



# crime victim center

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# Crime Victim Center

- ▶ 314-652-3623
- ▶ Founded in 1972
- ▶ Mission: Empowering those impacted by crime to move from crisis to resiliency
  - ▶ This includes those impacted by vicarious trauma!
- ▶ Helps regardless of the crime and regardless of the status in the criminal justice system



# Current Programs

- ▶ Counseling
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Legal Services
- ▶ Community Outreach

*ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE*

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# Counseling

- ▶ In-person and virtual options
- ▶ Individual and Groups
- ▶ Trauma-Informed
- ▶ Few Limitations

# Advocacy

- ▶ DVIPs
- ▶ COPAs
- ▶ Violent Crimes
- ▶ Juvenile

# Advocacy Services

- ▶ What we do:
  - ▶ Crisis intervention
  - ▶ Personal Advocacy
  - ▶ Assistance with Victims' Compensation
  - ▶ Assistance with Orders of Protections
  - ▶ System Based & Community Advocacy
  - ▶ Referrals to community resources
  - ▶ Training and technical assistance



# Legal Services

- ▶ Survivors of IPV, stalking, and sexual assault
- ▶ Orders of Protection
- ▶ Legal Helpline

# Community Outreach

- ▶ Vigil of Remembrance
- ▶ Mother's Day Brunch
- ▶ Trainings
- ▶ Resource Fairs



# Agency Partners & Memberships

Bullet Related Injury Clinic  
City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney- Victim Services Unit  
City of St Louis - Department of Public Safety  
City of St. Louis Department of Health Homicide, Ministers, and Community Alliance  
St. Louis Court Watch Leadership  
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Program  
Missouri Department of Corrections Board of Probation & Parole  
Missouri Department of Social Services  
Missouri Victim Assistance Network  
St. Louis Field Education Collaborative  
National Custody Strategy Network  
UMSL Campus Coordinated Response Team

Missouri Bar Family Law Remote Access Committee--Order of Protection Subgroup  
Missouri Bar Association  
National Alliance of Grieving Children  
National Organization for Victim Assistance  
Neighborhood Healing Network  
St. Louis Anti-Violence Project  
St. Louis City Family Violence Council  
St. Louis County Family Violence Council  
St. Louis Community Foundation  
St. Louis County Police Department  
Family Court of St. Louis County  
St. Louis City Juvenile Court  
St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney- Victim Services Division  
St. Louis Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence Network  
St. Louis Queer+ Support Helpline (SQSH)  
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department  
St. Louis Violence Prevention Collaborative

The Crime Victim Center empowers people impacted by crime to move from crisis to resiliency, and reduces the negative impact of crime on individuals and the community.

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The Crime Victim Center has been a proud member agency of the United Way since 1998. During this time their support has helped provide services to more than 20,000 victims. Please support the United Way so they can continue to make a difference in our community.

# Trauma Responses

- ▶ Effects everyone differently
  - ▶ two people can experience the same trauma and have different reactions
- ▶ Trauma Reactions
  - ▶ Flight
  - ▶ Fight
  - ▶ Freeze
- ▶ Changing the question of “what’s wrong with you?” to “what happened to you?”



# \*Vicarious Trauma\*

- ▶ Secondary traumatic stress and/or secondary victimization
- ▶ Profound shift in world view
- ▶ When another's story traumatically affects your mental health
- ▶ Can be immediate and as a result of one incident



# As a victim of crime, you have the right to...

1. Information about the crime and the availability of state crime victim compensation, financial assistance and emergency crisis intervention services;
2. Information about the criminal justice system;
3. Be present at all criminal justice proceedings at which the defendant has such right, including juvenile proceedings where the offense would have been a felony if committed by an adult;
4. Be informed of and heard at bail hearings, guilty pleas, sentencing's, probation and parole hearings;
5. Be informed of charges filed, preliminary hearing dates, trial dates, continuances, and case dispositions;

# As a victim of crime, you have the right to...

6. A speedy disposition and appellate review of case;
7. Request restitution;
8. Reasonable protection from defendant or persons acting on behalf of the defendant;
9. Information about the release, escape, recapture or death of the accused while in confinement;
10. Be provided with a secure waiting area for court proceedings.

Article 1, Section 32 of the Constitution can be found at [www.moga.mo.gov/MoStatutes/ConstHTML/A010321.html](http://www.moga.mo.gov/MoStatutes/ConstHTML/A010321.html) Section 595.209, RSMo, can be found at: [www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/59500002091.html](http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/59500002091.html)

# Missouri Victims' Compensation Program

- ▶ Victim of violent crime, crime occurred in Missouri, crime occurred in 2 years time, reported the crime within 48 hrs, & not in commission of crime
- ▶ Total compensation awards may not exceed \$25,000
  - ▶ Up to \$25,000 for medical expenses
  - ▶ Up to \$200 per week for lost wages/loss of support
  - ▶ Up to \$5,000 for funeral expenses
  - ▶ Up \$2,500 for counseling expenses
- ▶ Covers out of pocket expenses paid for by the victim or victims' family & is a payer of last resort (covers losses not covered by other sources)

# Application for Crime Victim Comp

## **Medical**

- Victim Information
- Crime Information
- Police Report Number
- Insurance policy
- Medical bills
  - Hospital stay
  - Ambulance
  - Medications
  - Therapy
  - Office visits

## **Lost Wages/Support**

- Victim Information
- Crime Information
- Police Report Number
- Work Information
- Three latest pay stubs

## **Funeral**

- Victim Information
- Crime Information
- Police Report Number
- Life Insurance Policy
- Death Certificate
- Itemized Funeral Bills
  - Cemetery plot
  - Headstone
  - Day of expenses

# Questions?

Thank you!

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