

Mission

Our Mission is to provide advocacy and counseling for all who have been affected by sexual violence and other crimes against the person, and to promote sensitivity and awareness in the community through education.

About Us

VSC was organized in 1974 by a small group of women concerned about the lack of a sensitive, uniform response to victims of rape and sexual assault. VSC expanded its services in 1985 and became a comprehensive crime victims agency serving victims of all crimes. All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. VSC's comprehensive services are provided without regard to age, race, national origin, gender, sexual preference, religion or disability.



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24 Hour Crisis Hotlines:
Toll Free: 888-521-0983
Rape Hotline: 610-277-5200
Other Crimes: 610-277-4781

All services are free and confidential.

Advocacy

- In-person advocacy and support
- Court orientation & accompaniment
- Police Accompaniment
- Assistance with Victims Compensation Program, Victim Impact Statements, and Victim Notification Program
- Hospital accompaniment for rape kit exams



Counseling & Therapy

- Trauma-informed individual counseling for survivors and their family and friends
- Support Groups
- Child Abuse Treatment Program
- Individual & family Therapy



24hr Crisis Counseling Hotline

- 24-hour crisis counseling hotlines for survivors of violence and their family and friends
- Advocacy and support
- Accompaniment at hospital and/or police station, as requested
- Information and connections to community resources

Community Education

- Violence prevention and abuse prevention education programs*
- Personal safety programs*
- Professional trainings for universities and college campuses, police, hospital, legal and social services personnel
- Certified mandated reporter training and child abuse prevention education

**All programs are available to all ages and groups and can be delivered in-school or after-school*



Common Reactions to Victimization



Victims of crime may experience denial, shock, fear, disbelief, confusion, self-blame, embarrassment, helplessness and anger. All these feelings and reactions are normal. Working through these reactions is the first step toward coping with crisis. Partners, family members, friends and loved ones of crime victims may experience the same symptoms as the individual who was attacked, albeit, to a lesser degree. VSC's services are available to victims and their significant others.

For more information or to access our services, please call us at our 24-hr toll-free number:

888-521-0983

**Or visit our website:
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