



COURT ADVOCACY

at Crime Victim Services

Navigating the Justice System

Crime Victim Services provides free assistance and court advocacy to victims in juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony cases. Professional advocates walk alongside survivors throughout their healing process and help them navigate the justice process.

2,204

VICTIMS SERVED IN
ALLEN COUNTY IN 2021

Advocating for Victims

Victim advocates believe and support victims of all types of crime. Licensed Social Workers and other professionals who are expert victim advocates specialize in felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile cases in both Allen and Putnam counties.

510

VICTIMS SERVED IN
PUTNAM COUNTY IN
2021

Advocates work closely with law enforcement, speak with prosecutors on the survivor's behalf, and receive hearing notices from the Courts, all while working with the victim and ensuring their rights are upheld.

Protecting Legal Rights

We work to ensure your rights are protected and you have access to all the support you are entitled to, including:

- notification of hearings
- attending hearings on your behalf
- objecting to unreasonable delays in proceedings
- assisting with the return of stolen property
- having a support person with you in court
- ensuring a separate waiting area from defendants
- assisting with restitution orders
- providing and delivering victim impact statements

93%

OF VICTIMS REPORT
THEIR IMMEDIATE
NEEDS WERE MET BY
CVS

Victim Rights Under Marsy's Law

Ohio's Marsy's Law Constitutional Amendment gives crime victims meaningful and enforceable constitutional rights equal to the rights of the accused. Some examples of the types of rights to which we believe all victims are entitled are:

- To be treated with dignity and respect throughout criminal justice proceedings
- To be notified of his, her or their rights as a victim of crime
- To be notified of specific public proceedings throughout the criminal justice process and to be present and heard during those proceedings

Survivor Testimonials

We have had a positive experience with Crime Victim Services. They provided support allowing us to express how these experiences impacted our lives. We had the opportunity to express our concerns. It was nice someone cared about our opinions.

Allen County Resident

I was so glad to have my advocate to work with when I had to go to court. He explained things in a way that I understood. He helped me talk to the prosecutor to get my questions answered. He also helped me collect all the information that I needed to ask for restitution. I would have been lost without his guidance and advice.

Putnam County Resident

**All services are free
and we are here to help.**

