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CRIME VICTIM SERVICES
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SVU OVERVIEW

The Special Victims Unit comprises of a dedicated team of advocates willing to fight for underserved victims's rights.

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 populations 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 and allies wanting to help make a difference.

Deaf, HoH, & 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.

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CRIME VICTIM SERVICES: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT - NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

Crime Victim Services of Allen & Putnam Counties, Ohio offer the Special Victims Unit: a group of individuals dedicated to help champion for under served populations through growth, education, expansion, and creativity.

We aspire to make sure all victims have an opportunity to be served. Every victim, every time, every outcome, every minute counts.



Every Victim. Every Service. Every Time!

DO ALL CRIMES GET REPORTED?

The under reported team of SVU aims to help the populations that often go unreported. Many people understand that not all crimes will be reported. Examples of the unreported groups include survivors living in poverty, elderly, male sexual assault, domestic violence, prisoners, and religious minorities. During the period from 2006 to 2010, 52% of all violent victimizations, or an annual average of 3,382,200 violent victimizations, were not reported to the police. Of these, over a third (34%) went unreported because the victim dealt with the crime in another way, such as reporting it to another official, like a guard, manager, or school official. Almost 1 in 5 unreported violent victimizations (18%) were not reported because the victim believed the crime was not important enough. (*Special Report "Victimizations Not Reported to the Police, 2006-2010" by Lynn Langton, BJS Statistician Marcus Berzofsky, Christopher Krebs, and Hope Smiley-McDonald, RTI International*).

While there were several reasons given for not reporting crimes to the police the report shows a trend in who is choosing not to report the most.

From 2006 to 2010,

Victimizations against youth ages 12 to 17 are more - likely to go unreported than victimizations against persons in other age categories with 68% not reporting the crimes committed against them

Victimizations against the elderly aged 65 and older have- 46% of elder individuals not reporting crimes committed against themselves.

Age is not the only identifying factor in under reported crimes:

Race and education are also identifying factors.

66% of Asian/Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islanders, do not report crimes committed against them.

66% of those with less than a high school degree do not report.

"Every victim deserves the opportunity for safety, healing, justice, and restitution."

For more information about the article and details toward underserved victims, follow the link:

<https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/vnrp0610.pdf>. Chances are there is an underserved victim near you. The question is what will you do to help them?

SVU UPDATES

LGBTQ+

CVS will start a project in May 2018 for an organization self-assessment. This helps CVS understand where we currently stand in serving the underserved community. This process helps us examine our policy and practice based on ten key areas of operation: building environment, human resources, workplace climate, volunteer programs, professional development, intake and referral, services and programs, outreach and collaboration, development and communications, and missions and values. The tool is extensive but not comprehensive, therefore, used as an aid in building capacity to increase access. In three years' time, by the summer of 2021, we will do the audit once again to assess our performance and progress. Questions with this process please contact Aruna via email at amanisekaran@crimevictimservices.org

Repeat Victims:

According to a special report from the US Department of Justice called "Repeat Violent Victimization, 2005-2014" by Barbara A. Oudekerk, PH.D. and Jennifer L. Truman, PH.D., BJS Statisticians, 19% of people who experienced non-fatal violent victimizations were repeat victims.

More than half of those repeat victims experienced the second victimization within one month of the first victimization which demonstrates a need for education and safety measures to be put in place to help those affected.

Restorative Justice:

While restorative justice is not new to Crime Victim Services, a renewed focus with under served populations is underway. Restorative Justice began formally in 1974 when David Worth developed the Victim Offender-Reconciliation Program. Worth and a friend, Mark Yantzi, asked a judge to let two young offenders meet with their victims face to face. After all was said and done, the boys felt they could hold their heads up in the community and the victims felt something had been done and restorative justice took root.

While the focus on restorative justice currently rests in the justice system "the hope is to see it in all aspects of Crime Victim Services' work, not just victim offender dialogue" says David Voth.



GROUPS & EVENTS

SAFY Youth Drop-In Center

658 W. Market St. Suite 101 Lima, OH
Mondays 5:00 P.M. - 6:00pm Solace -

Understand and manage grief

Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm Creative Emotional Expression -Learn creative ways to express negative emotions.

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00pm Understand & learn how to manage anger (8 wk. course)

Thursdays Rise Above -- 4:00 - 5:00pm Overcome bullying through peer support

Understanding Loss – PVFF

Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

309 W. High Street Suite A Lima, OH

Mozaic – LGBTQ+ & Allies: PVFF

1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00– 8:00pm

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Adult Sexual Vio. Survivor Support

Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm April 5 – May 24
330 N. Elizabeth St. Downstairs, Lima, OH

Co-Survivor Support

Family & friends of survivors group

Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm April 5 – May 24
330 N. Elizabeth St. 2nd Floor, Lima, OH



ARTICLES OF THE QUARTER:

Extensive Data Shows Punishing Reach of Racism for Black Boys

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/03/19/upshot/race-class-white-and-black-men.html>

Marcy's Law – Follow the "state efforts" tab then click "Ohio" for details

<https://marsyslaw.us/about-marsys-law/>

National Crime Victimization Survey

<https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/vnrp0610.pdf>

GROUPS & EVENTS

Abilities Baseball League April – June 2018

The Allen County Abilities Baseball League provides a great social activity for physically and/or developmentally challenged youth in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere. Look for a special event on closing day in June! More info on Facebook: [@AllenCountyAbilitiesBaseballLeague](https://www.facebook.com/AllenCountyAbilitiesBaseballLeague)

2 Days in May: May 14-15th, 2018

The event is offered by the Ohio Attorney General's office located at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This event brings victim advocates and providers together to learn the latest trends and developments in the field. For more info, follow the link: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/> and search "2Days in May"

Beyond the Birds & the Bees May 19th, 2018

How to have "The Talk": A conversation for parents and caregivers. May 19th from 1-3pm, the presentation will be at the Lima Public Library (downstairs). A meal will be provided. RSVP by May 14th: 419-250-5236

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) June 15th, 2018

"WEAAD aims to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect." Follow: <https://www.acl.gov/news-and-events/events-and-observances/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day> for details.

Allen County WEAAD event details of food, speakers, and giveaways coming soon! Put June 15th, 2018 in your calendar for WEAAD so we advocate about elder abuse issues as a community.



NEVER WORRY ABOUT NUMBERS. HELP ONE PERSON AT A TIME, AND ALWAYS START WITH THE PERSON NEAREST YOU.
-MOTHER TERESA



WHAT A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!

We want to say thank you to the donors that took the time to give of themselves for the wellbeing of victims. First, we want to give a big thanks to Proctor & Gamble for providing another donation of Tide for survivors. We always remain grateful for their efforts. Next, we give thanks to the Senior Citizens Services for making a donation of tables and chairs allowing us to have the seating space for students and professionals during our trainings. Lastly, thank you, thank you, and thank you to all the anonymous donors who donated clothes, toys, blankets, books, appliances, and furniture for survivors. A special thanks to the anonymous survivor who made watermelon hot pads for other survivors. We are blessed to have a strong community extending a hand of comfort to survivors in need. May all hearts be filled with joy knowing these donation had an impact!



"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS 'WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?'"

-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK APRIL 8TH – APRIL 14TH 2018.

"This year, OVC will commemorate NCVRW April 8–14, observing the 2018 theme—*Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims*. The theme emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services and addresses:

- how the crime victims field can better ensure that every crime victim has access to services and support; and
- how professionals, organizations, and communities can work in tandem to reach all victims"

Follow the link <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/> for more details.

"New victim rights legislation is expected to be introduced in Ohio. It will be the instructions for the Marsy's Law Constitutional Amendment, passed last November 2017 by a 83% voter margin. The new law will permit victims to appeal violations of their rights, clarify victim's right to be present at all public proceedings, and list all the ways to ensure victims receive an order of restitution. ." – David Voth

April 12: David Voth was the keynote speaker in Coshocton County, Ohio, for their Victim Rights Awards and Luncheon.

April 24th CVS and MADD hosted the Allen, Hardin, and Putnam Law Officers TOP COP Awards for the officers with the highest and 2nd highest number of impaired driving arrests made by each department.