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 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”

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<th>SAFETY Needs (Actual &amp; Perceived)</th>
<th>HEALING Needs (Emotional, Medical, &amp; Spiritual)</th>
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<td>✓ Being safe from fear</td>
<td>✓ Resources - at the scene and hospital</td>
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<td>✓ Access to safe shelter</td>
<td>✓ 24-hr crisis line availability</td>
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<td>✓ Using protective orders</td>
<td>✓ Medical evaluation</td>
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<td>✓ Emergency contact access</td>
<td>✓ Counseling services</td>
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<td>✓ VINE – Victim Information</td>
<td>✓ Support groups</td>
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<td>Notification Everyday - You can</td>
<td>✓ Spiritual outreach</td>
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<td>register to receive notification</td>
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<td>of the jail release status of the</td>
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http://www.vinelink.com
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

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| **The Atrium Building**  
10701 Lomas NE, Suite 115  
Albuquerque, NM 87112  
(just east of Eubank on Lomas)  
Daily drop in hours:  
Mon – Friday Noon – 3pm  
Or, call for an individual, home, or after-hours appointments | 505-243-2222  
& 855-430-2232 (toll free)  
After hours contacts:  
Pat Caristo – 505-299-8712  
Project Coordinator / Intake  
Joan Shirley 505-238-1663  
Victim Advocate  
We can set up a conference call so you can join in if you can’t get into Albuquerque. | E-mail: pacnia@usa.net  
Website:  
bridgesforvictimsofviolentdeath.org  
We are a 501 © (3) organization.  
You can donate by PayPal on our website  
Your donations are tax-deductible.  
Thank you, in advance.  
The Resource Center for Victims of Violent Death receives funding support from NMCVRC (2014-VA-236) |

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| 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 |  
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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 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