

## **Crime Victim Services Mission Statement...**

Our mission is to provide services with compassion and respect for victims of violent crime to help them understand their options, minimize their trauma, and stabilize their lives.

## **Counties Served:**

Aransas

Bee

Duval

Brooks

Jim Wells

Kenedy

Kleberg

Live oak

Nueces

Refugio

San Patricio

## **Crime hurts the whole family...**

Crime hurts victims AND their loved ones. Family members of crime victims can also suffer loss of income, fear and anxiety, and stress-induced physical problems. If you or someone you love has been hurt by crime, there is help. We can provide the following services:

- Trauma reduction therapy for victims and their families
- Assistance with Crime Victims' Compensation benefits
- Information and referral to community resources
- Comprehensive follow-up services
- Assistance in accessing other services

Our services are free and confidential, available in English and Spanish, with reasonable accommodations offered.

## **Working with others...**

Crime Victim Services works in cooperation with area law enforcement agencies, District and County Attorney offices, and other victim service providers in the community such as, the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend, the Women's Shelter of South Texas, and Texas RioGrande Legal Aid.

## **What is Crime Victims' Compensation?**

The Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program is administered by the Office of the Attorney General and is dedicated to ensuring that victims of violent crime are provided financial assistance for crime-related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance or other sources. These expenses may include funeral and burial costs, lost wages reimbursement, medical and counseling bills.

## Who is a victim?

A victim is an individual who suffers physical or mental harm as a result of criminally injurious conduct, such as:

- Victims of physical assault
- Survivors of homicide victims
- Victims of vehicular assault and reckless driving
- Child victims of physical and/or sexual assault
- Victims of robbery
- Victims of elder abuse
- Victims of stalking
- Victims of bias/hate crimes
- Victims of arson
- Victims of DUI/DWI
- Adults molested as children

## Accredited...

Crime Victim Services at Family Counseling Service is accredited for Crisis Response and Information Services through the Council on Accreditation.

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