

Crime Victims Center

The Crime Victims Center is dedicated to empowering children and adults with skills learned during our prevention education programs & advocacy services.

The CVC provides support and services to all victims of violent crime and non-offending family members. The CVC also assists victims of violent crime and elderly, minor, or disabled victims of crime in completion of applications for reimbursement of medical and essential property loss expenses related to crime. Services are provided to all victims of domestic violence, assault, hate crime, sexual assault, child physical abuse, motor vehicle (DWI) & (non-DWI), stalking, kidnapping, human trafficking, terrorism, arson, robbery, burglary, and surviving family members of homicide victims.

Services
for Victims

Prevention
Education

Four Categories of Services

Megan's Law
Community
Support

Policy &
Legislative
Support
Services

Call CVC at
(631) 689-2672
(888) ASK PFML



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**If You Have Been the Victim of a
Sexual Assault or another Violent
Crime and Need Support, Call:**

(631) 689-2672

24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline:

(631) 332-9236

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.

**Remember:
You are not alone.
You are a *survivor*.**



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Agency Services

- ❖ Rape Crisis Center
- ❖ Prevention Education
- ❖ Victim Support Services
- ❖ Megan's Law Community & Law Enforcement Support

The Crime Victims Center is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention & treatment of sexual abuse and the provision of services to all victims of violent crime. Accessible services for persons with disabilities.

Advocacy & Victim Services

CVC advocates are dedicated to meeting the needs of victims and survivors with medical & courtroom accompaniment, including sexual assault forensic examinations. Also, we provide crime victim advocacy, multiagency referrals, criminal justice & family court advocacy, free counseling for children and adults, reimbursement of expenses, and more. CVC is a NYS-certified rape crisis center and provides emergency room response for sexual assault victims.

Counseling

- ❖ **Counseling for Adults:** Individual & family counseling for victims and non-offending family members. Sessions are available for any victim or surviving family member of a violent crime.
- ❖ **Play Therapy:** This innovative, therapeutic intervention strategy is designed for young children & adolescents who have been sexually abused, and victims or surviving family members of violent crime. Sand play, art, puppetry, and other creative supports are utilized to assist children in their individual healing process.
- ❖ **Adolescent Therapy:** Individual counseling for adolescents, up to the age of 17, who have been sexually abused or are victims of any violent crime.
- ❖ **Children's Group Therapy:** Group therapy for sexually abused adolescents to foster healthy interaction with peers and to improve socialization. Respect for themselves and for others is taught through maintaining healthy boundaries.

Court School for Children: This program is designed to alleviate the potential trauma a child might experience having to go to court. The purpose of this program is to demystify the court experience by teaching children about the sights, sounds, and people they might meet. Our advocates and/or therapists work with children to build their self-esteem and empower them with information, including their rights in the courtroom and how to reduce feelings of stress. Testimony is never discussed.

Prevention Education

Our prevention education workshops are engaging, age-appropriate, and available for children, teens, college students, parents, & adults. Our curriculum-based evidence-informed or evidence-based programs focus on defining physical and emotional boundaries while providing statistical facts & available support services. Our goal is to prevent sexual assault and abuse by challenging the current cultural attitudes that perpetuate these behaviors and empowering children, teens and adults with skills.

Prevent & Support The Crime Victims Center can help

- ❖ Call CVC at (631) 689-2672 (Office)
- ❖ 24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline: (631) 332-9234
- ❖ 24 Hour Hate Crime Hotline: (631) 626-3156
- ❖ 24 Megan's Law Helpline: (855) 736-5847

Megan's Law Helpline & Community Support

- ❖ **Suffolk County Community Protection Act:** implemented in 2013 to ensure that registered offenders are in compliance with registration requirements and reduced recidivism.
- ❖ **Sex Offender Registration Tips Program (SORT):** allows the public to report registrants that are potentially failing to comply with registration laws, employment or supervision restrictions, or to report a potential offender.
- ❖ **Sex Offender Registration & Email Alert Program:** register to receive email alerts directly to your email about registered offenders in Long Island zip codes. This registry includes includes levels 1, 2, and 3 offenders.

Prevention Education

You're in Charge

Pre-school to 3rd Grade

Teaches children to recognize and protect themselves from sexual abuse by becoming aware of their own feelings & empowering them to trust their "yucky feeling."

When Should You Tell?

4th to 7th Grade

Teaches children skills they can use if something happens and how to report to trusted adults.

Katie's Secret I & II

7th to 12th Grade

Covers the warning signs of sexual abuse, the common fears of coming forward, healthy dating behaviors, and examines the story of a fifteen year old survivor.

Staying Safe I & II

9th to 12th Grade, Parents, & Adults

Defines sexual & domestic violence, discusses risk factors, and teaches proactive bystander intervention, while focusing on healthy relationship behaviors.

Safe Dates

7th to 12th Grade

Compares the difference between healthy & unhealthy relationships with role playing and discussions, teaching students the causes & consequences of dating abuse & how to develop supportive relationships.

Teen Sexting Prevention & Cyber Safety

9th to 12th Grade

Provides information about the laws regarding "sexting," the potentially devastating & long-term consequences, and how to report & protect against online predators.

Enough is Enough

Equips students with the necessary tools to understand, recognize, and prevent sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating/domestic violence and stalking.

Bringing in the Bystander

The workshop uses real-life examples to teach bystanders how to safely intervene in instances where an incident may be occurring or where there may be risk.

The Apple of My Eye Guardian for Children I & II

Adults, Professionals Working With Children, 12th Grade

Equips participants with skills to protect children & to teach children skills to protect themselves, skills to detect signs of abuse & red flags of potential offenders, and how to support a child if they disclose.

Hate Crime Prevention

9th to 12th Grade, Adults

College Prevention Programs

Staying Safe, Bringing in the Bystander, Men's Program