



The Crime Victims Center
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The Crime Victims Center 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.

Child Sexual Abuse Services Referral Line:

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Child Victim Advocate Program

**Services Available for
 Child Victims and
 Non-Offending Family Members**

The Crime Victims Center and Child Sexual Abuse
 Prevention Resource and Support Center

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What is a Child Victim and Family Advocate?

Our Child Victim and Family Advocates work with you and your children to ensure that the needs of a child who has been abused or neglected are met.

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

Who Qualifies for Services?

- Our advocates can assist child victim's of sexual abuse and other abuses.
- Additionally, the agency is a New York State Certified Rape Crisis Center and provides services to adult victims of sexual assault and all victims of violent crime.

**Our Child Victim Advocates
Helps Support
Your Child and Your Family**

What Services Are Available?

- Advocates assist in filing for New York State crime victims compensation claims which cover counseling and other expenses for your child and eligible family members.
- Advocates provide 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.
- Advocates make appropriate treatment and other support services referrals.
- Agency and advocacy act as an intermediary with law enforcement, social workers, district or county attorneys and other criminal justice professionals.
- Advocates assist in preparing the victim impact statement.
- Advocates assist with VINE registration and follow-up on issues related to Megan's Law sex offender registration and notification.
- In addition, advocates provide post-sentencing support and criminal justice advocacy.

Child Victims and Witnesses Have Rights

- Victims may be entitled to reimbursement for expenses related to their crime, including medical and counseling expenses. Victims can do so by applying for compensation from the New York State Office of Victim Services.
- Victims are entitled to protection from intimidation from the alleged offender, their family and friends.
- Victims, parents or guardians (non-offending) have the right to know what to expect from the court system and what the system expects from them.
- Victims, parents or guardians (non-offending) have a right to be informed of the stages of judicial proceedings.

Your Child and Family Do Not Have To Be Alone

The Crime Victims Center 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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