MISSION: The Center for Crime Victim Services provides leadership to the state to ensure that justice is delivered to all victims and survivors of crime through recognition of harm done and advocacy for their rights and needs.

# **2018 Annual Data Snapshot**

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services serves as a voice within government for the needs of crime victims in Vermont, serving victims by:

- Providing direct services to victims of crime.
- Organizing and providing training for volunteers, community members, advocates, allied professions and others on issues related to working with crime victims.
- Soliciting and issuing grants for community and statewide programs working with crime victims.

# **Supporting Victims of Crime in Vermont**



#### COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The program provides limited financial assistance to victims who have experienced an uninsured financial loss as a direct result of a crime.

Compensation Claims SFY 2018:

 Victims Compensation 556 claims = \$454,778.67

Top allocations were funeral expenses and counseling.

Sexual Assault Program 213 claims = \$64,174.41

State dollars paid to victims from the Victims Compensation Fund also leverage federal reimbursement at a rate of 60%.



### **RESTITUTION UNIT**

The Unit collects restitution owed to victims by criminal offenders, enforces restitution orders, and processes claims for Special Fund advancements of up to \$5,000 to eligible victims.

Of 1054 restitution orders, 497 were eligible for advanced payment totaling \$505,854.61

**\$1,036,440.18** of restitution owed was collected from offenders.



### VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Victim Assistance Program is funded with Federal Victims of Crime Act Funds (VOCA) and the Compensation Special Fund.

**5,166** crime victims were served by approximately 27 Victim Advocates in the State's Attorney's office who are dedicated to ensuring victims rights.

86% of the victims served were satisfied with the information and services they were provided.



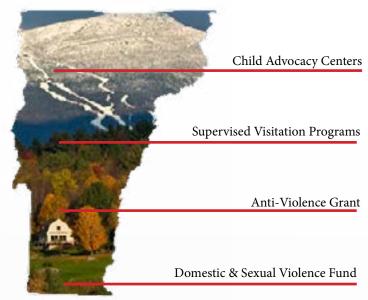
#### **TRAINING**

CCVS provides basic and advanced training opportunities on issues related to crime victimization for advocates, community members, prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

- **469** Participants in Trainings around VT.
- **43** Organizations receiving trainings.
- **16** Training Events, **15** were to Service **Providers**

"It was an awesome day with some pretty amazing facilitators! Really powerful training!" 2018 VVAA Participant Feedback

# **State Funded Grant Programs**



## **Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence** Special Fund(DVSV) \$806,195

**\$806,195** supports Vermont Network Programs; **\$17,640** supports the DV Council Coordinator; \$49,253 supports the DV Trainer at the VT Criminal Justice Training Council.

"I'm so grateful for this program! The money I received from Crime Victims Services helped me when I needed to secure a new apartment for my sons & I. It's always hard to see the light. Life does move forward & things do get better. We're proof!"

#### Child Advocacy Centers(CAC) - \$92,350

13 Child Advocacy Centers in Vermont house multi-disciplinary teams to make decisions about the investigation, treatment, management and prosecution of cases of child physical and sexual abuse and neglect.

In 2018, CAC/SIUs served **1,615 victims** of sexual assault, of which 1,318 were children and 297 were adults.

### **Supervised Visitation Program(SVP)** \$369,750

Supervised Visitation Programs (SVPs) provide a neutral and safe space in which a which a child may have contact with a non-custodial parent.

#### Compensation Funds (Comp)

**\$712,537** supports the Vermont Victim Assistance Program in our State's Attorneys offices **\$227,835** Supports Supervised Visitation Programs and Coordinator

**\$17,640** supports the DV Council Coordinator

#### Anti Violence Grant \$916,259

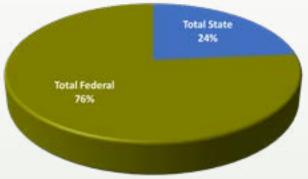
In 2018 The Vermont Network responded to the needs of 8,550 individuals whose lives were impacted by domestic and sexual violence. The Network programs also provided outreach and education to 13,973 Youth and 9,127 adults.

## **Federally Funded Grant Programs**

## **Services Training Officers and Prosecutors**

(STOP) \$762,132, STOP supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) \$738,493, FVPSA funds in Vermont help programs to serve 550 women, 324 children and 40 men in shelter who were exposed to domestic violence.



Graph showing the breakdown of funding for CCVS programs

## Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

\$738,493, supports Vermont's two stand-alone rape crisis centers allowing them to serve 190 victims of sexual assault with legal advocacy, crisis intervention, hospital/clinic/other medical response, case management and 24/7 hot line.

## **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)**

\$6,748,807 for direct advocacy services and training of victim service professionals to 57 programs, currently in the following categories;

- Child Advocacy Centers (\$368,650)
- Human Trafficking (\$210,000)
- State's Attorneys' Victim Advocates (\$1,421,918)
- Community/Restorative Justice (\$270,845)
- Rural Grant Supplement (\$206,479)
- Vermont Network Programs (\$610,126)
- Underserved/Special Projects (\$958,786)
- Legal Partnership for Crime Victims (\$638,894)
- VOCA Victims Compensation Grant (\$154,000)

CCVS also received three discretionary grants in FFY 2020 from the Office for Victims of Crime; **Human** Trafficking Task Force (\$664,632); Training (\$70,473) for On-line learning and; Building State **Technology Capacity (\$379,259)** for a grants management system. Additionally, CCVS administers the Office on Violence Against Women's Rural Grant Program, which serves families living in isolation impacted by domestic violence (\$250,000).