

COLLABORATIVE SERVICE

In 2004, Day One, formerly the Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center, and the RI Department of Corrections entered into a collaborative relationship to provide additional support and resources to victims and to enhance sensitivity among probation officers and treatment providers to the issues affecting victims.

This collaborative is funded through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**Rhode Island Department of Corrections
Adult Probation and Parole Unit Office
of Victim Services**
18 Wilma Schesler Lane
Cranston, RI
02920
(401) 462-0381
www.doc.state.ri.us

RESOURCES

Victims of Crime Helpline
(800) 494-8100
24-hour a day telephone support, information and referral, and accompaniment to the hospital and/or police station.

**RI Department of the Attorney General
Victim Services Team**
Providence County (401) 272-4400
Kent County (401) 822-2710
Washington/Newport Counties
(401) 782-4150

RI Crime Victim Compensation Program
(401) 222-8590

Office of Victim Services
(401) 462-5203

RI-VINE 1-877-RI-4-VINE (877-744-8463)
24-hour Victim Notification and Information

**RI Department of Children, Youth &
Families (DCYF)**
(800) 724-4453

RI Department of Elderly Affairs
(401) 462-3000

**Contacting the Victim Advocate
Office of Victim Services**
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Victim Advocate

Sex Offender Probation & Parole



*Free and confidential
post-conviction services for
or victims and their family members*

*A collaborative service
provided by Day One and the
RI Department of Corrections*

PROVIDING FOLLOW-UP SERVICE TO VICTIMS AND THEIR NON-OFFENDING LOVED ONES AS OFFENDERS APPROACH AND BEGIN PROBATION AND PAROLE.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

You have the right to be kept informed of the offender's status. If you choose, the Victim Advocate will keep you updated on any legal changes after conviction including re-arrest, or violation of probation. The Victim Advocate can address your concerns about changes in status or arrange support in the event that you are asked to attend, or want to attend, any type of court hearings. You must contact the Victim Advocate to receive these notifications.

The Victim Advocate is available to:

- Discuss your concerns and fears, and help you cope with the offender being in the community;
- Bring your concerns to the community supervision team or the effective sex offender management team;
- Keep you informed regarding the conditions of the offender's probation;
- Refer you to other community resources; and
- Provide assistance with other questions you may have.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE VICTIM ADVOCATE?

Please feel free to contact the Victim Advocate at the number provided on the back of this brochure. Please know that you can do this now or at any time in the future.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I'M IN DANGER?

If you feel that you are in immediate danger, contact the police. If the offender is attempting to contact you or you feel your immediate safety is at risk, the police can respond more quickly than any members of the Effective Sex Offender Management Team. The police have resources to investigate suspicious activities like hang up phone calls or strange cars near your home, even if you're not sure the offender is involved. When calling the police, if you have an active No Contact Order or Retraining Order, it is important that you let them know the individual trying to contact you is a convicted sex offender who has been instructed not to have contact with you. Give the Police Officer the Probation Officer's name and telephone number. After the police have been contacted, you can follow up with the Victim Advocate.

ROLE OF THE ADVOCATE

The Victim Advocate supports and represents your interests as the victim. Your conversations with the Victim Advocate are confidential. You have the option of allowing your advocate to relay information to the Sex Offender Probation and Parole Unit staff to contribute to the supervision of the offender.

EFFECTIVE SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Effective Sex Offender Management Team is a collaborative approach to the community supervision of convicted sex offenders. The team consists of Probation Officers, Sex Offender Treatment Providers, and a Victim Advocate. The goal of the team is to better supervise sex offenders in order to keep the victims and the community safe. The Probation Officers in the Sex Offender Unit are specially trained and have smaller numbers of clients than traditional officers. This gives them the ability to better monitor the offenders' activities and behaviors. The Sex Offender Treatment Providers use a treatment model that holds offenders accountable for their abuse and does not allow for victim blaming or making excuses for their behavior. This model also works to reduce the risk factors that will contribute to re-offending.

WHAT IF THERE IS INFORMATION I THINK THE TEAM SHOULD KNOW?

The Team takes all reports about offenders very seriously. If the offender tries to have contact with you, even if it is through another person, it may be a violation of their probation and/or treatment guidelines. Any information helps the team better supervise the offender and keeps you and the community safe. If you are concerned about any of the offender's behaviors, you can share your concerns with their the Victim Advocate or the Probation

