

# Life Saving Services For Crime Victims

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## Crisis & Help Lines

For individuals who are in immediate crisis and for those who aren't, these Lines are a valuable source of immediate assistance, information & referrals for individuals seeking help. Calls are free & confidential and are answered by trained staff & volunteers. A great resource for the community including friends & families of the victims.



## Community-Based Advocacy

Community-based advocates provide comprehensive services to victims before, during and after a criminal case, or when there is no criminal case at all. Services include information & referral, access to resources, emotional support, & other forms of assistance. Community advocacy is available to victims whether they choose to report the crime or participate in the criminal justice process.



## Emergency Shelter

A short-term, safe place for survivors and their children when they are unsafe in their present living situation. While there, advocates work with clients to help them attain goals, connect with other agencies & services, & provide crisis support. Activities could include help finding a job, childcare, housing, helping with safety planning & setting up a savings account.



## Forensic Interviewing

Children's Advocacy Centers provide a safe, neutral location for child forensic interviews - neutral, developmentally and culturally appropriate conversations with a child to gather information about what may have occurred when there are concerns of possible abuse or when a child has been exposed to violence. Interviews are conducted by specially-trained individuals who talk with children to gather information in a compassionate and non-leading fashion.



## Housing assistance

Case management/advocacy & other support is available to help survivors gain sustainable, independent housing. Services include wraparound supportive services & limited financial assistance to help survivors in obtaining housing.



## Legal Advocacy

Legal advocates do not provide legal advice or representation for survivors, but they understand how the legal system works & can help provide support for survivors to help them to navigate through the process. Legal advocates help survivors understand their rights as a victim, accompany survivors to court, assist with filing protection orders, connect them with legal services & self-help resources in the community, and much more.



## Trauma-Focused Therapy

Trauma-specific, evidence-based therapy helps child and adult victims of crime process the psychological and emotional aftermath of victimization so they can begin and continue the healing process. Without appropriate treatment, trauma can have long-lasting impacts on emotional health, physical health, mental health and personal relationships.

- These life-saving programs are struggling to provide trauma-informed care and direct services to those in need and are at a breaking point.
- Significant state investment is needed to meet the rapidly rising needs and ensure that quality services continue to be available in every county across our state.
- These services are often forgotten, but make a huge difference in the lives of crime victims.

**Protect these vital services by supporting our \$132M request to support victims of crime.**