

VICTIM SERVICES UNIT



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THE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

The Victim Services Unit of the Kings County District Attorney's Office assists crime victims, witnesses and their families in navigating the criminal justice system throughout the duration of their cases. The counselors and advocates provide crime victims with supportive counseling and other services to help in overcoming the emotional trauma associated with being a crime victim.

The Victim Services Unit provides assistance to all crime victims and witnesses in Kings County.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Crisis intervention and safety planning
- Short term counseling- individual and group sessions available
- Financial and medical reimbursement assistance through the New York State Office of Victim Services (eligibility requirements apply)
- Assistance in obtaining Orders of Protection in Family Court
- Court Escort and Criminal Justice procedure information
- Registration with VINE about the custody status of inmates in the New York Department of Corrections. This information can be obtained through calling 1-888-VINE-4NY.



Victim Services Unit

350 Jay St, 15th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 250 - 3820

Important Contacts

Main Switchboard :
(24hrs) (718) 250 - 2000

Domestic Violence Bureau:
(718) 250 - 3300

Victim Services Unit
(718) 250 - 3820

TDD/TTY:
(718) 250 - 2338

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

350 Jay St. 15th Floor
Walk in hours:

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm

Main Switchboard:
(718) 250 - 5111

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES

Victims Assistance Hotline:
(800) 247 - 8035

SAFE HORIZON

Community Program Helpline:
(855) 234-1042

HOTLINES/HELPLINES:

Domestic Violence
(800) 621 - HOPE

Suicide Prevention
(212) 673 - 3000

NYC Well
(888) NYCWELL

NYC Non Emergency Information
311

VICTIM SERVICES SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

PROJECT SHIELD

A collaboration between the Kings County District Attorney's Office and YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities, Project Shield is a program that facilitates more effective investigations and prosecutions of sex crimes and domestic violence involving individuals with disabilities through education, victim support, and criminal justice advocacy.

KCDA PRIDE CONNECT

KCDA Pride Connect is a program designed to empower and assist LGBTQIA+ survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault navigate through the criminal justice system by providing culturally competent and trauma-informed support.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The Teen Dating Violence Program provides support to victims of intimate partner violence between the ages of 13 and 24. The program seeks to break the cycle of violence through early victim intervention, advocacy, counseling, and referrals while providing education and outreach in the community.

ELDER ABUSE UNIT

The Elder Abuse Unit provides counseling and support to victims aged 60 years or older who have experienced parental abuse (including parents, grandparents, great-grandparents), intimate partner violence, and abuse by caregivers. The Unit's partnership with the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA), the Jewish Association Serving the Aging (JASA), and Adult Protective Services (APS) provides the opportunity for early intervention.

Elder Abuse Helpline - 718-250-5299

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

- You have a right to be free from intimidation.
- You have a right to certain types of assistance, restitution, and compensation.
- You have a right to be notified of judicial proceedings, court dates, and case disposition.
- You have a right to be notified of the defendant's release from custody.
- You have a right to submit a written victim impact statement to be considered by the Judge when determining the offender's sentence.
- You have a right to submit a written victim impact statement to be considered by the Parole Board when reviewing an inmate's release.
- You have a right to the prompt return of property held for evidence unless there is a compelling reason for retaining it.

NOTICE
If you feel you have been discriminated against in the delivery of program services based on age, color, race, creed, disability, gender (including gender identity), genetic predisposition or carrier status, marital status, domestic partnership status, military status, national origin (including alienage, ancestry and citizenship status), pregnancy, prior arrest or conviction, religion, sexual orientation, or status as a victim of domestic violence, sex offense or stalking, or because you are a person who is perceived to be within one of these categories or who has a known relationship or association with someone who is, or is perceived to be, within one of these categories, please contact the KCDA EEO Officer, Nicole Chavis, at (718) 250-2380.