

Being harmed by another person - or when a loved one is harmed - changes things. It can change the way a person sees him/herself, the person who caused the harm, and the rest of the world. The effects of a crime should not be minimized. But there is hope for the future.

Throughout Oregon, there are trained professionals who can help people process the crime and rebuild their lives.

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- ❖ Community-based victim assistance programs provide counseling, shelter, and support. Some provide services whether or not the person decides to report the crime and go through the justice system.
 - ❖ System-based victim assistance programs operate within the justice system and provide information, notification, and support to victims who have reported the crime and are going through the justice system.
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If you have survived crime, there is help and there is hope.



Partnership for Safety and Justice is a statewide advocacy organization dedicated to making Oregon's approach to public safety more effective and just. We are unique: in addition to working with traditional system stakeholders, we work with people most impacted by the justice system (survivors of crime, people convicted of crime, and the families of each), giving us a holistic perspective on needed system change.

We advocate for public safety policies that promote: safety; accountability; crime prevention; healing; rehabilitation; and justice.

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Crime Survivor Programs in Oregon

Rebuilding Lives
Creating a Safer Oregon



COMMUNITY-BASED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

In Oregon, there are many non-profit organizations that serve survivors of many different types of crimes. ***Some of these programs assist crime survivors whether or not they ever choose to report the crime.*** They also assist survivors whose crimes occurred recently or a long time ago.

Domestic & Sexual Violence Programs

Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs help people who have survived domestic or sexual violence, *whether or not the survivor chooses to report the crime.* They offer:

- ❖ Emergency shelter and assistance.
- ❖ Counseling, support, and information referral.
- ❖ Individualized safety planning.
- ❖ Outreach to underserved victims.
- ❖ Comprehensive advocacy for long-term safety.

For more information or to find a program in Oregon, visit the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence at: www.ocadsv.com

Child Abuse Intervention Programs

Child Abuse Intervention Centers provide child-friendly environments for investigation, assessment, and intervention in child abuse cases. *They work with law enforcement and report the child abuse.* The Centers provide:

- ❖ Interviews of suspected cases.
- ❖ Medical evaluations.
- ❖ Mental health treatment and referrals.
- ❖ Coordination of victim services and other community-based services.

For more information, visit the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers at: www.childabuseintervention.org

Homicide Support Programs

Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide Victims offers a self-help support organization for people whose loved one has been killed. It offers:

- ❖ Support.
- ❖ Information about the grieving process and justice system.
- ❖ Communication with helping professionals.

For more information, visit Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide Victims at: www.pomc.com/portland/

More programs may be available to assist you. To find resources near you, visit the Online Directory of Crime Victim Services: <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/findvictimservices/>

SYSTEM-BASED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

In Oregon, victims who have reported the crime and are going through the justice system have the legal rights to:

- ❖ A support person.
- ❖ A meaningful role in the justice process.
- ❖ Dignity and respect.
- ❖ Fair and impartial treatment.
- ❖ Reasonable protection.

There are professionals who work within prosecutors' offices and the Department of Corrections to provide assistance to victims whose cases are going through the system. These professionals are stationed in Victim Assistance Programs and provide:

- ❖ Information about victims' rights and assistance with obtaining these rights.
- ❖ Notification of court proceedings.
- ❖ Referrals to community- and other system-based services.

For more information about crime victims' rights and Victim Assistance Programs, visit: www.oregoncrimevictimsrights.org