

to participate, both parties will work with a either party to withdraw at any time. Only harm. If the incarcerated individual agrees facilitator to prepare for the discussion dialogue with the individual who caused completely voluntary process, allowing Victim-Offender Dialogue (VOD) is a survivors have the ability to initiate

direct communication. While VOD can be a be appropriate or feasible in all cases, and meaningful step toward healing, it may not there is no set time frame for completion. guidelines or scripts, creating space to explore feelings and intentions before conversations without prescribed This preparation involves oper

About Us

crime victim-survivors when the offender in consultative support and direct services to supervised in the community by the DOC their case is incarcerated and/or being The Victim Services Program provides

support to individuals who have been most Specialists (VSS) whose primary focus is to The Victim Services Program maintains a provide trauma-informed advocacy and dedicated staff of Victim Services impacted by crime.



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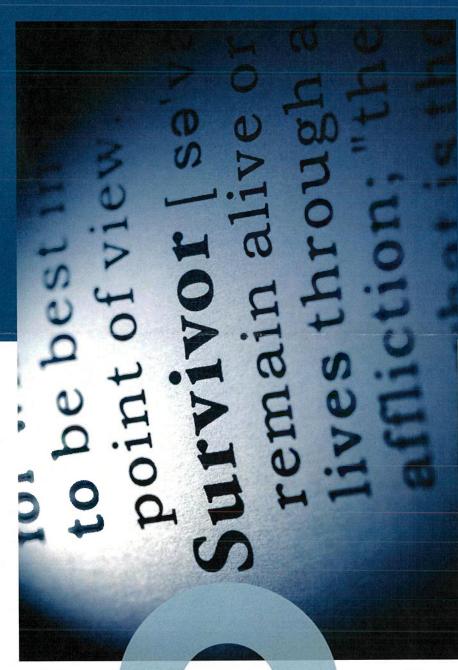


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A survivor may choose to meet with an incarcerated individual,

as an opportunity to express emotions like grief, shock, and anger, to convey the lasting impact of the harm caused, and to seek understanding of the person's decisions and motivations.

An incarcerated individual may choose to meet with a survivor,

as an opportunity to express emotions like guilt, shame and remorse, to address survivor's questions, and to share their perspective on the crime and its impacts.

Understanding VOD is not

a process that should compromise the safety of either party. It does not guarantee reconciliation between the survivor and incarcerated individual, nor does it ensure that forgiveness will be part of the journey.

Additionally, VOD does not serve as an opportunity for incarcerated individuals to seek early release, request additional hearings, or receive consideration for parole.

