

SERVICES

Case Status Information

- Provide victims continuous information concerning their court case.
- Provide intermediate services and communication between the victim and justice system.
- Assist victims in registering with NEVCAP- NE Victims of Crime Alert Portal. (1-800-395-2110)

Court Proceedings

- Accompany victims to the courtroom and remain with them during the court proceedings.
- Document legitimacy of victims absences or tardiness to employers, schools, or court systems.
- Provide a waiting area for victims and family members during court proceedings.
- Provide victims the scheduled times of sentencing and parole hearings.

Follow-Up Contact

- Provide follow-up support services to victims and their families.
- Return victims property when it is no longer needed as evidence.
- Refer victims and their families to professional agencies for continued counseling or assistance.

Filing Forms

- Assist victims in filling out Domestic Abuse, Harassment, and Sexual Assault Protection Orders.
- Assist in preparing claims for submission to the Nebraska Victims Reparation Board.
- Assist victims with restitution forms and the victim impact statement during the pre-sentence investigation.

General Support

- Accompany victims to physician's office or hospital.
- Provide support to secondary victims living with the trauma and hurt of their families being victimized.
- Provide access and other services for all victims who are disabled.
- Loan out 911 cellular telephones to victims.
- Accompany victims and family members to meetings with law enforcement, the county attorney or to court proceedings.

Limited Confidentiality Statement

We are here to assist you as you go through the criminal justice process. However, you should know that we work as part of a team with the criminal prosecutor and the investigative officer. We do our best to keep sensitive information confidential. As part of the team, there are times when we may need to share information you provide with the other team members. This is especially important if you share information regarding your safety, a medical emergency, information that relates to child abuse, and/or information that is critical to the investigation or prosecution of the case.

Contact Information

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Gage County Victim Assistance Program

PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE
SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF
CRIME IN GAGE COUNTY



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PURPOSE

The Gage County Victim Assistance Program is a free public service offering information, practical assistance and crisis intervention to victims of crime in Gage County.

Victims endure physical suffering, as well as, emotional distress. Crime imposes financial hardship on the victim, such as loss of wages, medical bills, and property damages. Anger, guilt, and confusion occur as a result of the crime and are naturally followed with feelings of anxiety, fear and frustration towards the criminal justice system.

The Gage County Victim Assistance Program ensures the victims rights are upheld in the criminal justice system. Our purpose is to assist the victim with information concerning the case, possible compensation and provide support.

We personally encourage and support the victim and their family throughout the process, while treating the victim with dignity and empowering them, as well as, showing compassion during this traumatic time.

The criminal justice system is meant to bring justice and relief to victims and their families. The process, however, is long and complex. Time is needed for the correct information to be acquired and for information to be filtered through the different levels of the justice system. Our office will help guide victims through the legal steps.

NEBRASKA'S CRIME VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

- To be free from intimidation
- To be informed of the status of felony cases.
- To be notified of scheduled court proceedings.
- To receive protection from harm, and threats of harm, due to cooperation with criminal justice authorities, and to be informed of the level of protection available.
- To be informed of financial assistance and social services available, including information on how to apply for such aid.
- To be provided, whenever possible, a secure waiting area, away from the defendants, during Court proceedings.
- To have any stolen or personal property promptly returned when no longer needed as evidence.
- To be provided with appropriate employer services to ensure that employers cooperate to minimize an employee's loss resulting from court appearances.
- To be entitled to a speedy disposition of the case.
- To have the family members of homicide victims be given these same rights.

Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1846 through 81-1850

The information in this brochure is not all-inclusive and is not intended to be legal guidance. For legal advice, please contact an attorney licensed in Nebraska.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Beatrice Police Department: 223-4080
- Wymore Police Department: 645-3315
- Gage County Sheriff's Office: 223-5221
- Hope Crisis Center: 1-877-388-4673
- Salvation Army: 223-3341
- Community Food Pantry & Emergency Services: 223-5360
- Beatrice Housing Authority: 223-3809
- Mother to Mother Ministry: 223-6042
- Willow Center: 228-6411
- NE Dept. Health & Human Resources: 223-6000 or 1-800-554-9123
- Blue Valley Behavioral Health: 228-3386
- NE Mental Health Centers: 483-6990
- NE Legal Services: 1-877-250-2016
- NE Victims of Crime Alert Portal: 1-800-395-2110

Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in the delivery of services (42 U.S.C. § 2000d), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart C; see also Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 67 Fed. Reg. 41,455 (June 18, 2002) all victims served by the Gage County Victim Assistance Program shall be treated equally. If you feel that you have been discriminated against, please contact the Chief of Police at 223-4080.