



Crime Victims' Rights Advocacy Day

Access to Prevention and Intervention Services

In FY2020 police responded to **11,337** criminal Domestic Violence incidents. Victims of DV rely heavily on Services and Resources in DE in order to meet their needs.

Each year, the National Network to End Domestic Violence completes a one day survey. This survey documents the number of individuals who sought services in a 24-hour period and the number of service requests that went unmet

In 2019 **57 victims** made requests for services that could not be provided. Year after year, access to safe housing, counseling, and legal representation are listed as unmet needs for Delaware domestic violence victims

These services are often crucial to the success of victims.

Victims represented by Community Legal Aid Society Inc have a 63% success rate in getting Protection from Abuse orders.

Policy Reform

Key areas of concern for Crime Victims are policies regarding Body Worn Cameras, Sick and Safety Leave, Use of Force policies that incorporate Mental Health Emergency Protocols, and enforcing the Victims Bill of Rights

Sample Script Language

I am contacting you because I wanted to introduce myself. I am a constituent/I live in your district/ I work in your district and I am part of a service/survivor/advocacy community seeking to ensure that victims' rights are considered as the state considers other criminal justice reform efforts.

Crime victims' are important to me because.....

From my perspective, I think crime victims' need.....

I/We hope we can count on you to support crime victims in the future

- Provide Contact Information
- Follow up meetings with note of thanks
- Invite legislators to future events!

Take Action! Support Victims on Crime Victims' Rights Advocacy Day and every day!