

Department of Correction Victim Services Unit

*Pursuant to Connecticut General
Statutes § 18-78b*

The duties of the unit shall include receiving notices from inmates applying for release or sentence reduction or review, persons applying for exemption from the registration requirements and persons filing a petition for an order restricting the dissemination of registration information or removing such restriction, receiving requests for notification from victims of crime and notifying persons who have requested to be notified.

Address Confidentiality Program

*Pursuant to Connecticut General
Statutes § 54-240a*

There shall be an address confidentiality program established in the office of the Secretary of the State to provide a substitute mailing address for any person who has been a victim of family violence, injury or risk of injury to a child, sexual assault or stalking and who wishes to keep such person's residential address confidential because of safety concerns.

*"The best way to find
yourself is to lose yourself in
the service of others."*

-Gandhi



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SERVICES

*Connecticut crime victims are entitled to
a variety of services, including financial
assistance, counseling services and
advocacy.*





Services for Victims of Family Violence

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes:

§ 46b-38b, it shall be the responsibility of the peace officer at the scene of a family violence incident to provide immediate assistance to the victim, including assisting the victim to obtain medical treatment and notifying the victim of information for a regional family violence organization.

§ 46b-38c, in cases referred to the local family violence intervention unit, it shall be the function of the unit to identify victim service needs.

§ 54-216, permits the Office of Victim Services to provide compensation services for medical, psychiatric, psychological and social services to victims of domestic violence and members of their families and children who witness domestic violence, including children who are not related to the victim.

** This summary of legal rights is subject to the full text of the statutes. Victims are entitled to rights as set forth in the statutes. If you don't understand your legal rights, you may wish to speak with an attorney or contact the Office of the Victim Advocate.*

Services for Victims of Sexual Assault

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes:

§ 19a-112b, the Department of Public Health shall provide counseling regarding human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome, HIV- related testing and referral service for appropriate health care and support services to any victim of sexual assault, regardless of whether any person is convicted of such offense.

§ 19a-112h, the Commissioner of Public Health shall establish and contract for the administration of a program to provide financial assistance to victims of sexual assault for drugs prescribed by a physician for HIV.

§ 54-216, permits the Office of Victim Services to provide compensation services for medical, psychiatric, psychological and social services to victims of child abuse and members of their families and victims of sexual assault and members of their families

Victims of Human Trafficking

§ 54-234, the Office of Victim Services shall contract with nongovernmental organizations to develop a coordinated response system to assist victims of the offense of trafficking in persons.

Surviving family members of homicide victims

§ 54-216, permits the Office of Victim Services to provide compensation services for medical, psychiatric, psychological and social services to members of the family of any victim of homicide.

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES Judicial Branch

*Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes:
§ 54-201—54-235 inclusive*

Victim Compensation: Financial assistance for victims of violent crimes, their family members, and other persons for certain crime expenses that were not paid or eligible to be paid by financial resources, such as insurance.

Victim Notification: Confidential notification programs about the status of a criminal court case, inmate requests for a change in their court sentence, registration with the Sex Offender Registry, custody status with the Department of Correction, parole and pardon requests with the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and when an order of protection is issued, changed, or ends.

Victim Advocacy; Court-based victim services advocates provide support to victims of violent crimes and their family members during court proceedings and give information on crime victims' rights and the criminal justice process.

Victim services advocates at the Board of Pardons and Paroles provide support and information to victims of violent crimes and their family members during the pardons and paroles process.

Civil court-based victim services advocates provide support and information on applying for a civil protection order.