

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

VICTIM OFFENDER DIALOGUE

helping to make things right



Victims of crime often have unexpressed feelings and unanswered questions. If you want to help bring about understanding and healing, you might consider victim offender dialogue.

In this process trained facilitators meet individually with offenders and victims and, if appropriate, bring them together for a safe and respectful mediated conversation about what happened and what can be done to help make things better.



Participation is a choice. Even if a case is referred for dialogue, both the victim and offender must agree to participate.

A dialogue gives you the opportunity to:

- face the victim.
- take responsibility for your actions.
- express your thoughts and feelings about the incident.
- hear the victim's story.
- apologize.
- be directly involved in creating an agreement to repair the harm done.

While not for everyone, offenders who meet often say they are glad they:

- had the opportunity to talk directly with the victim.
- could take responsibility for their actions.
- were seen as a real person.
- helped create a plan to make things right.
- participated in the process.

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