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NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
APRIL 26 - MAY 2

**25 YEARS OF REBUILDING LIVES:
CELEBRATING THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT**

ACTION KIT

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A Message from Appriss

For the tenth year, Appriss is proud to present this National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVCRW) Action Kit to help our clients publicize the availability of VINE®, SAVIN, and other critical victims' services.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be commemorated April 26 to May 2, 2009. This year's theme, "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act," is reflected in all the contents of this guide.

Within this Action Kit, all information that is *italicized* is meant to be adapted to your state or jurisdiction.

The Action Kit includes:

- **A sample news release** to publicize your important NCVCRW activities and to promote victim and public awareness of your community's VINE/SAVIN service. You may want to include state-specific data and attach the Victims of Crime Act fact sheet included in this guide. Generally, news releases should be sent to news outlets at least a week in advance.
- **Sample public service announcements**, in 30- and 60-second formats, to promote both NCVCRW and the VINE/SAVIN service in your community. Contact your local television and radio stations to obtain information about their requirements for submitting PSAs. Generally, PSAs should be provided to broadcast stations at least three weeks in advance.
- **A sample proclamation** that focuses on the nationwide accomplishments related to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which can be adapted for state governors, legislatures, county boards of supervisors, city councils, or other public government entities. You may also want to add any information specific to the impact of VOCA on your state or jurisdiction.
- **A Victims of Crime Act fact sheet**, which offers a unique historical perspective of the Crime Victims Fund and how its monies are distributed, and includes a listing of VOCA dollars each state has received for victim assistance and victim compensation since 1986. Appriss is grateful to Steve Derene, executive director of the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, for contributing this important information.
- **VOCA testimonials and supportive evidence**, which includes a brief history of the 1982 President's Task Force on Victims of Crime (which led to the passage of the Victims of Crime Act); testimonials from victims and survivors; and quotes from leaders in the field. These comments can be used to help frame a public discussion of the powerful and positive impact of VOCA on crime victims over the past 25 years.
- **A history of victim notification in the United States**, which highlights the key accomplishments and landmarks related to victim information and notification since 1980.
- **Toll-free and online victim resources**, an exhaustive list of support services for crime victims and those who assist them.

If you have any questions about the contents of this Action Kit or need further information, please contact Jennifer Recktenwald at 1-866-APPRISS ext. 3877 or jrecktenwald@appriss.com.

Sample News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
(DATE)

CONTACT: Name/Agency
(A/C) Telephone

America Commemorates the Silver Anniversary of the Passage of the Victims of Crime Act *2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week*

(City) — During the week of April 26 to May 2, 2009, crime victims and survivors and those who serve them will join together across America to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA). This landmark legislation established the Crime Victims Fund, the only Federal program that funds services to help victims of all types of crime. The Fund is comprised of fines and penalties assessed against convicted Federal offenders – not taxpayers dollars. Since its inception 25 years ago, more than \$9 billion has been deposited in the Fund through 2008, and (state or community) has received (amount of dollars) in victim assistance grants, and (amount of dollars) in crime victim compensation grants over the past quarter century.

“25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act” is the theme of 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. VOCA has helped create programs and services that assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child and elder abuse, drunk driving, identity theft, as well as surviving family members of homicide victims. In (state or community), VOCA has (cite a few major accomplishments that are supported by VOCA funds).

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is also a time to commemorate the ongoing efforts that promote victim justice in America. One of the most important ways that “justice for all” is achieved today is through VINE® (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), a free, anonymous service available in more than 2,200 communities nationwide.

VINE, also known as SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification) in some communities, allows victims and others concerned citizens to confidentially register and access information about the status of their offenders, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and provides automated telephone or e-mail notification of key activities related to their cases, including (list types of notification here provided by local VINE service here).

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VINE was created in 1994 following the murder of Mary Byron in Louisville, Kentucky. She and her parents, John and Pat Byron, had asked to be notified when Mary's ex-boyfriend was released from jail. They were never told that he was released, and Mary was murdered by this man on her 21st birthday. Pat Byron, president of the Mary Byron Project, describes VINE as "a true legacy to Mary's brief life and brutal death, and a vital service that can prevent similar crimes from occurring today and in the future."

According to *(spokesperson)*, the VINE program promotes "justice for victims and justice for all" by providing a critical service to victims that enhances their personal safety, and helps them make informed choices about their cases, their alleged or convicted offenders, and their lives.

"VINE is a vital public service that informs crime victims and survivors about the status of their case and the location of their offender," *(spokesperson)* explained. "Through VINE, victims achieve a true sense of justice by keeping them informed and involved in their cases."

Initiated in *(community or state)* in *(year)*, VINE is a public service available free to crime victims and concerned citizens. To register for VINE, *(provide a detailed description of the registration process)*.

For additional information about the VINE program in *(community or state)* or 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities scheduled for our *(community or state)*, contact *(name/title)* at *(area code/telephone number)*, or visit our Web site at *(web site address)*.

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Attachment: *Victims of Crime Act Fact Sheet*

After personalizing this press release to your jurisdiction (including information about local NCVRW activities), it should be typed double-spaced, with the pages paper-clipped.

Sample Public Service Announcements

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If you or someone you know is a victim or survivor of crime, you have the right to information about your offender and the status of your case. Victim Information and Notification Everyday, or VINE, is a free, 24-hour-a-day confidential service that automatically informs registered victims of an offender's status and release from jail or prison. April 26th to May 2nd is National Crime Victims' Rights Week. During this week and throughout the year, we can help victims rebuild their lives and regain a sense of security and hope by keeping them *informed about* and *involved* in their cases. VINE is an important service that provides help, hope and safety options to crime victims. Call VINE at (*area code/telephone number*) to register for notification. Because information and notification are essential to helping crime victims rebuild their lives.

:30 seconds:

April 26th to May 2nd is National Crime Victims' Rights Week – an opportunity to help crime victims and survivors rebuild their lives in the aftermath of crime. Here in (*community*), the Victim Information and Notification Everyday service, or VINE, serves crime victims through its free, around-the-clock service that automatically informs registered victims of an offender's status and release from jail or prison. Call VINE at (*area code/telephone number*) to register for notification, and to help promote justice for all – including victims of crime.

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* *If your automated victim information and notification system is called SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System) or some other title, simply substitute your title for VINE.*

Sample Proclamation

- Whereas,** Each year in America, 25 million people are victimized by violent and property crimes that affect them emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually; and
- Whereas,** Crime victims' rights and services are integral to our nation's commitment to justice for all Americans; and
- Whereas,** The theme of 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act" (VOCA); and
- Whereas,** The Crime Victims Fund was established through VOCA in 1984 to hold Federal offenders accountable for their crimes through fines and other penalties that support victim assistance and state victim compensation programs across our nation; and
- Whereas,** Since its inception, more than \$9 billion in Federal criminal fines and penalties have been deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, as a result of prosecutions brought by U.S. attorneys throughout the nation; and
- Whereas,** VOCA funds have been used over the past 25 years to enhance crime victim services and promote the implementation of victims' rights, including the rights to information and notification; and
- Whereas,** Crime victims' ability to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of crime is enhanced by receiving information about the status and location of alleged and convicted offenders – information that is readily available to crime victims and the public from our (*state's/community's*) Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system; and
- Whereas,** VOCA and the Crime Victims Fund have had a profound and positive impact on helping crime victims and survivors to rebuild their lives, and to become active participants in the criminal justice system; therefore, be it
- Resolved,** That (*individual or entity*) proclaims the week of April 26 to May 2, 2009 to be (*city/county/parish/state*) Crime Victims' Rights Week to honor crime victims and survivors, and those who serve them; and be it further
- Resolved,** That we seek to recognize the impact of VOCA that holds Federal offenders accountable for their crimes in a manner that helps victims and survivors across America to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of crime; and be it further
- Resolved,** That a suitably prepared copy of this proclamation be presented to (*organization*) on (*date*).

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT Fact Sheet

Enacted in 1984, the **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)** created a special **Crime Victims Fund** to be used exclusively to support important services for crime victims. The Fund consists entirely of fines and other penalties paid by Federal criminals. More than **\$9 billion** in Federal criminal fines and penalties has been deposited in the Crime Victims Fund through 2008. These funds are the result of prosecutions brought by United States Attorneys throughout the country.

No taxpayer dollars are used for VOCA-supported victim services.

VOCA is the only Federal program that funds services to help victims of all types of crimes. Its hallmark has been its grants for a variety of victim services, including direct victim assistance and crime victim compensation programs.

State VOCA Victim Assistance. Since the creation of the Crime Victims Fund, nearly \$5 billion has been distributed by state VOCA victim assistance agencies to support services to victims of all types of crime through public and non-profit direct victim assistance agencies. These include domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, child abuse treatment programs, support groups and advocacy for survivors of homicides and drunk driving crashes, prosecutor- and law enforcement-based victim services, and child advocacy centers. More than 4 million crime victims annually receive important VOCA-funded crisis intervention, counseling, support groups, emergency shelter, emergency transportation, advocacy and support in the criminal justice system, crisis line support and other critical services through 4,200 victim service agencies.

VOCA grants are made annually to state VOCA assistance agencies based largely on the state's population. The state subgrants these funds to agencies providing direct victim services.

Crime Victim Compensation. Each state has a crime victim compensation program to help victims of violent crime recover from the financial burden of crime. A total of \$2 billion in VOCA grants has been used to supplement state funds as a payer of last resort to reimburse crime victims for medical costs, mental health counseling, lost wages, loss of support, funeral/burial expenses, crime scene cleanup and other related expenses. Every year, some 140,000 crime victims in all states receive crime victim compensation benefits.

Each state receives a VOCA grant equal to 60 percent of the state-funded crime victim compensation benefits paid to crime victims.

Victims of Federal Crimes. VOCA also supports services to victims of Federal crimes through victim/witness coordinators in U. S. Attorneys' Offices, victim assistance specialists in F.B.I. field offices and operation of a national Victim Notification System. A special Antiterrorism Emergency Reserve is available to help victims of international and domestic terrorism and mass violence incidents.

VOCA State Grants 1986-2008*

	Victim Assistance Grants	Crime Victim Compensation Grants	Total VOCA Grants
Alabama	77,762,562	21,752,000	99,514,562
Alaska	17,767,000	7,080,000	24,847,000
Arizona	86,611,000	11,491,000	98,102,000
Arkansas	49,467,998	13,823,000	63,290,998
California	540,610,825	519,554,000	1,060,164,825
Colorado	73,977,477	47,857,000	121,834,477
Connecticut	61,612,000	15,324,000	76,936,000
Delaware	20,079,145	9,330,000	29,409,145
Dist. Columbia	16,822,000	19,059,000	35,881,000
Florida	256,230,000	97,716,000	353,946,000
Georgia	134,672,000	30,101,000	164,773,000
Hawaii	27,156,000	6,622,000	33,778,000
Idaho	28,045,000	8,490,000	36,535,000
Illinois	203,301,000	97,726,000	301,027,000
Indiana	103,499,385	17,290,000	120,789,385
Iowa	54,106,300	20,286,000	74,392,300
Kansas	50,121,000	16,577,000	66,698,000
Kentucky	71,536,000	7,635,000	79,171,000
Louisiana	78,257,000	9,027,000	87,284,000
Maine	28,102,000	1,610,000	29,712,000
Maryland	91,500,000	23,183,000	114,683,000
Massachusetts	107,446,308	21,947,000	129,393,308
Michigan	164,651,125	17,559,000	182,210,125
Minnesota	84,843,382	15,054,000	99,897,382
Mississippi	52,387,000	6,313,000	58,700,000
Missouri	95,922,323	35,216,000	131,138,323
Montana	22,060,000	3,900,429	25,960,429
Nebraska	34,807,000	1,558,000	36,365,000
Total National Victim Assistance Grants			4,905,943,230
Total National Crime Victim Compensation Grants			2,042,159,429
Total State Grants			6,948,102,659

	Victim Assistance Grants	Crime Victim Compensation Grants	Total VOCA Grants
Nevada	37,992,000	16,208,000	54,200,000
New Hampshire	27,241,000	1,514,000	28,755,000
New Jersey	140,077,000	56,526,000	196,603,000
New Mexico	36,149,000	8,271,000	44,420,000
New York	305,422,000	121,916,000	427,338,000
North Carolina	132,520,000	28,866,000	161,386,000
North Dakota	18,058,000	1,584,000	19,642,000
Ohio	187,730,050	85,310,000	273,040,050
Oklahoma	62,154,750	18,597,000	80,751,750
Oregon	61,189,000	15,462,000	76,651,000
Pennsylvania	202,360,000	45,182,000	247,542,000
Rhode Island	24,284,450	15,877,000	40,161,450
South Carolina	70,485,000	42,279,000	112,764,000
South Dakota	19,762,000	1,611,000	21,373,000
Tennessee	96,381,000	55,091,000	151,472,000
Texas	334,203,000	278,655,000	612,858,000
Utah	42,402,900	25,307,000	67,709,900
Vermont	17,417,000	2,635,000	20,052,000
Virginia	119,076,408	13,940,000	133,016,408
Washington	99,777,479	71,568,000	171,345,479
West Virginia	36,884,000	11,901,000	48,785,000
Wisconsin	92,224,000	14,068,000	106,292,000
Wyoming	15,690,299	3,539,000	19,229,299
Puerto Rico	68,326,359	1,306,000	69,632,359
Virgin Islands	9,150,387	1,866,000	11,016,387
Am. Samoa	4,697,318		4,697,318
Guam	6,171,000		6,171,000
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* The first VOCA grants were awarded to states in 1986.

VOCA Testimonials and Supportive Evidence

Introduction

As America recognizes the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), it's important to consider the impetus for VOCA and the expansion of crime victims' rights and services in America.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan convened a Task Force on Victims of Crime that held hearings around the nation and collected suggestions from crime victims, victim service providers, and justice and allied professionals about how to improve the treatment of crime victims in America. The *Final Report* of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime provided a strong foundation that led to the passage of VOCA, the creation of the Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice, and a final strong recommendation that the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution be modified to include crime victims' rights. The *Final Report* in its entirety can be downloaded at:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/presdntstskforcrprt/welcome.html>. The *Final Report* included Federal Executive and Legislative Recommendation 2, which stated:

“Congress should enact legislation to provide Federal funding, reasonably matched by local revenues, to assist in the operation of Federal, state, local and private nonprofit victim/witness agencies that make comprehensive assistance available to all victims of crime.”

Victim and Survivor Testimony from the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime

Many victims and survivors testified before the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime about their personal – and often devastating – experiences as crime victims, and as participants in the criminal justice process.

“If I have learned anything that this Task Force should understand, it is that there is a need for some kind of victim assistance programs that reach out and seek to help people who are too emotionally involved in cases to seek help themselves.”

“This is one experience that one does not plan for, is not prepared for, and has no knowledge of who or where to turn.”

“Never once did local police direct me toward any means of assistance – no matter how loud I cried for help! I was even told it was none of my business when I asked the whereabouts of the defendants and the dates of the hearings. The defendants have ‘rights to privacy’ according to my police department.”

“The sense of security to the family was shattered somehow. Since the incident, family functioning and relationships deteriorated, contributing to the need, even later, for additional psychiatric services. We felt isolated in our anguish and our fear.”

“They explained the defendant's constitutional rights to the nth degree. They couldn't do this and they couldn't do that because of his constitutional rights. And I wondered what mine were. And they told me I haven't got any.”

“The general feeling of being a living victim or victim-survivor is one of an outcast. Ostracized from society, forgotten by family, friends, fellow workers. No one, or very few, bring the subject up.”

“I didn’t hear anything about the case for almost a year. Then all of a sudden, they called me up at work and said, ‘Come down to court right away, the trial is going to take place.’”

“One morning I woke up, looked out my bedroom window and saw the man who had assaulted me standing across the street staring at me. I thought he was in jail.”

“Each time after a continuance, I would sink back down in the hole. I spent two years not knowing what was going to happen to me.”

“Why didn’t anyone consult me? I was the one who was kidnapped, not the State of Virginia.”

“Are we asking too much if we ask to be told when and where the trial will take place? Are we asking too much if we want to be notified of plea bargaining before we read it in the paper?”

A Historical Perspective from Two VOCA Proponents and Leaders

In 1984, the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) led the effort to secure the passage of VOCA in the U.S. Congress. Two individuals who were instrumental in the original passage of VOCA and ongoing efforts over the past 25 years to maintain its integrity and purpose provide their historical perspective.

“During the past 25 years, VOCA has been the victim of many attempts to divert its funds to other programs or simply cap its available dollars. In this day and age — a period of national and global economic crisis — we must be even more vigilant against efforts to invade the Crime Victims Fund. Its preservation remains a test of our commitment to victim justice.”

— John Stein, co-founder and former deputy director of NOVA and current secretary for policy and administration with the International Organization for Victim Assistance

“The President’s Task Force recognized the Federal government’s obligation to ensure that crime victims are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, including resources essential to carrying out that obligation. The Victims of Crime Act embodies that notion by establishing the Crime Victims Fund to support assistance programs and compensation benefits for victims of all types of crimes.

“But VOCA’s significance is greater than the \$9 billion collected, not from taxpayers, but from criminal offenders. It represents the vision, leadership, and commitment of our society to fair treatment for crime victims. The true measure of the Task Force’s success is not the amount of money spent, programs started, or laws enacted, but the degree to which the crime victims who spoke to the Task Force in 1982 would feel the same way today.”

— Steve Derene, former NOVA board member and current executive director of the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators

Testimony from a Congressional Leader

“I remember testifying before President Reagan’s Task Force on Victims of Crime as a Texas District Court Judge in 1991. I spoke about the dire need for victims to have *true standing* in court processes; for the need for victim advocates to help crime victims and survivors better understand the ‘maze’ we call the ‘criminal justice system,’ and for crime victims to receive help to better understand their rights and the services available to help them.

“Twenty-five years later, I am so pleased with the progress of crime victims’ rights and services in our nation. But we cannot rest on our laurels, despite the tremendous progress that has resulted from the passage of VOCA. There are still many victims’ rights laws on the books in every state that remain *rhetoric*, not *reality*. There are still countless victims who remain unserved and unaware of their state statutory and constitutional rights.

That’s why I created the bi-partisan U.S. Congressional Victim’s Rights Caucus – to offer a voice for victims on Capitol Hill. My co-chair, Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA) and I are committed to ensuring the integrity and intent of VOCA, and to listening to crime victims and survivors and those who serve them to improve victims’ rights and services in America.

So, on the Silver Anniversary of the passage of the Victims of Crime Act, I look back with appreciation at all VOCA has done to improve crime victims’ rights and services. And I look forward to a future where the needs of all victims of crime in America are identified and addressed.”

— Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), founder and co-chair of the U.S. Congressional Victim’s Rights Caucus

Testimony from VINE and SAVIN Program Administrators

VINE and SAVIN program administrators were asked to share their reflections about the impact of VOCA on rights and services related to victim information and notification.

“VOCA was the first effort of the federal government to support the rights and services for crime victims. It revolutionized the victim rights and services movement and provided the means to viability and quality service. Without VOCA, the quality and essence of the crime victim field would never have been woven into the justice system. VOCA began to close a gaping hole in our justice system that was focused exclusively on the offender and the state, forgetting those who were actually harmed by crime. VOCA began the process of weaving the rights of crime victims into justice and balancing the scales of justice without diminishing in any way the rights of the offender and the needs of the community.”

— Marti Anderson, MSW, LISW, director of the Iowa Attorney General’s Office Crime Victim Assistance Division

“VOCA surely provided the impetus that was essential to shining the light on the needs of victims caught in the criminal justice system throughout America. The State of Texas has proudly responded without hesitation to the needs of victims of crime through legislative initiatives that have provided important services. The Office of the Texas Attorney General has responded by providing leadership that has led to the implementation of the largest dynamic and supportive victim compensation program in the nation, the largest automated victim information and notification program in the nation, and locally situated victim assistance coordinators and liaisons have been trained and made available to victims. More can be done. We have climbed the hill – yonder lies the mountain.”

— Dr. Gary M. Walker, Texas VINE project director in the Office of the Attorney General’s
Crime Victim Services Division

“VOCA has been a huge resource for victim service agencies over the past 25 years. These funds have helped to provide the means necessary for agencies to assist crime victims in utilizing their rights, such as information and notification provided by VINE. Missouri’s VINE program, MOVANS, is a great tool for our VOCA-funded agencies to offer to victims who contact them for services.”

— Beth Liescheidt, program representative in the Missouri Department of Public Safety’s Crime
Victim Services Unit

The History of Victim Notification in the United States

1980: Wisconsin passes the first “Victims’ Bill of Rights” that includes the right for victims to be notified about the status of their cases.

1982: The Task Force on Victims of Crime appointed by President Reagan publishes its *Final Report* that features 68 recommendations to provide a framework for victims’ rights and services. Included are recommendations for victim notification relevant to police, prosecutors and paroling authorities, along with a recommendation to amend the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to guarantee that “...the victim, in every criminal case, shall have the right to be present and to be heard at all critical stages of judicial proceedings.”

1984: The U.S. Congress passes the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) that establishes the Crime Victims Fund to support state victim compensation and local victim services programs, as well as the implementation of victims’ rights (including victim notification).

A victim/witness notification system is established within the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The first state corrections victim notification program is implemented by the Washington Department of Corrections.

1986: The American Correctional Association issues a policy that states “victims should be notified of the status of their offenders.”

The tragic Indiana murder of Lisa Bianco at the hands of her ex-husband, Alan Metheny, provides impetus for state correctional agencies to focus on the importance of victim notification. When Bianco’s request to be notified of Metheny’s release was not followed, he brutally murdered her while out on a furlough.

The first two comprehensive state constitutional amendments requiring that victims be “present, heard, and informed” throughout criminal justice proceedings are passed in Florida (with support from 90 percent of the electorate) and Michigan (with 80 percent of the electorate).

1990: The Federal Crime Victims’ Bill of Rights, addressed in the Crime Control Act of 1990, includes “the right to be notified of court proceedings” for victims of all federal offenses.

The U.S. Attorney General issues new comprehensive guidelines that establish procedures for the Federal criminal justice system to respond to the needs of crime victims, including the need for victim notification of case and offender status.

1994: Following the tragic murder of Mary Byron, Jefferson County, Kentucky becomes the first community to institute automated telephone victim notification of offender’s status, location, and release date.

The Department of Defense issues Directive 1030.1, which includes a Bill of Rights for victims that authorizes Department of Defense officials to ensure implementation of victims’ rights, including the right to be notified of court martial proceedings, and to know the outcome of trial and release from confinement.

The American Correctional Association publishes the landmark “Report and Recommendations on Victims of Juvenile Crime,” which offers guidelines for improving victims’ rights and services – including victim notification – in the juvenile justice system.

- 1995: The Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance delineate a range of services that should be provided to victims and witnesses at every state of the Federal criminal justice process, including the right to consultation and notification.

Federal Victims’ Rights Constitutional Amendments – which include the right to victim notification – are introduced in both the House and Senate with bi-partisan support.

The Community Notification Act, known as “Megan’s Law,” provides for notifying communities of the location of convicted sex offenders by amendment to the national Child Sexual Abuse Registry legislation.

President Clinton reaffirms his support of a Federal constitutional amendment for crime victims.

“New Directions from the Field: Victims’ Rights and Services for the 21st Century” is completed with support from the Office for Victims of Crime, and issues over 250 new recommendations from the field for the next millennium (many of which address victims’ rights to notification)

- 1999: With support from the Office for Victims of Crime, the VINE Company sponsors the first National Symposium on Statewide Automated Victim Notification, with more than 125 participants from 35 states in attendance.

As of this year, 32 states have enacted state-level constitutional amendments that provide for victims’ core rights, including victim notification.

- 2000: The Federal Victims’ Rights Constitutional Amendment (SJR 3) is addressed for the first time by the full U.S. Senate. Following two-and-a-half days of debate, SJR 3 is withdrawn for further consideration by its co-sponsors, Senators Jon Kyl (R-AZ) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), when it becomes apparent that the measure would not receive a two-thirds majority vote. The National Victims Constitutional Amendment Network (NVCAN) pledges to continue its efforts toward a Federal amendment, which includes the right to victim notification.

The Federal Victim Notification System (VNS) is established by the U.S. Department of Justice, utilizing Appriss Inc. (formerly known as the VINE Company) as the technology provider.

- 2003: The PROTECT Act of 2003 – also known as the “Amber Alert” law – creates a national network of AMBER (America’s Missing Broadcast Emergency Response) to engage and notify communities of missing persons, and to facilitate rapid law enforcement and community response to kidnapped or abducted children.

2004: Congress passes the Justice for All Act of 2004, which provides substantive rights for crime victims and mechanisms to enforce them, and authorizes \$150 million in funding over the next five years for victim assistance programs at the Federal and state levels. Included in the Act are \$22 million for enhancements to the Federal Victim Notification System (VNS); and authorization for \$25 million in grants to be provided by the Office for Victims of Crime to “state, Tribal and local prosecutors offices, law enforcement agencies, courts, jails, and correctional institutions, and to qualified public or private entities, to develop and implement state-of-the-art systems for notifying victims of crime of important dates and developments relating to the criminal proceedings at issue in a timely and efficient manner...”.

This year commemorates the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) which, since 1984, has collected more than \$5.5 billion from federal criminal fines, forfeited appearance bonds, newly created special assessments on federal convictions, and proceeds from the federal “Notoriety for Profit” law. In many states and jurisdictions, VOCA supports automated victim notification and myriad other services that keep victims informed of and involved in justice processes.

2005: Congress appropriates \$8 million to help states create or expand statewide automated victim notification systems. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) within the U.S. Department of Justice oversees the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) program. Its goal is “to increase public safety and deliver many of the basic victim notification rights provided by state constitutional amendments and statutes, as well as the new Federal law signed by President George W. Bush on October 31, 2004 and known as the Justice for All Act.”

2006: BJA establishes a collaborative SAVIN Project Steering and Advisory Committee, which develops and publishes “Guidelines and Standards” for planning, implementing and operating Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Systems.

2007: The Bureau of Justice Assistance sponsors the first annual Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) conference in Washington, DC.

2008: By the end of the year, automated victim notification services are available in 46 states and the District of Columbia, including 38 statewide programs and virtually all major metropolitan areas of the United States.

The U.S. Congressional Victim’s Rights Caucus endorses the concept of a National Automated Victim Information and Notification (NAVIN) program, and commits to provide leadership for its implementation.

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) drafts a public policy white paper on NAVIN, to be published in conjunction with 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

Toll-Free Telephone Resources for Victims' Rights and Services

Agency	Toll-free telephone and TTY	Hours of operation	Online
Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline	800-633-5155	24/7/365	http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html
Child Welfare Information Gateway	800-394-3366	Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm EST	http://www.childwelfare.gov/
Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline	877-ID-THEFT	24/7/365	http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information	800-729-6686 TDD Hotline 800-487-4889 Español 877-767-8432	24/7/365	http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/
National Criminal Justice Reference Service (Office for Victims of Crime, Justice Statistics Clearinghouse, and Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse)	800-851-3420 TTY 877-712- 9279	Monday – Friday 10 am – 6:00 pm EST	www.ncjrs.gov
Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center	866-OVC-TTAC TTY 866-682- 8880	Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm EST	www.ovcttac.org
American Domestic Violence Crisis Line (for American citizens victimized abroad)	1-866- USWOMEN	Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., PST	www.866uswomen.org
APPRISS (provider of the VINE and SAVIN services)	800-816-0491 TTY 866-847- 1298	24/7/365	www.appriss.com
Battered Women's Justice Project	800-903-0111	Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm CST	www.bjwp.org
Childhelp USA National Hotline	800-4-A-CHILD TDD 800-2-A- CHILD	24/7/365	www.childhelp.org
Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence	888-792-2873	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm PST	www.endabuse.org
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (general)	800-GET- MADD	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm CST	www.madd.org

MADD Victim/Survivor Helpline	877-MADD-HELP (877-623-3435)	24/7/365 English and Spanish	www.madd.org
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	800-843-5678 TDD 800-826-7653	24/7/365	www.missingkids.com
National Center for Victims of Crime	800-FYI-CALL TTY 800-211-7996	Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 8:30 pm EST	www.ncvc.org
National Children’s Alliance	800-239-9950	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST	http://www.nca-online.org
National Crime Prevention Council	800-NCPC-911	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm EST	www.ncpc.org
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-SAFE TTY Hotline 800-787-3224	24/7/365	http://www.ndvh.org/help/index.html
National Organization for Victim Assistance	800-TRY-NOVA	24/7/365	www.trynova.org
National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.	888-818-POMC	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST	www.pomc.com
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	800-537-2238 TTY Hotline 800-553-2508	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST	http://www.nrcdv.org/
National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women	877-733-7623	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm CST	http://www.sacred-circle.com/
National Sexual Violence Resource Center	877-739-3895 TTY 717-909-0715	Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm EST	http://www.nsvrc.org/
National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline	866-331-9474 TTY 866-331-8453	24/7/365	www.loveisrespect.org
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network	800-656-HOPE	24/7/365	www.rainn.org
Resource Center on Child Custody Protection	800-527-3223	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST	http://www.ncjfcj.org

Online Resources for Victims' Rights and Services

Federal Agencies/Resources	
Bureau of Justice Assistance	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA
Bureau of Justice Statistics	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention	http://prevention.samhsa.gov
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment	http://csat.samhsa.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	www.cdc.gov
Federal Bureau of Investigation	www.fbi.gov
Uniform Crime Reports	www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm
Federal Judicial Center	www.fjc.gov
USA.Gov	www.usa.gov
National Archive of Criminal Justice Data	www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information	http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/
National Criminal Justice Reference Service	www.ncjrs.org
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	www.nhtsa.dot.gov
National Institute of Corrections	www.nicic.org
National Institute of Justice	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	www.niaaa.nih.gov
National Institute on Drug Abuse	www.drugabuse.gov
National Sex Offender Registry	http://www.nsopr.gov
Office for Victims of Crime	www.ovc.gov
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services	www.cops.usdoj.gov
Office of Justice Programs	www.ojp.usdoj.gov
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org
Office of National Drug Control Policy	www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov
Office on Violence Against Women	www.usdoj.gov/ovw/
Supreme Court of the United States	www.supremecourtus.gov
THOMAS: Federal Legislation	http://thomas.loc.gov
U.S. Department of Education: Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention	www.higheredcenter.org
U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Grantsnet	www.hhs.gov/grantsnet
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Grants Information	www.hhs.gov/grants/index.shtml
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: HRSA Funding Opportunities	www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm
U.S. Department of Justice	www.usdoj.gov
U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens' Services Victim Assistance	http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1748.html
U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, National Center on PTSD	www.ncptsd.org
U.S. House of Representatives Victims' Rights Caucus	http://vrc.poe.house.gov
U.S. Parole Commission	www.usdoj.gov/uspc
National Victim-Related Organizations	
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law	www.abanet.org/child
Commission on Domestic Violence	www.abanet.org/domviol
Commission on Law and Aging	www.abanet.org/aging

American Humane Association	www.americanhumane.org
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children	www.apsac.org
Anti-Defamation League	www.adl.org
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	www.atask.org
Battered Women's Justice Project	www.bwjp.org
Child Abuse Prevention Network	http://child-abuse.com
Child Quest International	www.childquest.org
Child Welfare Information Gateway	www.childwelfare.gov
Child Welfare League of America	www.cwla.org
Childhelp USA	www.childhelpusa.org
Concerns of Police Survivors	www.nationalcops.org
Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community	www.dvinstitute.org
Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma	www.ivatcenters.org
Justice eSolution	www.justicesolutions.org
Mary Byron Project	www.marybyronproject.org
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	www.madd.org
National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children	http://www.nationaldec.org/
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence	www.naesv.org
National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards	www.nacvcb.org
National Association of Social Workers	www.socialworkers.org
National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators	www.navaa.org
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	www.missingkids.com
National Center for Victims of Crime	www.ncvc.org
National Center on Elder Abuse	www.elderabusecenter.org
National Children's Alliance	www.nca-online.org
National Coalition against Domestic Violence	www.ncadv.org
National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association	www.nationalcasa.org
National Crime Victim Law Institute	www.lclark.edu/org/ncvli/
National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center	www.musc.edu/cvc
National Fraud Information Center	www.fraud.org
National Insurance Crime Bureau	www.nicb.org
National Multicultural Institute	www.nmci.org
National Network to End Domestic Violence	www.nnedv.org
National Organization Against Male Sexual Victimization	www.malesurvivor.org
National Organization for Victim Assistance	www.trynova.org
National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children	www.pomc.com
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	www.nrcdv.org
National School Safety Center	www.schoolsafety.us
National Sexual Violence Resource Center	www.nsvrc.org
National Victim Assistance Academy (OVC)	www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/vaa.htm
National Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment Network	www.nvcap.org
National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center	www.vawprevention.org
Parents for Megan's Law	www.parentsformeganslaw.com
Prevent Child Abuse America	www.preventchildabuse.org
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network	www.rainn.org
Safe Campuses Now	www.safecampusesnow.org
Safe NOW Project, Inc.	http://safenowproject.org
Security on Campus, Inc.	www.securityoncampus.org
Stalking Resource Center	www.ncvc.org/src
Victims' Assistance Legal Organization (VALOR)	www.valor-national.org

Voices for America's Children	www.childadvocacy.org
Witness Justice	www.witnessjustice.org
National Criminal and Juvenile Justice and Public Policy-Related Associations	
American Center for Law and Justice	www.aclj.org
American Correctional Association	www.aca.org
American Correctional Health Services Association	www.corrections.com/achsa
American Council for Drug Education	www.acde.org
American Jail Association	www.corrections.com/aja
American Judges Association	http://aja.ncsc.dni.us
American Probation and Parole Association	www.appa-net.org
American Youth Policy Forum	www.aypf.org
Association for Conflict Resolution	www.acrnet.org
Association of Paroling Authorities International	www.apaintl.org
Association of State Correctional Administrators	www.asca.net
Balanced and Restorative Justice Project	www.barjproject.org
Center for Court Innovation	www.communityjustice.org
Center for Juvenile & Criminal Justice	www.cjcj.org
Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking	http://rjp.umn.edu
Center for Sex Offender Management	www.csom.org
Coalition for Juvenile Justice	www.juvjustice.org
Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute	www.coalitioninstitute.org
Community Policing Consortium	www.communitypolicing.org
Correctional Education Association	www.ceanational.org
Council of State Governments	www.csq.org
Governors Highway Safety Association	www.ghsa.org
Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention	www.edc.org/hec
Institute for Law and Justice	www.ilj.org
International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators	www.iaclea.org
International Association of Chiefs of Police	www.theiacp.org
International Association of Reentry	www.reentry.cc/
Join Together	www.jointogether.org
National Association for Community Mediation	www.nafcm.org
National Association for Court Management	www.nacmnet.org
National Association for Native American Children of Alcoholics	www.whitebison.org/nanacoa
National Association of Attorneys General	www.naag.org
National Association of Counties	www.naco.org
National Association of Drug Court Professionals	www.nadcp.org
National Association of Police Organizations	www.napo.org
National Association of State Alcohol & Drug Abuse Directors	www.nasadad.org
National Association of State Judicial Educators	http://nasje.org/
National Association of Women Judges	www.nawj.org
National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise	www.cneonline.org
National Center for State Courts	www.ncsconline.org
National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse	www.casacolumbia.org
National Conference of State Legislatures	www.ncsl.org
National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics	www.search.org
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	www.ncjfcj.org
National Criminal Justice Association	www.ncja.org
National District Attorneys Association	http://www.ndaa.org/

National Governors Association	www.nga.org
National Indian Justice Center	www.nijc.indian.com
National Judicial College	www.judges.org
National Juvenile Detention Association	www.njda.com
National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center	www.nlectc.org
National League of Cities	www.nlc.org
Mental Health America	www.nmha.org
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	www.noblenatl.org
National Sheriffs' Association	www.sheriffs.org
Partnership for a Drug-Free America	www.drugfree.org/
Police Executive Research Forum	www.policeforum.org
Police Foundation	www.policefoundation.org
Restorative Justice Online	www.restorativejustice.org
Restorative Justice Project	www.restorativejusticeproject.org
Southern Poverty Law Center	www.splcenter.org
State Justice Institute	www.statejustice.org
Victim Offender Mediation Association	www.voma.org
State Crime Victim Compensation Programs	
Alabama	www.acvcc.state.al.us
Alaska	www.state.ak.us/admin/vccb
Arizona	www.acjc.state.az.us/victim/victcomp.asp
Arkansas	http://www.acic.org/justice/
California	http://www.victimcompensation.ca.gov/
Colorado	http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/comp_english.htm
Connecticut	www.jud.ct.gov/crimevictim
Delaware	http://courts.delaware.gov/vccb/
District of Columbia	www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/cvcp.jsp
Florida	www.myfloridalegal.com/victims
Georgia	www.ganet.org/cjcc/victimscmp.html
Hawaii	www.hawaii.gov/cvcc/
Idaho	www.iic.idaho.gov/cv/crimevictims.htm
Illinois	www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html
Indiana	http://www.in.gov/cji/2348.htm
Iowa	www.state.ia.us/government/ag/helping_victims/index.html
Kansas	www.ksag.org/content/page/id/117
Kentucky	www.cvcb.ky.gov/
Louisiana	http://www.lcle.la.gov/programs/cvr.asp
Maine	http://maine.gov/ag/crime/victims_compensation/index.shtml
Maryland	www.dpscs.state.md.us/victimservs/vs_cicb.shtml
Massachusetts	www.ago.state.ma.us/sp.cfm?pageid=1657
Michigan	www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_3184---,00.html
Minnesota	www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/FinancialHelp
Mississippi	http://www.mississippi.gov/frameset.jsp?URL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ago.state.ms.us%2Fdivisions%2Fcrime_victim%2Fcvinfo.php
Missouri	www.dolir.mo.gov/wc/cv_help.htm
Montana	www.doj.state.mt.us/victims/default.asp

Nebraska	www.ncc.state.ne.us/services_programs/crime_victim_reparations.htm
Nevada	http://dadmin.state.nv.us/Victims_FAQs.htm
New Hampshire	http://doj.nh.gov/victim/compensation.html
New Jersey	www.state.nj.us/victims
New Mexico	www.state.nm.us/cvrc
New York	www.cvb.state.ny.us/
North Carolina	www.nccrimecontrol.org/vjs
North Dakota	www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/victim_comp.htm
Ohio	www.ag.state.oh.us/victim/compensation.asp
Oklahoma	http://www.ok.gov/dac/Victims_Services/Victims_Comp_Claim_Status_Payment_Lookup/index.html
Oregon	www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/comp.shtml#compensation
Pennsylvania	www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=571196
Rhode Island	www.treasury.ri.gov/crimevictim/
South Carolina	www.govoepp.state.sc.us/sova
South Dakota	http://dss.sd.gov/elderservices/services/cvc/index.asp
Tennessee	www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury.htm
Texas	http://browser.grik.net/www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/about_comp.shtml
Utah	www.crimevictim.utah.gov
Vermont	http://www.ccv.s.state.vt.us/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=85
Virginia	www.cicf.state.va.us
Washington	www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsInsurance/CrimeVictims/default.asp
West Virginia	www.legis.state.wv.us/Joint/victims/main.cfm
Wisconsin	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs
Wyoming	http://victimservices.wyoming.gov/vcomp.htm
State VOCA Victim Assistance Agencies	
Alabama	www.ago.state.al.us/victim.cfm
Alaska	www.dps.state.ak.us/cdvsa
Arizona	www.azvictims.com
Arkansas	www.arkansas.gov/dfa/igs/igs_voca.html
California	www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/CJPDHome?OpenForm
Colorado	http://dcj.state.co.us/ovp/VOCA.html
Connecticut	www.jud.ct.gov/crimevictim/
Delaware	www.state.de.us/cjc/victim.shtml
District of Columbia	http://ovs.dmpsj.dc.gov/ovs/site/default.asp
Florida	http://myfloridalegal.com/victims
Georgia	www.ganet.org/cjcc/voca.html
Hawaii	http://hawaii.gov/ag/cpia/main/gp
Idaho	www2.state.id.us/crimevictim/
Illinois	www.icjia.org/public/index.cfm?metaSection=Grants&metaPage=ICJIAGrants
Indiana	http://www.in.gov/cji/2605.htm
Iowa	www.state.ia.us/government/ag/helping_victi

	ms/services/grant_program.html
Kansas	www.ksag.org/content/page/id/58
Kentucky	http://ag.ky.gov/victims/
Louisiana	www.lcle.state.la.us/programs/cva.asp
Maine	www.maine.gov/dhhs/index.shtml
Maryland	www.dhr.state.md.us/victim
Massachusetts	www.mass.gov/mova
Michigan	www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_3184---,00.html
Minnesota	www.ojp.state.mn.us/grants/crime_victim_grants/index.htm
Mississippi	www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/divpages/p_s2ojp?OpenDocument
Missouri	http://www.dps.mo.gov/MOVC/Main/main.htm
Montana	http://doj.mt.gov/victims/default.asp
Nebraska	www.ncc.state.ne.us/
Nevada Department of Human Resources	www.dhhs.nv.gov
New Hampshire	www.doj.nh.gov/victim/compensation.html
New Jersey	www.nj.gov/lps/dcj/victimwitness/index.html
New Mexico	www.state.nm.us/cvrc/voca.html
New York	http://www.cvb.state.ny.us/home.aspx
North Carolina	www.gcc.state.nc.us/ForPreApp/victims.htm
North Dakota	www.state.nd.us/docr/parole/voca_grant.htm
Ohio	www.ag.state.oh.us/victim/assistance.asp
Oklahoma	www.ok.gov/dac/Federal_Grants/index.html
Oregon	www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/vawa.shtml
Pennsylvania	www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=571196
Rhode Island	www.rijjustice.state.ri.us/voca
South Carolina	www.scdps.org/ojp/voca/voca_grant.html
South Dakota	http://dss.sd.gov/elderlyservices/services/cvc/index.asp
Tennessee	www.state.tn.us/finance/rds/ocjp.htm
Texas	http://governor.state.tx.us/cjd/
Utah	www.crimevictim.utah.gov/
Vermont	www.ccv.s.state.vt.us/
Virginia	www.dcj.s.virginia.gov/victims
Washington	www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/CrimeVictims/default.asp
West Virginia	www.wvdcjs.com/justiceprograms/victimsofcrime.html
Wisconsin	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/voca/voca_program.asp
Wyoming	http://vssi.state.wy.us/
State Attorneys General Victim Services Programs	
Alabama	www.ago.state.al.us/victim.cfm
Alaska	www.law.state.ak.us/departement/criminal/victims_assist.html
Arizona	www.azag.gov/victims_rights/index.html
Arkansas	www.ag.state.ar.us
California	http://ag.ca.gov/victimservices/index.htm
Colorado	http://www.ago.state.co.us/safe_communities.cfmcpyID=105.html
Connecticut	www.ct.gov/ag/site/default.asp

Delaware	www.state.de.us/attgen/main_page/victims/victims_guide.shtml
District of Columbia	http://occ.dc.gov/occ/cwp/view,a,3,q,530974,occNav,31692,.asp
Florida	http://myfloridalegal.com/victims
Georgia	http://law.ga.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,87670814_87670971,00.html
Hawaii	http://hawaii.gov/ag
Idaho	www2.state.id.us/ag
Illinois	www.ag.state.il.us/victims/index.html
Indiana	www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/legal/victim/
Iowa	www.iowaattorneygeneral.org/helping_victims/index.html
Kansas	www.ksag.org/content/page/id/40
Kentucky	http://ag.ky.gov/victims/
Louisiana	http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=30&catID=9
Maine	www.maine.gov/ag/?r=crimeandvictims
Maryland	www.oag.state.md.us/victim.htm
Massachusetts	www.ago.state.ma.us/
Michigan	www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164----,00.html
Minnesota	www.ag.state.mn.us
Mississippi	www.ago.state.ms.us/divisions/crime_victim/dva.php
Missouri	www.ago.mo.gov/crimevictims/crimevictims.htm
Montana	http://doj.state.mt.us/victims/default.asp
Nebraska	www.ago.state.ne.us
Nevada	www.ag.state.nv.us
New Hampshire	www.doj.nh.gov/victim/index.html
New Jersey	www.state.nj.us/lps/
New Mexico	www.ago.state.nm.us/divs/vawomen/vaw.htm
New York	http://www.oag.state.ny.us/bureaus/intergov_affairs/victims_rights/about.html
North Carolina	www.ncdoj.com/victimscitizensservices/vscs_about.jsp
North Dakota	www.ag.state.nd.us/
Ohio	www.ag.state.oh.us/victim/assistance.asp
Oklahoma	www.oag.state.ok.us/oagweb.nsf/VServices!OpenPage
Oregon	http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/directory_vs_o.shtml
Pennsylvania	www.attorneygeneral.gov/
Rhode Island	http://www.riag.ri.gov/civilcriminal/victim.php
South Carolina	http://www.scattorneygeneral.org/fraud/victimservices/index.html
South Dakota	http://dci.sd.gov/victimservices/index.htm
Tennessee	www.attorneygeneral.state.tn.us/victim/victim.htm
Texas	http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/index.shtml
Utah	http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/victims_assistance.html
Vermont	www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?smod=165

Virginia	www.dcj.virginia.gov/victims
Washington	www.atg.wa.gov
West Virginia	www.wvdcjs.com/justiceprograms/victimsofcrime.html
Wisconsin	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs
Wyoming	http://vssi.state.wy.us
State Domestic Violence Coalitions	
Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.acadv.org
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.andvsa.org
Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.azcadv.org
Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.domesticpeace.com
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence	www.cpedv.org
Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.ccadv.org
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.ctcadv.org
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.dcadv.org
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.dccadv.org
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.fcadv.org
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.gcadv.org
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.hscadv.org
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence	www.idvsa.org
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.ilcadv.org
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.violenceresource.org/
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.icadv.org
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence	www.kcsdv.org
Kentucky Domestic Violence Association	www.kdva.org
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.lcadv.org
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence	www.mcedv.org
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence	www.mnadv.org
Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	www.janedoe.org
Michigan Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	www.mcadsv.org
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women	www.mcbw.org
Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.mcadv.org
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.mocadv.org
Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	www.mcadsv.com
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition	www.ndvsac.org
Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence	www.nnadv.org
New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.nhcadv.org
New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women	www.njcbw.org
New Mexico State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.nmcadv.org
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.nyscadv.org
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.nccadv.org
North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services	www.ndcaws.org
Action Ohio Coalition for Battered Women	www.actionohio.org
Ohio Domestic Violence Network	www.odvn.org
Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.ocadvsa.org
Spirits of Hope	www.onadv.com
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.ocadv.com
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.pcadv.org
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.ricadv.org
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.sccadvasa.org

South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	www.southdakotacoalition.org
Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.tcadv.org
Texas Council on Family Violence	www.tcfv.org
Utah Domestic Violence Council	www.udvac.org
Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.vtnetwork.org
Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance	www.vadv.org
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.wscadv.org
West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.wvcadv.org
Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence	www.wcadv.org
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	http://www.wyomingdvsa.org/index1.htm
State Sexual Assault Coalitions	
Alabama Coalition Against Rape	http://www.acar.org/index.html
Alaska Network on Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.andvsa.org
Arizona Sexual Assault Network	www.azsan.org
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.acasa.ws
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.calcasa.org
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.ccasa.org
Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.	www.connsacs.org
DC Rape Crisis Center	www.dcrcc.org
CONTACT Delaware, Inc.	www.contactdelaware.org/
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence	www.fcasv.org
Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault	www.gnesa.org
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence	www.idvsa.org
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.icasa.org
Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.incasa.org
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.iowacasa.org
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence	www.kcsdv.org
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.	http://kyasap.brinkster.net/
Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault	www.lafasa.org
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.mecasa.org
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.mcasa.org
Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	www.janedoe.org
Michigan Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	www.mcadsv.org
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.mncasa.org
Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Abuse	www.mscasa.org
Missouri Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.mssu.edu/missouri/mocasa/mocasa.htm
Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	www.mcadsv.com
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition	www.ndvsac.org
Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence	www.ncasv.org
New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.nhcadv.org
New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.njcasa.org
New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.	www.swcp.com/nmcsaas
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.nyscasa.org
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault	www.nycagainstrape.org
North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.nccasa.org
North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services	www.ndcaws.org
Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio	http://www.ohiohealth.com/body.cfm?id=980#prog

Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.ocadvsa.org
Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition	www.onadv.com
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.ocadv.com
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape	www.pcar.org
Day One, the Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center of Rhode Island	www.dayoneri.org
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.sccadvasa.org
South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	www.southdakotacoalition.org
Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	www.tcadv.org
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault	www.taasa.org
Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.ucasa.org
Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.vtnetwork.org
Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance	www.vsdvalliance.org
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs	www.wcsap.org
West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services, Inc.	www.fris.org
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault	www.wcasa.org
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	www.wyomingdvsa.org/index1.htm
Federal and State Corrections (Adult)	
Federal Bureau of Prisons	www.bop.gov
Alabama Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.al.us
Alaska Department of Corrections	www.correct.state.ak.us
Arizona Department of Corrections	www.adc.state.az.us
Arkansas Department of Corrections	www.state.ar.us/doc
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	www.cdcr.ca.gov
Colorado Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.co.us
Connecticut Department of Correction	www.ct.gov/doc
Delaware Department of Correction	www.state.de.us/correct/default.shtml
District of Columbia Department of Corrections	http://doc.dc.gov/doc/site/default.asp
Florida Department of Corrections	www.dc.state.fl.us
Georgia Department of Corrections	www.dcor.state.ga.us
Hawaii Department of Public Safety	www.hawaii.gov/psd
Idaho Department of Correction	www.corr.state.id.us
Illinois Department of Corrections	www.idoc.state.il.us
Indiana Department of Correction	www.ai.org/indcorrection
Iowa Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.ia.us
Kansas Department of Corrections	http://www.dc.state.ks.us/
Kentucky Department of Correction	www.corrections.ky.gov
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement & Administration of Criminal Justice	http://www.doc.louisiana.gov/
Maine Department of Corrections	www.state.me.us/corrections
Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	www.dpccs.state.md.us/
Massachusetts Department of Correction	http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsagencylanding&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Public+Safety+Agencies&L2=Massachusetts+Department+of+Correction&sid=Eeops
Michigan Department of Corrections	www.michigan.gov/corrections

Minnesota Department of Corrections	www.corr.state.mn.us
Mississippi Department of Corrections	www.mdcc.state.ms.us
Missouri Department of Corrections	www.doc.missouri.gov
Montana Department of Corrections	www.cor.state.mt.us/
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services	www.corrections.state.ne.us
Nevada Department of Corrections	www.ndoc.state.nv.us
New Hampshire Department of Corrections	www.state.nh.us/nhdoc
New Jersey Department of Corrections	www.state.nj.us/corrections
New Mexico Corrections Department	http://corrections.state.nm.us
New York State Department of Correctional Services	www.docs.state.ny.us
New York City Department of Correction	www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doc
North Carolina Department of Correction	www.doc.state.nc.us
North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	www.state.nd.us/docr
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	www.drc.state.oh.us
Oklahoma Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.ok.us
Oregon Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.or.us
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections	www.cor.state.pa.us
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.ri.us
South Carolina Department of Corrections	www.state.sc.us/scdc
South Dakota Department of Corrections	www.state.sd.us/corrections/corrections.html
Tennessee Department of Correction	www.state.tn.us/correction
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	www.tdcj.state.tx.us
Utah Department of Corrections	www.cr.ex.state.ut.us
Vermont Department of Corrections	www.doc.state.vt.us
Virginia Department of Corrections	www.vadoc.state.va.us
Washington State Department of Corrections	www.doc.wa.gov
West Virginia Division of Corrections	www.wvdoc.com/wvdoc
Wisconsin Department of Corrections	www.wi-doc.com
Wyoming Department of Corrections	http://doc.state.wy.us/corrections.asp
State Corrections (Juvenile)	
Alabama Department of Youth Services	www.dys.alabama.gov/
Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice	www.hss.state.ak.us/djj
Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	www.juvenile.state.az.us/Offices/Victims/VictimsHome.htm
Arkansas Division of Youth Services	www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dys/index.htm
California Division of Juvenile Justice	www.cdcr.ca.gov
Colorado Division of Youth Corrections	www.cdhs.state.co.us/dyc
Connecticut Bureau of Juvenile Justice	www.ct.gov/dcf/cwp/view.asp?a=2550&q=314444
Delaware Dept. of Services for Children, Youth & Families	http://kids.delaware.gov/
District of Columbia Youth Services	www.dhs.dc.gov/dhs/cwp/view,a,3,q,492460,asp
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	www.djj.state.fl.us
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice	www.djj.state.ga.us
Hawaii Office of Youth Services	www.hawaii.gov/dhs/youth/oys
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	www.djc.state.id.us
Illinois Department of Corrections Juvenile Division	www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/dept_overview/2002/juvenile_division.shtml
Indiana Juvenile Facilities	www.in.gov/indcorrection
Iowa Juvenile Institutions	www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs2005/dhs_homepage/children_family/juvenile_facilities/index.html
Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority	http://jja.state.ks.us/index.htm

Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice	http://djj.ky.gov
Louisiana Office of Youth Development	www.oyd.louisiana.gov
Maine Department of Corrections Juvenile Services Division	www.state.me.us/corrections/juvenile/index.htm
Maryland Department of Juvenile Services	www.djs.state.md.us
Massachusetts Department of Youth Services	www.state.ma.us/dys
Michigan Bureau of Juvenile Justice	www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_34044---,00.html
Minnesota Department of Corrections Juvenile Facilities	www.doc.state.mn.us
Mississippi Division of Youth Services	www.mdhs.state.ms.us/dys.html
Missouri Division of Youth Services	www.dss.mo.gov/dys/index.htm
Montana Department of Corrections Juvenile Division	www.cor.state.mt.us/YouthServices/YouthServices.asp
Nebraska Juvenile Services	www.hhs.state.ne.us/jus/jusindex.htm
Nevada Juvenile Justice Services	http://dcfs.state.nv.us/DCFS_JuvenileJusticeSvcs.htm
New Hampshire Division for Juvenile Justice Services	www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/DJJS/default.htm
New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission	www.state.nj.us/lps/jjc/jjchome.html
New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department	http://www.cyfd.org/
New York Office of Children and Family Rehabilitative Services	www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/rehab
North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention	www.ncdjjdp.org
North Dakota Juvenile Justice Services	www.ndaco.org/jj/default.asp
Ohio Department of Youth Services	www.dys.ohio.gov
Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs	www.state.ok.us/~oja
Oregon Youth Authority	www.oregon.gov/OYA
Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission	http://www.jjc.state.pa.us/jjc/site/default.asp
Rhode Island Juvenile Corrections	www.hepprograms.org/juven
South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice	www.state.sc.us/djj
South Dakota Juvenile Corrections	www.state.sd.us/corrections/juvenile_corrections.htm
Tennessee Department of Children's Services Division of Juvenile Justice	www.state.tn.us/youth/juvenilejustice.htm
Texas Youth Commission	www.tyc.state.tx.us
Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services	www.hsdyc.state.ut.us
Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services	www.state.vt.us
Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice	www.djj.state.va.us
Washington Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration	www1.dshs.wa.gov/jra
West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services	www.wvdjs.state.wv.us
Wisconsin Division of Juvenile Corrections	www.wi-doc.com/index_juvenile.htm
Wyoming Juvenile Services	www.wyjuvenilejustice.com
Victims' Rights Compliance and/or Enforcement Programs	
Arizona Voice for Crime Victims	www.voiceforvictims.org
Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance	www.coloradocrimevictims.org
Connecticut: Office of the Victim Advocate	www.ovs.state.ct.us
Florida Network of Victim Witness Services	www.fnvws.org
Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance	www.iowaiova.com
Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center	www.mdcrimevictims.org
Michigan Crime Victim Foundation	www.crimevictimfoundation.org
Michigan Victim Alliance	www.mivictims.org
Minnesota: Crime Victim Justice Unit	http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/CVJU/about.htm
Missouri Victim Assistance Network	http://mo.va.missouri.org

New Mexico Crime Victims Association	www.candothat.com/nmcva
North Carolina Victim Assistance Network	www.nc-van.org
Ohio Victim Witness Association	www.ovwa.org
Oregon Crime Victims' Assistance Network	www.oregonvictims.com/cvanonly.htm
Crime Victims United of Oregon	www.crimevictimsunited.org
South Carolina: Crime Victims' Ombudsman	www.govoepp.state.sc.us/cvo
South Carolina Victim Assistance Network	www.scvan.org
Texans for Equal Justice	www.texansforequaljustice.org
Texas Victim Services Association	www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/2962
Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates	www.wccva.org
Wisconsin Department of Justice	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/Boards_&Advisorygroups/WisconsinCrimeVictimsCouncil.asp
Wisconsin: Crime Victim Rights Board	www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/CVRB.asp
Wyoming Crime Victims Coalition	www.wycrimevictims.org
Other Victim Resources	
Alliance for Justice	www.afj.org
American Psychological Association	www.apa.org
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	www.bgca.org
Children's Institute Inc.	www.childrensinstitute.org
Communities Against Violence Network	www.cavnet.org
Compassionate Friends	www.compassionatefriends.com
Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence	www.caepv.org
Hope for Healing	www.geocities.com/HotSprings/2402
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies	www.istss.org
International Victimology Website	www.victimology.nl
Internet Crime Complaint Center	www.ic3.gov
Jewish Women International	www.jewishwomen.org
Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies	http://www.washburn.edu/ce/jcvvs/
Justice for All	www.jfa.net
Michigan State University Victims and the Media Program	http://victims.jrn.msu.edu
National Center for PTSD	www.ncptsd.va.gov
National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	http://www.preventelderabuse.org/
Post Trauma Resources	www.posttrauma.com
Safe Horizon (New York City region)	www.safehorizon.org
Security On Campus	www.securityoncampus.org
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner	www.sane-sart.com
Sexual Assault Response Team	www.sane-sart.com
The Stalking Victim's Sanctuary	www.stalkingvictims.com
Stop Bullying Now	www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp
Victim Assistance Online	www.vaonline.org
Violence Policy Center	www.vpc.org
Women's Justice Center	www.law.pace.edu/bwjc
Workplace Violence Research Institute	www.workviolence.com
Legal Research/Resources	
Findlaw	www.findlaw.com
National Crime Victim Law Institute	www.lclark.edu/org/ncvli
U.S. Supreme Court Decisions	http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html
WashLaw Legal Research on the Web	www.washlaw.edu
Media	
Criminal Justice Journalists	www.reporters.net/cij
Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma	www.dartcenter.org
News Index	http://www.journalism.org/news_index

Newslink	http://newslink.org
Newspapers.com	www.newspapers.com
Poynter Institute for Media Studies	www.poynter.org
Public Relations Society of America	www.prsa.org

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