



What is the Victim Assistance Program?

There are many seniors and disabled members of our community who unfortunately have been victims of crime. Often these victims lack the support system needed; they just don't know where to turn.

As your advocates, we are here to help you rebuild your life and to find the services that you need. We will be there to provide advocacy, guidance and support along your way to recovery.

The Area Agency on Aging, Region 9's, mission and vision is to work with people, communities and organizations to help older adults and people with disabilities live independently and enjoy the highest quality of life possible.

As an Area Agency on Aging, we have extensive experience working with the elderly and disabled populations in our service area of Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas counties.

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Advocacy and Healing



“The goal of this program is to improve services to elderly or disabled victims of crimes including abuse, neglect or exploitation.”

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How We Can Help?

The Victim Assistance Staff can assist with the following services:

- Personal Advocacy
- Emergency Legal Advocacy
- Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy
- Support Navigation
- Information and Referrals
- Counseling Referrals
- Shelter/Safe House Referrals
- Transportation Referrals
- Follow up Contact with Individuals and Other Organizations
- Assistance with Compensation Claims



“Elder abuse and abuse in persons with disabilities is underreported, not recognized and individuals don't know where to turn for help.”

Your Rights as a Victim

Confidentiality

- Separation of witnesses

Information

- Access to case information, if requested
- Notification of change in custody
- Access to VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday)

Role in the Justice Process

- Victim Impact statement
- Attendance at all court hearings
- Victim compensation