

# SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

at Crime Victim Services

## Prioritizing Accessible Services

The Special Victims Unit is a group of staff dedicated to becoming champions for under-served populations through growth, education, expansion, and creativity.

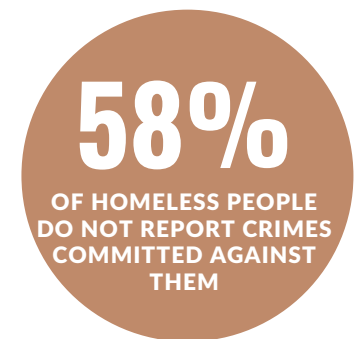
## Our Commitment

SVU is comprised of a dedicated team of advocates willing to fight for under-served victims' rights. Advocates are committed to assisting under-served victims as they recover from their victimization. Advocates commit to ensuring every victim has an opportunity to receive safety, healing, justice, and restitution.

## Advocacy & Outreach for the Most Impacted

Annually our staff participate in more than 1700 hours of training on victim issues, ethics, cultural humility, trauma, and victims who are underserved. We can help with gaining access to:

- foreign language interpreters
- augmented communication
- american sign language interpreters
- magnification for reading
- braille brochures
- sensory integration
- ADA compliance
- reporting a crime to law enforcement
- crisis counseling
- trauma recovery
- emergency financial assistance
- legal rights for victims
- safety planning
- advocacy with law enforcement & prosecutors



## The Special Populations We Serve

### LGBTQ+

Working on education and outreach to be Safe Zone trained and efficient. Advocates are working hard toward specialized referrals and resources that meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ population.

### Immigrant Population/Limited English

Working together for language interpretation services, legal assistance support, specialized referrals advocating for the immigrant population's needs.

### Repeat Victims

Working on education and safety to bring awareness to all victims of the importance of being safe before and after a victimization.

### Unreported

Advocating for education and outreach to elderly, male sexual assault survivors, Domestic Violence, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), Addiction/Mental Health, and religious minorities.

### Disabilities

Advocating for specialized communication devices, sensory toolkits, social stories, and working to make a work environment welcoming for anyone living with special needs.

### Survivors of Color

Working toward better education and outreach services to reach the needs of survivors of color and aspiring allies wanting to help make a difference.

### Deaf, Hard of Hearing, & Blind

Advocating for specialized materials, audio guides, braille materials, ASL interpreter services, and working toward creating a conducive work environment to foster the services needed for these under-served victims.

### Restorative Justice

Working toward better victim-offender dialogue services and advocating for better victim rights with restitution and victim compensation.

