



Parents For Megan's Law and the
 Crime Victim Center
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Parents For Megan's Law is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child sexual and other abuses through the provision of advocacy, education, counseling, policy and legislative support services.

**Suffolk County
 Child Sexual Abuse
 Services
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**Child Victim
 Advocate
 Program**

Services Available for Child
 Victims and Non-Offending
 Family Members

A Program Sponsored by:
 The New York State Crime Victims
 Board, New York State Senate and
 Assembly and the County of Suffolk

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Our Child Victim Advocate helps support your child and family

What is a Child Victim and Family Advocate?

Our child victim and family advocate is someone who works with you and your child to ensure that the needs of a child who has alleged abuse or neglect are met.

Support services such as explaining the legal process and accompanying you and your child to court, to law enforcement, to medical appointments and even helping to locate and coordinate other services your child and family needs.

Who Can Get This Type of Help?

Our advocate can assist child victim's of sexual abuse and other abuses, on a cases by case basis, who are under the age of 18 and are involved in prosecuting a case in Suffolk County Criminal Court.

What Does The Advocate Do?

- ✧ Assists in filing for New York State crime victims compensation claims which cover counseling and other expenses for your child and eligible family members.
- ✧ Provides support, assistance, referrals and advocacy to child victims and their non-offending families at any stage of the criminal justice process from reporting through post sentencing support services.
- ✧ Makes Appropriate Treatment and Other Support Services Referrals.
- ✧ Acts as an intermediary with law enforcement, social workers, district or county attorneys and other involved professionals.
- ✧ Assists in preparing the victim impact statement.
- ✧ Assists with VINE registration and follow-up on issues related to Megan's Law registration and notification.
- ✧ Provides post-sentencing support and advocacy.

A Child Victim or Witness Has Rights

- ✧ Applying for compensation from the New York State Crime Victims Board.
- ✧ Protection from intimidation from the alleged offender, their family & friends
- ✧ To know what to expect from the court system and what the system expects from you.
- ✧ Be informed of the stages of judicial proceedings

Your Child and Family Don't Have To Be Alone

Parents for Megan's Law has the resources to assist you and your child through this difficult time. Child victims of abuse have a much better chance of recovery when provided support services.

Call an Advocate Today
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