

## Curriculum Topics:

Community Justice

Cultural Barriers

Media Issues

Property Crime/ID Theft

Substance Abuse Related Offenses

Drunk Driving

Domestic Violence

Family Violence

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Homicide

Forgiveness

Re-entry

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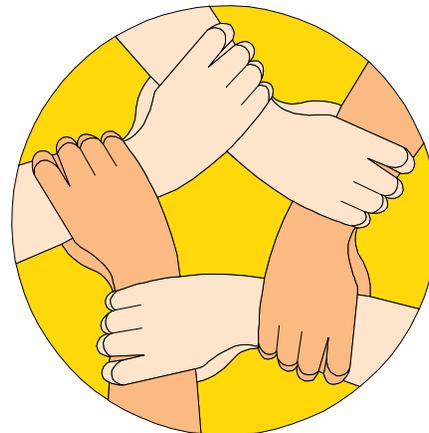
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# VICTIM AWARENESS PROGRAM



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### Victim Awareness Program

The Victim Awareness Program provides an opportunity for offenders to begin to see crime from a different perspective, *from the perspective of the victim*. An offender begins to see how the crime that they committed has affected the victim and allows the offender to take responsibility for the crime committed.

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### How Did Victim Awareness Begin?

The Victim Awareness Program began within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction at the London Correctional Institution in 1995 and is modeled after a program by the California Youth Authority and Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

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### What is Victim Awareness?

The approved curriculum examines various crimes and looks at the dynamics of each crime and the effect crime has on its victims. This program uses written exercises, discussions and activities to show the impact on victims. The program also utilizes victim impact panels to bring the offender face-to-face with not just a crime, but with a person directly affected by the crime.

### Why is Victim Awareness Important?

This class is important because it provides an opportunity for offenders to begin to step outside their world to see crime from a different perspective. This program gives offenders the opportunity to take personal responsibility for their actions.



### How Are Victims Involved?

Victims and survivors of crime who volunteer to tell their powerful, emotional experiences engage offenders in learning the effects of crime on the lives of others.

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### Where is the Program Offered?

The Victim Awareness Program is offered to offenders in correctional institutions in the state of Ohio and many of the Adult Parole Authority locations. It is also offered at some of the halfway-house programs and community-based correctional facilities.

### Call for Victim Impact Speakers

The Office of Victim Services is searching for victims/survivors to be Victim Impact Speakers.

We recognize the difficulty in volunteering for this type of work. We want our panel members to feel safe, supported and informed. OVS has worked diligently with facilitators to create a safe environment for victims and survivors who wish to participate.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office of Victim Services. Phone numbers and other contact information are on the back page of this brochure.

