Crime Victims Service Center Program

Improving the health and safety of communities and families

Purpose

The Crime Victims Service Center program responds to the emotional and physical needs of victims in Washington. Services provide victims with a measure of immediate safety and security by helping them understand and participate in the criminal justice system and stabilize them through 24-hour crisis services.

Strategic Goal

Mobilize and enhance local assets that strengthen community ability to meet the economic and social needs of Washington’s families, workers and employers.

Results and Achievements

- The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) created 13 Regional Crime Victims Service Centers to provide services to crime victims statewide.
- Additionally, OCVA awarded funds to support six marginalized community projects serving victims of assault, burglary, child abuse, drunk and drugged driving, homicide, identity theft, kidnapping, trafficking, and property crimes.
- 82 grants ensure that services are available statewide through local service providers.
- The OCVA Language Bank Grant is available to all currently funded crime victim service programs to ensure that the need for interpretation is not a barrier to crime victims seeking assistance.

Services

The goal is to improve service delivery to victims of crime through OCVA contractors. Regional Crime Victim Service Center contractors provide the following core services to victims of crime:

- 24-hour crisis intervention
- Legal, medical and systems advocacy
- Community outreach and awareness
- Information and referral
- In some regions, support groups, therapy, and emergency financial assistance are also available

Fast Facts

- In 1984, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) established the Crime Victim Fund in the U.S. Treasury and authorized the fund to receive money from fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of crimes in federal courts.

Statutory Authority


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