

Resource Center for Victims of Violent Death



STEPPING STONES



NEWSLETTER - MARCH/APRIL 2015

Our mission is to be a resource to bridge the gaps in the availability of information and resources that impede and discourage victims/families trying to deal with the aftermath of violent death, undetermined deaths, questioned suicides, and attempted murders. We help them take one step at a time from a place of vulnerability to informed decision making and resolution - and a place to know it is OK to smile again.

↑ INFORMATION ↓

Information is one of the “stepping stones” we offer clients dealing with the aftermath of violent death. Also, by providing information about the impact of violent death and needs of the victims to others in the community, we help them become “informed helpers” when they come into contact with victims/families.

“CORE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME”

SAFETY Needs

(Actual & Perceived)

- ✓ Being safe from fear
- ✓ Access to safe shelter
- ✓ Using protective orders
- ✓ Emergency contact access
- ✓ VINE – *Victim Information Notification Everyday* - You can register to receive notification of the jail release status of the offender in your case

<http://www.vinelink.com>

HEALING Needs

(Emotional, Medical, & Spiritual)

- ✓ Resources - at the scene and hospital
- ✓ 24-hr crisis line availability
- ✓ Medical evaluation
- ✓ Counseling services
- ✓ Support groups
- ✓ Spiritual outreach

JUSTICE Needs
(Fairness & System Treatment)

- ✓ Being heard & believed
- ✓ Case progress information
- ✓ Victim Impact statements
- ✓ Advocacy thru the process
- ✓ NMSAVIN – *State Automated Victims Information Notification* system. Provides court event information to crime victims, families, and witnesses, with upcoming court proceedings in Metro Court, Magistrate Court and District Courts in NM.
<http://nmsavin.com>




RESTITUTION Needs
(Financial issues)

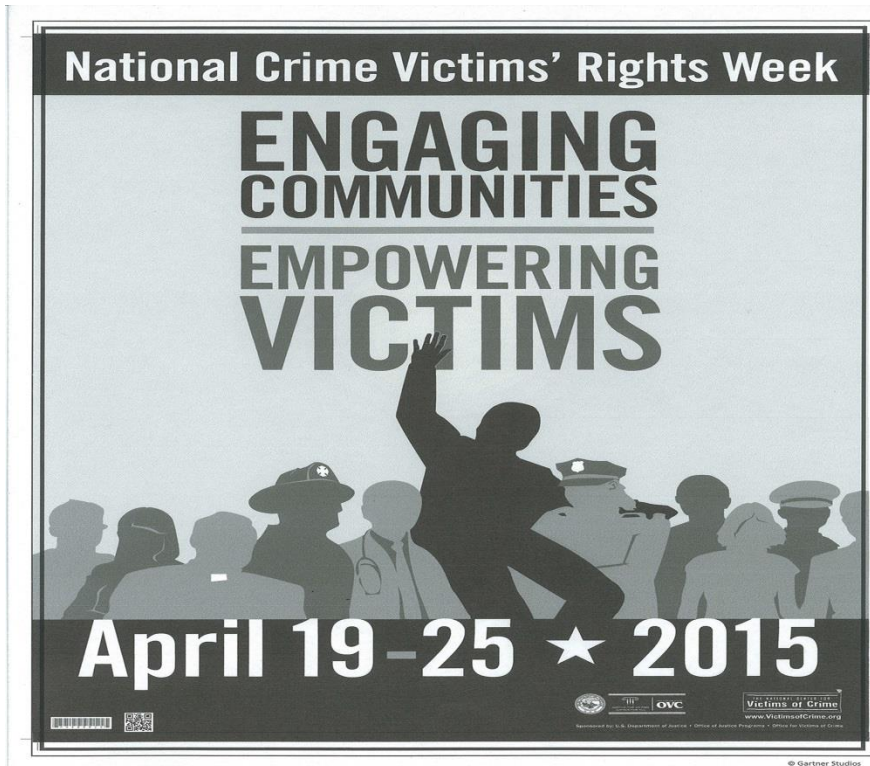
- ✓ Access to emergency funds
- ✓ State victim compensation
- ✓ Court ordered restitution
- ✓ Civil reparations
- ✓ Advocacy for loss of income, burial and funeral costs

INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND....

- ✚ If issues aren't known /recognized, they can't be corrected
- ✚ Knowing leads to insight - which leads to increased skills/services, which can improve conditions and alleviate crisis
- ✚ Questions to ask ourselves and others: Is there access, structure, process, and efficacy?

**Source Notes: Nov 2014 Webinar training – Measuring the Impact of Victim Services National Center for Victims of Crime / David Voth, Crime Victim Services

 OFFICE	 TELEPHONE	 ON-LINE
<p><i>The Atrium Building</i> 10701 Lomas NE, Suite 115 Albuquerque, NM 87112 (just east of Eubank on Lomas) Daily drop in hours: Mon – Friday Noon – 3pm <i>Or, call for an individual, home, or after-hours appointments</i></p> <p>SUPPORT GROUPS MEET: 2nd Tuesday 1pm-3pm – in Albuquerque 3rd Wednesday 6pm-8pm – in Albuquerque Last Wednesdays 6pm-8pm – in Los Lunas Last Thursdays 6pm-8pm - in Rio Rancho</p>	<p>505-243-2222 & 855-430-2232 (toll free)</p> <p>After hours contacts: Pat Caristo – 505-299-8712 Project Coordinator / Intake</p> <p>Joan Shirley 505-238-1663 Victim Advocate <i>We can set up a conference call so you can join in if you can't get into Albuquerque.</i></p>	<p>E-mail: pacnia@usa.net</p> <p>Website: bridgesforvictimsofviolentdeath.org</p> <p>We are a 501 © (3) organization. You can donate by PayPal on our website Your donations are tax-deductible. Thank you, in advance.</p> <p><i>The Resource Center for Victims of Violent Death receives funding support from NMCVRC (2014-VA-236)</i></p>



**SATURDAY MORNING APRIL 25TH, 2015, BETWEEN
9:30 – NOON**

JOIN US FOR INFORMATION... PRESENTATIONS
....PRIZES.....FOOD.....AND FUN EVENTS FOCUSING ON THE "CORE NEEDS
OF VICTIMS OF CRIME" ***SAFETY - HEALING - JUSTICE - RESTITUTION***
AS WE STRIVE TO BE A COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIMS &
FAMILIES OF VIOLENT DEATH AND VIOLENT CRIME

THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT A SMALL DONATION WILL HELP US CONTINUE OUR WORK.

DIRECTIONS : *EUBANK EXIT OF I40- Go North on Eubank to LOMAS (two lights), turn east on to Lomas. Go to the traffic light for the Target Store – turn left (North) into the parking lot of the Atruim Building at 10701 Lomas NE, 87112. 505-243-2222*

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THIS EVALUATION TOOL AND RETURN IT TO THE RESOURCE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT DEATH IN IN THE ATTACHED STAMPED ENVELOPE:

1. Have we provided you with information about your rights as a victim of crime?
Yes_____ No_____
2. Have we treated you with respect and dignity?
Yes_____ No_____
3. Have we provided you with information about crime victim compensation?
Yes_____ No_____
4. Have we assisted you in dealing with law enforcement and criminal justice system? Yes_____ No_____
5. Have we made you aware of and/or referred you to helpful resources?
Yes_____ No_____
6. Have we helped you as you attempt to cope better with your grief?
Yes_____ No_____
7. Have we provided you with information about our support groups?
Yes_____ No_____ Do you attend? Yes_____ No_____
8. Is our annual Snowflake Memorial or our other remembrance efforts helpful to you?
Yes_____ No_____
9. Are there other services we could provide you (if the funding would become available)? Example:

Any other comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME