

Notification Information

Upon completion of your registration for notification, the Office of Victim Services will process your request and you will receive a confirmation letter.

The victim or designated representative may provide statements and/or information to the Parole Board and/or Adult Parole Authority. Those documents should be mailed to the Office of Victim Services at the address listed in this brochure.

Additional Services and Programs

- Victim Awareness Program
- Victim-Offender Dialogue
- Personal Responsibility of Violence Elimination (PROVE-Batterer's Intervention Program)
- Providing input into the Parole Board hearing process
- Crisis intervention and safety planning
- Educational presentations to various groups and organizations
- Additional information regarding the status of inmates/offenders

Additional Resources Government Agencies

Department of Youth Services (DYS)
Office of Victim Services
(800) 872-3132

Office of the Attorney General
Crime Victim Services/Compensation
(800) 582-2877
www.ag.state.oh.us

Office of Criminal Justice Services
Ohio Family Violence Prevention Center
(888) 448-4842

Statewide Coalitions

Action Ohio Coalition for Battered Women
(888) 622-9315
www.actionohio.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates
for Children (CASA)
(888) 891-6446
www.ohiocasa.org

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
(800) 552-8641
www.maddohio.org

Ohio Alliance To End Sexual Violence
(888) 886-8388
www.oaesv.org

Ohio Crisis Response Team
(937) 562-5078
www.co.greene.oh.us

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN)
(800) 934-9840

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC)
(888) 818-7662
www.pomc.com

Suicide Prevention Action Network
(800) 784-2433
www.spanusa.org

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Ohio

Department of
Rehabilitation & Correction

Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Victim Services is to work in partnerships to make a positive difference in the lives of crime victims by affording them meaningful participation throughout the Ohio corrections process.

Vision Statement

Crime victims are informed, involved and understand their rights throughout the corrections process and that all victims are treated with dignity and afforded comprehensive, effective and culturally competent services.

"It is much easier to tell a person what to do with his problem than to stand with him in his pain."

David Augusburger



Victim Notification

Victims of an offender incarcerated in an Ohio prison or under the supervision of the Adult Parole Authority may register with the Office of Victim Services to receive notifications as outlined below. Senate Bill 160, known as "**Roberta's Law**", became effective on March 22, 2013. Roberta's Law expands victim notification rights enumerated in Ohio Revised Code section 2930.16 as they relate to certain inmate release or transfer proceedings. If the inmate is convicted of Aggravated Murder, Murder, a first, second or third degree offense of violence or is serving a life sentence, the victim will be automatically notified of specified events, regardless of whether the victim has requested notification. Roberta's Law also provides an opt-out mechanism for those victims who do not wish to be automatically notified of certain inmate release and transfer proceedings. Victims are encouraged to register for notification or to opt-out of receiving these notifications by contacting the Office of Victim Services.

- The offender's date to be released from prison.
- Upcoming hearings (including parole and clemency).
- Parole Board recommendations for Transitional Control.
- The offender's escape from custody.
- The offender's death.
- The offender's status regarding transfer to another state for community supervision (Interstate Compact).

Victim Responsibilities...

- Register for notification with the Office of Victim Services at the address noted below
- Keep the Office of Victim Services informed as to your current address and telephone number
- To receive the most comprehensive notification, it is recommended that you register with the VINE service, an automated notification system. You may reach them at 1-(800) 770-0192 or www.vinelink.com

Confidentiality...

Registering for victim notification is confidential

For additional information contact:

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Office of Victim Services
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Columbus, Ohio 43228

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