
New Mexico	www.state.nm.us/cvrc
New York	www.cvb.state.ny.us
North Carolina	www.nccrimecontrol.org/vjs
North Dakota	www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/victim_comp.htm
Ohio	www.ag.state.oh.us
Oklahoma	www.odawan.net/victim/victimcomp.asp?A=5&B=4
Oregon	http://www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/comp.htm
Pennsylvania	www.pccd.state.pa.us
Rhode Island	www.state.ri.us/treas/vcfund.htm
South Carolina	www.govoepp.state.sc.us/sova/vcfund.htm
South Dakota	www.state.sd.us/social/cvc/index.htm
Tennessee	www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury.htm
Texas	www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/cvc.shtml
Utah	www.crimevictim.utah.gov
Vermont	www.ccvts.state.vt.us/victcomp.html
Virginia	www.vwc.state.va.us/cicf/crime_intro.htm
Washington	www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsInsurance/CrimeVictims/default.asp
West Virginia	www.legis.state.wv.us/Joint/Court/victims/main.html
Wisconsin	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs
Wyoming	http://vssi.state.wy.us/cvcHome.asp?heading=Crime%20Victim%20Compensation

State VOCA Victim Assistance Agencies

Alabama	www.adeca.alabama.gov/content/lts/lts_victims_of_crime.aspx
Alaska	www.dps.state.ak.us/Cdvsa
Arizona	www.azvictims.com
Arkansas	www.accessarkansas.org/dfa/intergovernmental/index.html
California	www.ocjp.ca.gov
Colorado	http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/ovp.htm
Connecticut	www.jud.state.ct.us/faq/crime.html
Delaware	www.state.de.us/cjc/victim.htm
District of Columbia	http://dc.gov/agencies/detail.asp?id=1026
Florida	http://myfloridalegal.com/victims
Georgia	www.ganet.org/cjcc/voca.html
Hawaii	www.cpja.ag.state.hi.us/gr/index.shtml
Idaho	www2.state.id.us/crimevictim
Illinois	www.icjia.org/public/index.cfm?metaSection=Grants&metaPage=ICJIAGrants
Indiana	www.in.gov/cji/victim/
Iowa	www.state.ia.us/government/ag/cva.html
Kansas	www.ksgovernor.org/grants_vocapp.html
Kentucky	www.justice.ky.gov
Louisiana	www.cole.state.la.us
Maine	www.state.me.us/dhs
Maryland	www.dhr.state.md.us/victim
Massachusetts	www.state.ma.us/mova
Michigan	www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_3184---,00.html
Minnesota	www.ojp.state.mn.us/grants/crime_victim_grants/index.htm
Mississippi	www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/divpages/ps2ojp?OpenDocument

Missouri	www.dps.state.mo.us/dps/DPS2002/victimservices/victimsservices.htm
Montana	http://bccdoj.doj.state.mt.us
Nebraska	www.nol.org/home/crimecom/grantannouce.htm
Nevada (Dept. of Human Resources)	http://www.hr.state.nv.us/
New Hampshire	www.doj.nh.gov/grants/application.html
New Jersey	www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/victimwitness/home.htm
New Mexico	www.state.nm.us/cvrc/voca.html
New York	www.cvb.state.ny.us/grants.htm
North Carolina	www.gcc.state.nc.us/ForPreApp/victims.htm
North Dakota	www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/voca_grant.htm
Ohio	www.ag.state.oh.us/sections/crime_victims_services/assistance_program.htm
Oklahoma	www.odawan.net
Oregon	http://www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/voca_publications.htm
Pennsylvania	www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=571196
Rhode Island	www.rijustice.state.ri.us/voca
South Carolina	www.scdps.org/ojp/voca/voca_grant.html
South Dakota	www.state.sd.us/social/ASA/domesticabuse/indes.htm
Tennessee	www.state.tn.us/finance/rds/ocjp.htm
Texas	www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/cjd
Utah	www.crimevictim.utah.gov
Vermont	www.ccvts.state.vt.us
Virginia	www.dcls.virginia.gov/victims
Washington	www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/victimservices/crimevic.asp
West Virginia	www.wvdcjs.com/justiceprograms/victimsofcrime.html
Wisconsin	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/programs/voca.asp
Wyoming	http://vssi.state.wy.us

State Attorneys General Victim Services Programs

Alabama	www.ago.state.al.us/victim.cfm
Alaska	www.law.state.ak.us/department/criminal/victims_assist.html
Arizona	www.ag.state.az.us/victims_rights/index.html
Arkansas	www.ag.state.ar.us
California	http://ag.ca.gov/victimservices/index.htm
Colorado	www.ago.state.co.us
Connecticut	www.cslib.org/attgenl/index.htm
Delaware	www.state.de.us/attgen/main_page/victims/victims_guide.htm
District of Columbia	http://occ.dc.gov/occ/cwp/view,a,3,q,530974,occNav, 31692 ,.asp
Florida	http://myfloridalegal.com/victims
Georgia	www.law.state.ga.us/victim_not.html
Hawaii	http://cpja.ag.state.hi.us/victims/
Idaho	www2.state.id.us/ag/
Illinois	www.ag.state.il.us/victims/index.html
Indiana	www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer/victimassistance.html
Iowa	www.iowaattorneygeneral.org/CVAD/index.html
Kansas	www.ksag.org
Kentucky	http://ag.ky.gov/victims/
Louisiana	www.ag.state.la.us/VictimRights.aspx
Maine	www.maine.gov/ag/?r=crimeandvictims
Maryland	www.oag.state.md.us/victim.htm
Massachusetts	www.ago.state.ma.us/sp.cfm?pageid=1037
Michigan	www.michigan.gov/ag/
Minnesota	www.ag.state.mn.us

Mississippi	www.ago.state.ms.us/divisions/crime_victim/dva.php
Missouri	www.ago.mo.gov/crimevictims/crimevictims.htm
Montana	http://doj.state.mt.us/victims/default.asp
Nebraska	www.ago.state.ne.us
Nevada	www.ag.state.nv.us
New Hampshire	www.doj.nh.gov/victim/index.html
New Jersey	www.state.nj.us/lps/
New Mexico	www.ago.state.nm.us/divs/vawomen/vaw.htm
New York	www.oag.state.ny.us/crime/crime.html
North Carolina	www.ncdoj.com/victimscitizensservices/vscs_about.jsp
North Dakota	www.ag.state.nd.us/
Ohio	www.ag.state.oh.us/sections/crime_victims_services/assistance_program.htm
Oklahoma	www.oag.state.ok.us/oagweb.nsf/VServices!OpenPage
Oregon	www.doj.state.or.us
Pennsylvania	www.attorneygeneral.gov/
Rhode Island	www.riag.state.ri.us/criminal/victim.php
South Carolina	www.scattorneygeneral.org/public/victimassist.html
South Dakota	http://dci.sd.gov/victimservices/index.htm
Tennessee	www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us/victim/victim.htm
Texas	www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/victims.shtml
Utah	http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/victimassist.html
Vermont	www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?smod=165
Virginia	www.oag.state.va.us/Special%20Projects/Victim%20Notification/default.htm
Washington	www.atg.wa.gov
West Virginia	www.wvs.state.wv.us/wvag/
Wisconsin	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs
Wyoming	http://vssi.state.wy.us

Federal and State Corrections (Adult)

Federal Bureau of Prisons	www.bop.gov
Alabama Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.al.us
Alaska Department of Corrections	www.correct.state.ak.us
Arizona Department of Corrections	www.adc.state.az.us
Arkansas Department of Corrections	www.state.ar.us/doc
California Department of Corrections	www.corr.ca.gov
Colorado Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.co.us
Connecticut Department of Correction	www.ct.gov/doc
Delaware Department of Correction	www.state.de.us/correct
District of Columbia Department of Corrections	http://doc.dc.gov/doc/site/default.asp
Florida Department of Corrections	www.dc.state.fl.us
Georgia Department of Corrections	www.dcor.state.ga.us
Hawaii Department of Public Safety	www.hawaii.gov/psd
Idaho Department of Correction	www.corr.state.id.us
Illinois Department of Corrections	www.idoc.state.il.us
Indiana Department of Correction	www.ai.org/indcorrection
Iowa Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.ia.us
Kansas Department of Corrections	www.ink.org/public/kdoc
Kentucky Department of Correction	www.corrections.ky.gov
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement & Administration of Criminal Justice	www.cole.state.la.us
Maine Department of Corrections	www.state.me.us/corrections
Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	www.dpscs.state.md.us/doc
Massachusetts Department of Correction	www.mass.gov/doc

Michigan Department of Corrections	www.michigan.gov/corrections
Minnesota Department of Corrections	www.corr.state.mn.us
Mississippi Department of Corrections	www.mdcc.state.ms.us
Missouri Department of Corrections	www.corrections.state.mo.us
Montana Department of Corrections	www.cor.state.mt.us
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services	www.corrections.state.ne.us
Nevada Department of Corrections	www.ndoc.state.nv.us
New Hampshire Department of Corrections	www.nh.gov/doc
New Jersey Department of Corrections	www.state.nj.us/corrections
New Mexico Corrections Department	http://corrections.state.nm.us
New York State Department of Correctional Services	www.docs.state.ny.us
New York City Department of Correction	www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doc
North Carolina Department of Correction	www.doc.state.nc.us
North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	www.state.nd.us/docr
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	www.drc.state.oh.us
Oklahoma Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.ok.us
Oregon Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.or.us
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections	www.cor.state.pa.us
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.ri.us
South Carolina Department of Corrections	www.state.sc.us/scdc
South Dakota Department of Corrections	www.state.sd.us/corrections/corrections.html
Tennessee Department of Correction	www.state.tn.us/correction
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	www.tdcj.state.tx.us
Utah Department of Corrections	www.cr.ex.state.ut.us
Vermont Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.vt.us
Virginia Department of Corrections	www.vadoc.state.va.us
Washington State Department of Corrections	www.doc.wa.gov
West Virginia Division of Corrections	www.wvf.state.wv.us/wvdoc
Wisconsin Department of Corrections	www.wi-doc.com
Wyoming Department of Corrections	http://doc.state.wy.us/corrections.asp

State Corrections (Juvenile)

Alabama Department of Youth Services	www.dys.state.al.us
Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice	www.hss.state.ak.us/djj
Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	www.juvenile.state.az.us/Offices/Victims/VictimsHome.htm
Arkansas Division of Youth Services	www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dys/index.htm
California Youth Authority	www.cya.ca.gov/victim/victimintro.html
Colorado Division of Youth Corrections	www.cdhs.state.co.us/dyc/home.htm
Connecticut Bureau of Juvenile Justice	www.state.ct.us/dcf
Delaware Youth Rehabilitative Services	www.state.de.us/kids/yrs.htm
District of Columbia Youth Services	www.dhs.dc.gov/dhs/cwp/view,a,3,q,492460,dhsNav,[30989].asp
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	www.djj.state.fl.us/djjservices/prevention/victimservices/index.shtml
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice	www.djj.state.ga.us
Hawaii Office of Youth Services	www.hawaii.gov/dhs
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	http://www.djc.state.id.us
Illinois Department of Corrections Juvenile Division	www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/dept_overview/2002/juvenile_division.shtml
Indiana Juvenile Facilities	www.in.gov/indcorrection/facts/facility.html
Iowa Juvenile Institutions	www.dhs.state.ia.us/ACFS/ACFS.asp

Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority	http://jja.state.ks.us/index.htm
Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice	http://djj.state.ky.us/
Louisiana Office of Youth Development	www.corrections.state.la.us/offices/oydoff.htm
Maine Department of Corrections Juvenile Services Division	www.state.me.us/corrections/
Maryland Department of Juvenile Services	www.djs.state.md.us/victim.html
Massachusetts Department of Youth Services	www.state.ma.us/dys
Michigan Bureau of Juvenile Justice	www.michigan.gov/fia/ 0,1607,7-124-5452_30426-15630--,00.html
Minnesota Department of Corrections Juvenile Facilities	www.doc.state.mn.us
Mississippi Division of Youth Services	www.mdhs.state.ms.us/dys.html
Missouri Division of Youth Services	www.dss.mo.gov/dys/index.htm
Montana Department of Corrections Juvenile Division	www.cor.state.mt.us/About/ JuvenileCorrections.asp
Nebraska Juvenile Services	www.hhs.state.ne.us/jus/jusindex.htm
Nevada Juvenile Justice Services	http://dcfs.state.nv.us/page22.html
New Hampshire Division for Juvenile Justice Services	http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/DJJS/default.htm
New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission	www.state.nj.us/lps/jjc/jjchome.html
New Mexico Juvenile Justice Division	www.cyfd.org/index.htm
New York Office of Children & Family Services Rehabilitative Services	www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/rehab/
North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention	www.ncdjjdp.org
North Dakota Juvenile Justice Services	www.ndaco.org/jj/default.asp
Ohio Department of Youth Services	www.dys.ohio.gov/Victimservices.html
Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs	www.state.ok.us/~oja
Oregon Youth Authority	www.oya.state.or.us
Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice	www.dpw.state.pa.us/child/ juveniledelinq/default.htm
Rhode Island Juvenile Corrections	www.dcyf.state.ri.us/juvcorrectns.htm
South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice	www.state.sc.us/djj
South Dakota Juvenile Corrections	www.state.sd.us/corrections/ juvenile_corrections.htm
Tennessee Department of Children's Services	www.state.tn.us/youth
Texas Youth Commission	www.tyc.state.tx.us
Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services	www.hsdyc.state.ut.us
Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services	www.state.vt.us/srs
Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice	www.djj.state.va.us
Washington Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration	www1.dshs.wa.gov/jra
West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services	www.wvdjs.state.wv.us
Wisconsin Division of Juvenile Corrections	www.wi-doc.com/index_juvenile.htm
Wyoming Juvenile Services	www.wyjuvenilejustice.com

Victims' Rights Compliance Programs

Arizona Voice for Crime Victims
Connecticut: Office of the Victim Advocate
Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center
Minnesota: Crime Victim Justice Unit

South Carolina: Crime Victims' Ombudsman
Wisconsin:

Victim Resource Center
Crime Victim Rights Board

www.voiceforvictims.org
www.ova.state.ct.us/
www.mdcrimevictims.org
[www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/
MCCVS/CVJU/index.htm](http://www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP/MCCVS/CVJU/index.htm)
www.govoepp.state.sc.us/cvolinks.htm

www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/programs/vrc.asp
www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/programs/cvrb.asp

Other Victim Resources

Action Without Borders – Nonprofit Directory
Alliance for Justice
American Psychological Association
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Children's Institute International
Communities Against Violence Network (CAVNET)
Compassionate Friends
Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence
Elder Abuse Prevention
International Society for Traumatic Stress
Studies
International Victimology Website
Jewish Women International
Justice for All
Michigan State University Victims and
the Media Program
Post Trauma Resources
Rape Recovery Help and Information
Safe Horizon (New York City region)
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Sexual Assault Response Team
The Stalking Victim's Sanctuary
Survivors of Stalking
Victim Assistance Online
Violence Policy Center
Women's Justice Center
Workplace Violence Research Institute

www.idealists.org
www.afj.org
www.apa.org
www.bgca.org
www.childrensinstitute.org
www.cavnet.org
www.compassionatefriends.com
www.caepv.org
www.oaktrees.org/elder

www.istss.org
www.victimology.nl
www.jewishwomen.org
www.jfa.net

<http://victims.jrn.msu.edu>
www.posttrauma.com
www.geocities.com/HotSprings/2402
www.safehorizon.org
www.sane-sart.com
www.sane-sart.com
www.stalkingvictims.com
www.soshelp.org
www.vaonline.org
www.vpc.org
www.law.pace.edu/bwjc
www.noworkviolence.com

Legal Research/Resources

Findlaw
National Crime Victim Law Institute
State Law and Legislative Information
U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

www.findlaw.com
www.lclark.edu/org/ncvli
www.washlaw.edu
<http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>

Media

Newslink
Criminal Justice Journalists
Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma
News Index
Newspapers.com
Public Relations Society of America

www.newslink.org
www.reporters.net/cjj
www.dartcenter.org
<http://newsindex.com>
www.newspapers.com
www.prsa.org