

## OUR MISSION

The Office of Crime Victim Advocate serves as a voice within government for the needs of crime victims in Nassau County. New York State's criminal justice reforms have profound impacts on both victims of crimes and witnesses to them. These impacts include new discovery rules in criminal cases that may compromise the identity and personal information of witnesses or grant criminal defendants the right to access the homes of victims and witnesses, where the alleged crime occurred.

The mission of the Office of Crime Victim Advocate is to provide legal services to the victims and witnesses of crime who are impacted by the disclosure requirements of New York Criminal Procedure Law Section 245 which went into effect on January 1, 2020.



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## NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE

The Office of Crime Victim Advocate (OCVA) was created to ensure that victims of crime and witnesses to crime in Nassau County are afforded all the legal rights, protections, and assistance they are entitled to under the law.

The Office of Crime Victim Advocate is committed to treating victims and witnesses with dignity, fairness, and respect.

Our services are available to ALL victims and witnesses regardless of race, national origin, immigration status, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or age. We have interpreter services available for hundreds of languages, including American Sign Language. All services are free of charge.

Nassau County is committed to helping survivors rebuild their lives and understands that victims have both short-term and long-term needs in the aftermath of a crime. The Office of Crime Victim Advocate is prepared to assist victims in connecting to other agencies that can provide additional services and resources.

## THE OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE PROVIDES

- Legal assistance to victims and witnesses of crime who are served with judicial orders to show cause by criminal defendants or their representatives to gain access to their home or place of business;
- Legal assistance with any victim compensation applications;
- Legal assistance to any victim or witness with regards to any legal action related to New York Criminal Procedure Law Chapter 245
- Information on victim's and witness's legal rights and protections with regards to criminal process
- Assist victims to submit comments to courts and parole boards

*(Nassau County Charter § 2115)*

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

*(including but not limited to)*

- Filing NYS Victim Compensation Claims
- Crisis Counseling Intervention
- Information regarding the criminal justice process
- Linkage to community service providers
- Linkage to County Agencies
- Safety Planning
- Personal Advocacy
- Liaison with Law Enforcement
- Court Accompaniment
- VINE/DOCCS Notifications
- Victim Impact Statements
- Legal Referrals

## HOTLINES

**NYS Office of Victim Services**  
**1-800-247-8035**  
e-mail: [ovsinfo@ovs.ny.gov](mailto:ovsinfo@ovs.ny.gov)

**Safe Center LI**  
*24/7 Domestic/Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline*  
**516-542-0404**

**NYS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline**  
Call: **800-942-6906**  
Text: **844-997-2121**  
Chat: [opdv.ny.gov](http://opdv.ny.gov)

**Nassau County Behavioral Health Helpline**  
**516-227-TALK (8255)**

**Child Abuse Hotlines**  
*24/7 Maltreatment Hotline*  
(State Central Registry) **1-800-342-3720**  
Mandated Reporters **1-800-635-1522**

**Adult Protective Services**  
**516-227-8395**