



Budget Presentation Fiscal Year 2018

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Performance Report

VISION

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services joins with victims, survivors, and those who interact with victims and offenders to provide, sustain, and support a collaborative system of direct services across Vermont that is comprehensive, victim-centered, trauma-informed and accessible to all diverse populations. The Center also works to hold offenders accountable for the harm they have caused victims and communities.

MISSION

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services provides leadership to the state to ensure that justice is delivered to all victims and survivors of crime through recognition of harm done and advocacy for their rights and needs. This is accomplished by:

- Strengthening and coordinating programs serving crime victims
- Promoting the rights and needs of crime victims statewide
- Administering federal and state grant funds for crime victim services
- Serving as a clearinghouse for information regarding crime victims

OVERVIEW

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services believes that every person is equal and valuable; and if victimized, is entitled to full and equal justice. Justice for crime victims can be achieved through the individualized provision of high quality services, by holding offenders accountable for harm done; and by engaging and educating communities and government agencies about victimization.

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services tracks and measures the performance of its programs. This framework is used to measure success:

- How do we know how we did?
 - This is achieved through post service surveys and tracking outcomes for federal reports. The Training Unit of the Center provides data from each training including a post presentation survey.
- How much did we do?
 - All funded programs provide detailed information on the number of people receiving services, number and type of services provided, along with demographic and other information required by federal grants.

THREE-PRONGED APPROACH:

1. PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE CENTER:

- **VICTIMS COMPENSATION**

- Providing benefits to victims with police reports to compensate for medical and therapy costs, funeral costs, and lost wages. In addition, state special funds are used to provide medical and therapy costs for sexual assault victims who have not filed a police report.

- **RESTITUTION**

- Providing upfront reimbursement (up to \$5,000) to individuals who have restitution ordered and collecting restitution for individuals and others to pass on to victims.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANT AND TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE CENTER:

- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING**

- Collaborative initiatives with organizations to offer trainings, conferences, community events and learning opportunities including the Vermont Victim Assistance Academy (VVAA). The VVAA is a comprehensive, foundation-level course on victims' rights, services, and their experience of crime and its aftermath. The VVAA is a practical, interactive training presented by

seasoned professionals from a variety of fields. It is open to those whose work and lives intersect with victims and survivors of crime.

3. GRANT FUNDED SERVICES ACROSS THE STATE:

- **VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VICTIM ADVOCATES FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY OFFICES)**
- **RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES**
- **LEGAL SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME**
- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE WORKER**
- **SUPERVISED VISITATION CENTERS**
- **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS**
- **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**
- **SANE CLINICAL COORDINATOR**
- **VERMONT NETWORK AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE MEMBER PROGRAMS ACROSS THE STATE (SHELTERS AND COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMMING)**
- **SERVICES, TRAINING, OFFICERS PROGRAM (STOP) SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION AND COMMUNITY BASED VICTIM SERVICES**
- **VICTIM ASSISTANCE FOR HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS**
 - The Center supports direct services by providing financial support and technical assistance to non-profit agencies, law enforcement agencies, and state's attorney offices. With some grants the Center acts as a pass-through, in others, there is more direct oversight. Some programs have only one fund source, either state or federal, and others multiple sources of funds.
 - The Center is able to take a comprehensive approach to allocating funds geographically, demographically, and across program purposes. Staff at the Center monitor all grant recipients for compliance with state and/or federal guidelines and evaluate their activities to assess effectiveness. The Center provides technical assistance and training to new personnel on grant reporting requirements.