NEW YORK STATE TRAUMA-INFORMED NETWORK

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Get informed with this month's special focus: The Intersection of Trauma and the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Systems: considering the needs of survivors of trauma and those who respond

NEW RESOURCES

Check out these great resources on trauma-responsiveness in Juvenile and Criminal Justice

CHAMPION'S CORNER

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TIPS

Getting the most from the NYS Trauma-Informed Network

WELCOME

TO THE NEW YORK STATE TRAUMA-INFORMED NETWORK

We're here to connect you with other organizations around NYS, bringing you resources and events on a variety of topics that promote trauma-responsive practices.

Our goal is to support champions of trauma responsive practices across the state with improved connection and access to quality resources. Together we can increase the collective understanding of trauma, improve practice, and support resilience throughout New York State.

FOCUS ON: The Intersection of Trauma and the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Systems

Focus

This month's focus promotes resources and updates available through the NYS Office of Victim Services(OVS). If you or someone you know has been a victim of a crime, help may be available through OVS.

The Office of Victim Services may be able to help with medical bills and counseling expenses; burial and funeral costs; lost wages; and other types of assistance. The agency also funds a network of victim service providers across New York State. See the attached for the current issue of the OVS Newsletter and find additional resources below.

READ MORE

Additional Resources

Among many other resources, the NYS Office of Victim Services provides two helpful brochures to learn more and access support.

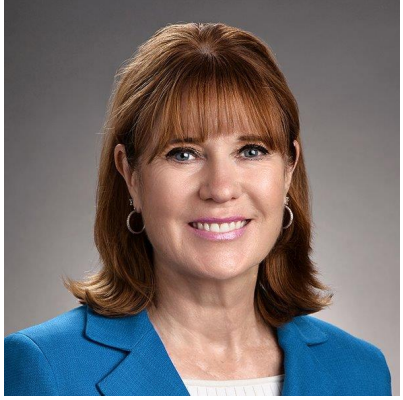
A Guide to Crime Victims' Compensation
A Guide to Restitution

Toward Creating a Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice System explores the value of trauma-responsive system change within the Criminal Justice system. Practice change tips and videos are included.

Enhancing Police Response to Children Exposed to Violence Toolkit. This Toolkit provides practical tools and resources to assist law enforcement agencies in building or enhancing effective operational responses to children exposed to violence (with or without a mental health partner).

Code 9 Officer Needs Assistance is a clip from an unflinching documentary on the toll direct and vicarious trauma can take on law enforcement officers. Personal and family stories present a powerful argument to improve trauma-responsive and suicide prevention practices in the justice system.

Search "criminal justice/juvenile justice" in Resources at the NYS Trauma-Informed Network for more



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Champion's Corner

As a member of the statewide Advisory Council for the NYS Trauma-Informed Care Network, Elizabeth Cronin, has been the leading voice in raising awareness about the critical support the Office of Victims' Services provides. She generously shares her expertise of these resources as well as an insight of law as it relates to trauma-responsive practices and system change. Her perspectives are informed through extensive professional experience throughout the legal system and detailed knowledge of victims' rights.

Elizabeth is Director of the **New York State Office of Victim Services**. She was appointed to this role in 2013 by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Previously, Elizabeth was the Director of the Office of Legal Affairs for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In that capacity, she was responsible for the operation of the Staff Attorney's Office and Office of Staff Counsel (Circuit Mediation) and overseeing the legal work produced by the Office. In addition, Elizabeth is a published author and frequent public speaker on legal and administrative topics, including prosecuting domestic violence cases, immigration law, and evidence, among others.

Elizabeth's Blog on Essential Services for Victims of Violence may be found **here**.

TIPS

Here are some suggestions to help you get the most out of the NYS Trauma-Informed Network. Add a resource, share an event, help us spread the word and drive change in NYS.

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