



Victim Services Program

*Protecting Victim Rights through Effective
Communication, Advocacy, & Referral*



Overview

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) established a statewide Victim Services Program (VSP) in 1997, after an amendment to the South Carolina Constitution. This amendment mandated that victims of juvenile crime must be informed of their constitutional rights and be included in the juvenile justice process. DJJ's Victim Services Program operates within the Division of Community Services' Office of Community Justice. A victim services program manager administers the VSP and is responsible for the overall planning, management, and evaluation of services to victims.

Committed to Balanced & Restorative Justice

Crime damages people and relationships. DJJ is committed to Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) for individuals who are impacted by juvenile crime, especially the victims. The BARJ model helps build safe and healthy communities by providing a variety of effective interventions programs for juveniles and numerous statewide services to victims. These services not only give victims justice but also help in the recovery process. Victims of juvenile crime receive:

- Contact prior to DJJ's issuing a recommendation to the solicitor to divert, prosecute, or any other action;
- Information regarding any post-adjudicatory hearings;
- Notification of the release of a juvenile (charged as an adult) on bond from the Juvenile Detention Center;
- Notification when a juvenile is being transferred to a less secure facility or to the Department of Mental Health;
- Notification in the event of an escape;
- Advocacy and referrals to community resources.

BARJ is also about repairing the harm caused by crime. For that reason, juvenile offenders are given the opportunity to repair harm and give back to the community by participating in VSP sponsored restorative community service projects. Juveniles are also allowed to donate their artwork, handmade crafts, and participate in fundraising activities that benefit crime victims.

Victim Impact Classes

Juveniles also receive training in victim empathy. Victim impact classes are designed to sensitize and educate the juvenile offender about the trauma associated with victimization. The goals of this training are to prevent re-victimization and to incorporate the many principles of Balance and Restorative Justice.

A Well Trained Staff

An essential ingredient of effective justice for victims of juvenile crime is a staff well-trained in victims' issues. All new DJJ staff, including community specialists, are routinely trained in victim services, which emphasizes the elements of BARJ.

Program Effectiveness

Victims of juvenile crime who have been helped by DJJ's Victim Services Program provide the best evidence of the program's effectiveness:

"As a victim/survivor of a juvenile crime, I am very excited about the Victim Services Program at DJJ. As you might imagine, juvenile crime involves so many complicated issues due to the offender's age and need for rehabilitative services."
~Lynn

"Being allowed to participate on the Victim Impact Panel has given me the opportunity to share my experience with the hope of helping offenders understand the harm they cause."
~Georgette

**For more information please contact your local
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For additional DJJ resources please visit our website:
<http://www.state.sc.us/djj/>

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