The Suffolk County Crime Victims Center (CVC) provides vital information and multi-agency service referrals for support and assistance to victims of violent crime. CVC also links victims of violent crime and elderly or disabled victims of crime to the New York State Office of Victims Services for medical and essential property loss expenses.

Services are provided to innocent adult and child victims of hate crime, human trafficking, assault, sexual assault, child physical and sexual abuse, motor vehicle (D.W.I.), motor vehicle (non D.W.I - hit and run), survivors of homicide victims, victims of kidnapping, stalking, menacing, terrorism, arson, robbery, harassment, aggravated harassment, domestic violence, criminal contempt and burglary.

Hate Crime Victims Hotline
(631) 626-3156

The Crime Victims Center, dba, Parents for Megan’s Law, Inc. provides services to all innocent victims of violent crime and does not discriminate in the provision of services based upon race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, or any other characteristic prohibited by law.
Innocent victims of violent crime (and certain victims of property crimes), certain relatives, dependents and guardians of the victim can apply for out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance or other resources. The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) offers reimbursement related to personal injury, death and loss of essential personal property which is related to criminal activity.

What Expenses Related To The Crime May Be Reimbursed?

- Medical and counseling expenses
- Loss of essential personal property (up to $500. including $100. for cash)
- Lost wages or lost support (to $30,000.)
- Transportation (court/medical)
- Occupational/vocational rehabilitation
- Crime scene clean-up (up to $2,500.)
- Good Samaritan property losses (to $5000.)
- Essential personal property expenses (ie. eyeglasses, medication, clothing)
- Burial or Funeral Expenses
- Emergency Awards may also be granted

What is a Hate Crime?

Hate crimes are those violations of law committed against individuals or property based upon a belief or perception regarding their race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct. These crimes may include acts of physical assault, assaults with weapons, harassment, vandalism, robbery, rape, verbal harassment, attacks on homes or places of worship, forms of vandalism, and murder. It occurs everywhere: in schools, the workplace, public places and in the home.

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What Multilingual Services Are Available?

- 24 Hour Hate Crime Crisis Support Hotline (631) 626-3156.
- Assistance in filing for New York State crime victims compensation claims for reimbursement of expenses which relate to personal injury, death and loss of personal property.
- Criminal Justice Advocacy including courtroom accompaniment.
- Multi-agency service referrals for:
  - Individual and group counseling.
  - Legal and medical information.
  - Assistance with preparation of the victim impact statement and VINE registration.
  - Educational advocacy for minors.
  - Advocacy, information and referrals for concrete services, housing, long-term medical services, employment referrals, child support enforcement and social services assistance.
  - U Visa Application for victims of certain crimes.