

A program dedicated to representing victims of crime in their time of need.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

By following these three easy steps, you too can volunteer for the NJC Victim Services.

1. Contact your local District Attorney's Office in the Northern Judicial Circuit for an application.
2. Send us your application. Please email this information to kcross@pacga.org or submit it online at www.districtattorneynjc.org
3. Follow up. Please allow a week for your application to be processed.

WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR:

-Professional advocates routinely provide crisis intervention, information referrals, court accompaniment, and post-trial follow-up from the complaint level through the entire justice system.

-Advocates work with thousands of victims each year and are skilled in assisting victims through the entire criminal justice system.

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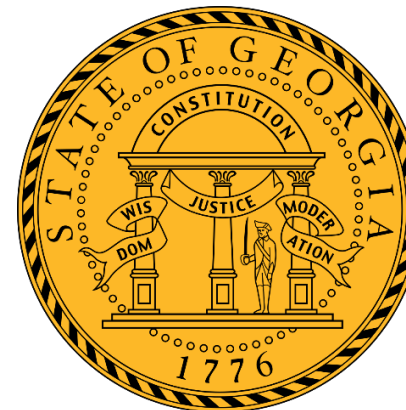
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NORTHERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT VICTIM SERVICES



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and Oglethorpe Counties**

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What is Victims Services?

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the goal of the Victim Services to provide victims of crimes high quality services and to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the victims we serve.

Often times the victims of crime feel like only the accused have rights. We in the District Attorneys' Office strongly believe that victims should have rights and are entitled to services to assist them in the court process. Victim Services recognizes the needs of the victims and provides victims with the services that are due to them. The Victim Services Office is available to answer questions about victim cases and counsel victims on the court process.

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VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS

- (1) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any scheduled court proceedings or any changes to such proceedings;
- (2) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of the arrest, release, or escape of the accused;
- (3) The right not to be excluded from any scheduled court proceedings, except as provided in this chapter or as otherwise required by law;
- (4) The right to be heard at any scheduled court proceedings involving the release, plea, or sentencing of the accused;
- (5) The right to file a written objection in any parole proceedings involving the accused;
- (6) The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney in any criminal prosecution related to the victim;
- (7) The right to restitution as provided by law;
- (8) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; and
- (9) The right to be treated fairly and with dignity by all criminal justice agencies involved in the case.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Personal/ family counseling.
- Assistance with Victim Restitution; information application and collection.
- Emergency food and referrals for help.
- Fatality intervention services; crisis intervention and counseling to survivors of vehicular fatality victims, homicide victims, and child fatality victims.
- Referral to community services.
- Community education: In service training for law enforcement officials on crisis intervention with crime victims and family violence.
- Development, printing, and distribution (at no charge) of nationally recognized prevention education documents and brochures regarding domestic violence abuse, child abuse, sexual assault, internet crimes, and property crimes.
- Professional and community awareness/prevention including active participation on various committees.

The Victim Services Program does not discriminate against individuals or group on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability. If you believe you have been the target of discrimination, you have the right to file a civil rights complaint. Information on how to file a civil rights complaint can be found on the Office of Justice Programs website.