

West Virginia Crime Victims' Rights

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender
- The right to be notified of court proceedings
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that testimony by the victim would be materially affected if the victim heard other testimony at trial
- The right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case
- The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment and release of the offender

Special thanks to Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney, Mark Plants for his dedication to victims of crime and to his vision for the Kanawha County Victim Services Center.

Services

Our Victim Services Center was designed to provide intake services for victims of crime in a safe, centralized location. Our aim is to bring the service providers to the people who need them.

We are prepared to provide the following services:

- ⇒ Criminal & Legal Advocacy
- ⇒ Advocacy
- ⇒ Court Support
- ⇒ Counseling
- ⇒ Chaplaincy
- ⇒ Classes
- ⇒ Support Groups
- ⇒ Referrals

The Starlena Pratt Foundation

The Starlena Pratt Foundation was established in memory of Starlena Pratt to support the work of the Kanawha County Victim Services Center.

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“Better Together”



Mission Statement

The KCVSC exists to provide culturally responsive, victim-centered advocacy that increases safety, promotes healing, and fosters empowerment for victims and children in our community. Our aim is to help victims of violence rebuild their lives via access to co-located government and community based services.



Meet Our Partners



The Kanawha County Victim Services Center will provide direct services to victims via on-site and offsite partnerships. The center is divided into two divisions: The Criminal Justice Division and the Community Partners Division. Many thanks to the Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Kanawha County Commission and the Starlena Pratt Foundation for their dedication to making this Center possible.

Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

The Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is the lead agency in the creation of the Kanawha County Victim Services Center (KCVSC). The Kanawha County Prosecutor is the President of the Board of Directors for the Starlena Pratt Foundation.

The Kanawha County Commission

The Kanawha County Commission generously donated the space for the KCVSC and acts as the fiscal agent for all grants received by the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office or the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

The Starlena Pratt Foundation

The Starlena Pratt foundation is a non-profit organization that is part of a governmental unit and was created to support the efforts of the Kanawha County Victim Services Center (KCVSC) through awareness, grant writing and fundraising efforts.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION

Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney

This Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Of-

fice, under the leadership of Prosecutor Mark Plants, funds the position of the (KCVSC) Executive Director and will locate 3 victim advocates at the Victim Services Center. Assistant Prosecutors will continue to be available to provide information to victims as needed and requested.

Kanawha County Sheriff's Office

The Kanawha County Sheriff's office, under the leadership of Sheriff Michael Rutherford, will provide a full time Victims Advocate at the Victim Services Center to serve victims located in Kanawha County.

The City of Charleston Police Department

The City of Charleston Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Brent Webster, will provide a Victim's Advocate at the Victim Services Center to serve victims located in the City of Charleston.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS DIVISION

Family Counseling Connection/REACH

Family Counseling Connection/REACH provides direct advocacy services to victims of sexual assault and counseling services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. REACH Advocates will be available at the center two days per week and available to support victims as needed.

Kanawha Institute of Social Research and Action (KISRA)

KISRA serves and empowers West Virginians through an array of education, employment and economic empowerment services. KISRA Instructors will offer Life Management and Financial Literacy classes to center clients.

WV Crime Victims Compensation Fund

Clients of the Victim Services Center can access the Crime Victims Fund application on-line from the Client area of the center. WV Crime Victim Compensation Fund staff will be available to provide training and technical support to center staff and partners as needed.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

The mission of *Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)* is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent

crime and prevent underage drinking. Information and resources will be available for victims of drunk drivers at the center.

Marshall University Graduate College

"We Are...Graduate Education"

Marshall University Graduate College is working with the KCVSC to provide Masters level counseling students with real life experience in the areas of trauma and crisis. Supervised Counseling Interns will provide crisis counseling to center guests as needed.

West Virginia State University

"a living laboratory of human relations" is working with the KCVSC to provide field experience to interested psychology students. These students assist with answering phones, greeting guests and observing court procedures with advocates and victims.

Legal Aid of WV

The mission of Legal Aid of West Virginia is "Seeking Justice, Changing Lives". Legal Aid accomplishes its mission by providing prioritized civil legal services for victims of domestic violence via referral from local licensed domestic violence agencies. Legal Aid will continue this commitment to Victim Service Center clients via referral from the YWCA Resolve Program and will provide training and technical assistance to Victim Services Center staff.

Christ Church United Methodist (CCUM)

"A Community of Faith, Hope and Love Serving as the Hands of Christ."

CCUM is joining KCVSC to develop a Chaplaincy program for Center guests who desire spiritual support. CCUM staff will develop and administer the KCVSC Assistance program, providing utility and other emergency assistance to Center guests.

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC)

A self help group dedicated to helping the families and friends of those who have lost their lives