

Programs and Services

General Counseling Services

Bereavement
Child Sexual Abuse Treatment
Domestic Violence Treatment
Family Therapy
Individual Therapy
Intensive Family-Based Therapy
(home-based)
Marriage Counseling
Play Therapy

Prevention Programming

Stewards of Children, Child Sexual Abuse
Prevention
Dating Violence Prevention
Domestic Violence Prevention
Who Do You Tell?

Victim Advocacy

Additional Services

Domestic Violence Shelter
24-Hour Crisis Hotline
Support Groups
In-Service Trainings
Parenting Programs
Professional Development
Workshops
Speaker's Bureau

Important Telephone Numbers

Comprehensive Crisis Care

211 or 1-800-468-4357

Defiance County Sheriff

419-784-1155

Defiance Police Department

419-784-5050

Job and Family Services

419-782-3881

Legal Aid of Western Ohio

1-800-544-7369

A Victim Advocate can be reached

24 hours a day/7 days a week

on the House of Ruth

Domestic Violence Shelter's

Crisis Hotline

1-800-782-8555

The Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Inc.



Defiance County Family Justice Center

1340 W. High St.
Building B
Defiance, Ohio 43512
419-782-1314

Victim Advocacy

The Defiance County Family Justice Center's victim advocacy program was established by The Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Inc. The Victim Advocate responds to the needs of adults and children who are residents of Defiance County and are victims of domestic violence.

The Victim Advocate is a trained professional available to offer emotional support and practical assistance to victims of crime and their families.

Services provided by the Victim Advocate are free of charge and all information shared is confidential.

Services for Victims

Emotional Support: The Victim Advocate offers emotional support to victims of domestic violence.

Referrals: The Victim Advocate is familiar with community resources and can assist victims in securing needed services.

Criminal Justice Information and

Advocacy: Perhaps the greatest difficulty for many crime victims in the midst of a traumatic experience is trying to understand and prepare for involvement in the criminal justice system. Through the Victim Advocacy program, victims receive information on the process and procedures of the criminal justice system. Victims receive on-going information on the status of their case. Crime victims can request that a Victim Advocate accompany them in the courtroom or attend in their place.

24-Hour Crisis Assistance: The Victim Advocate is available 24 hours a day to assist victims of crime.

Crime Victim Compensation: The Victim Advocate is familiar with the Victims of Crime Compensation Program. The Victim Advocate is available to assist the victim in completing the application for compensation.

Civil Protection Orders: The Victim Advocate assists victims of domestic violence and stalking by providing forms and referrals to legal assistance in filing protection orders.

VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Victims have a right:

- * To be treated with dignity and compassion;*
- * To protection from intimidation and harm;*
- * To be informed concerning the criminal justice system;*
- * To provide input into the criminal justice process, especially at such key points as plea bargaining, sentencing, and parole release hearings;*
- * To restitution;*
- * To due process in the criminal court proceedings;*
- * To timely notice of judicial proceedings they are to attend, and timely notice of cancellation of any proceedings.*