

Outcomes

“In my greatest time of need, I felt like I wasn’t alone and that I had support and someone who cared about what happened to me.”

-A survivor of domestic abuse / AVS client



“I thank God for the help that I have gotten from the program so far. It is such a blessing to be able to get good counseling after all I have been through. I was so scared after what happened to me and I felt so alone in it all. Going to court used to be so scary but knowing that I wouldn’t be alone anymore made the difference.”

-AVS client

Outreach

Would you like Adult Victim Services to speak with your group?

Through outreach and education, our goal is to increase public and professional awareness about the problems of victimization and abuse of elders.

Contact Nikki Kress at 302-658-7174 ext. 12 or nkress@dcjustice.org to discuss opportunities.

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The Delaware Center for Justice, Inc. (DCJ) is the leading non-profit organization in Delaware committed to transforming the quality of justice through advocacy, policy, and practice.

Adult Victim Services



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Our Program

The Adult Victim Services Program strives to help adult victims of crime in New Castle County. Older adults in the New Castle County are who have experienced crimes such as robbery, purse snatching, theft, financial exploitation, offensive touching, and/or destruction of property can turn to the Delaware Center for Justice for help.

While calling 911 is the first thing to be done, victims can call us directly for support if they find that too hard to do. Whether victims contact us directly or are referred to use through the police or other sources, we provide follow-up assistance. From helping a victim get to a medical facility to providing counseling and guidance to ease the fear or pain of being victimized, we are here to help.

Our goal is to make the process of picking up the pieces easier after experiencing trauma, and to make sure that adult victims don't have to go through these experiences alone.

Services We Provide Include:

- On-site mobile therapy
- Counseling and guidance
- Home visits
- Accompaniment to court, medical facility, law offices, etc.
- Long-term follow-up that may include support for medical, nutritional, and transportation-related needs
- Assistance in understanding and filing for the Victims' Compensation Assistance Program
- Referrals to other social services and/or established senior support systems



Eligibility

The Adult Victim Services Program attends to the needs of men and women 50 years of age or older who are victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse. Individuals who are forced to do anything against their will without regards to rights, body, or health, are being abused. Battering is abuse and when a family member physically harms another, the battering is a form of domestic abuse.

There is no charge for our services. Each client is treated with complete confidentiality.

If you or someone you know is residing in New Castle County, is 50 years of age or older, and is the victim of any kind of crime, PLEASE CALL us at:

302-658-7174 ext. 12

We are available Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.

All programs and services at DCJ are offered free of charge.

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To learn more, visit www.dcjustice.org or email nkress@dcjustice.org.