

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.

How is CCVS Supporting Victims of Crime in Vermont?

RESTITUTION UNIT

The Restitution 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 **981 restitution orders**, **408** were eligible for advanced payment totaling **\$452,050.39**.

\$1,133,428.09 of restitution owed was collected from offenders.

COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Compensation Program provides limited financial assistance to victims who have experienced an uninsured financial loss as a direct result of a crime. This program is funded through the Victims Compensation Fund.

Compensation Claims FY 2019:

- ▶ Victims Compensation
528 claims = \$472,573.87*
**Top allocations were lost wages & counseling.*
- ▶ Sexual Assault Program
230 claims = \$93,022.33

Of the 53 surveys received, **89%** of the victims rated their experience with CCVS as very satisfactory!

"This is such a wonderful program to help victims/survivors and is greatly appreciated. This will help out my family tremendously."
- survey feedback



TRAINING

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

- 419** Participants in trainings around VT.
- 30** Organizations receiving trainings.
- 14** Training Events; **13** were to Service Providers.

"Fantastic facilitators and a compelling experience overall. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this current cohort of the VVAA!"
- Participant feedback

2019 DATA SUMMARY

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

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

CCVS STATE AND LOCAL GRANT PROGRAMS

HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

CCVS's grants provide crucial services for the safety and security of Vermonters. Because CCVS is the hub for many victim service grant programs and key services, it is uniquely positioned to thoughtfully plan funding to avoid duplication.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Programing

Numerous CCVS grants support this crucial safety net, without which the lives of individuals impacted by domestic and sexual violence would be at risk in our state.

Supervised Visitation Programs (SVP)

Supervised Visitation Programs (SVPs) provide a neutral and safe space in which a child may have contact with a non-custodial parent. These programs are geographically situated to best serve all 14 counties. Absent of supervised visitation, people end up using other alternatives that are not as safe.

ADDITIONAL CCVS STATE AND LOCAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Child Advocacy Centers (CAC/SIUs)

Vermont's 13 Child Advocacy Centers house multi-disciplinary teams to make decisions about the investigation, treatment, management and prosecution of cases of child physical and sexual abuse and neglect. The CAC funding supports the coordination of wrap-around services to support the child and family.

The Vermont Victim Assistance Program

Advocates in the State's Attorneys' offices in all 14 counties empower victims of crime by helping them access the criminal justice system through empathy, support, information, resources, and referrals to community partners.

Legal Network for Crime Victims

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding has made it possible for attorneys from seven state-wide legal service organizations to come together to help people who have suffered physical, financial or emotional harm because they were a victim of crime. They help with a wide range of legal issues resulting from victimization. Services are provided regardless of income, age, immigration status, cognitive or physical limitations. There is no cost for this service.

The Voice and Choice Demonstration Project: Restorative Justice Centers

In 2017, CCVS received proposals for a comprehensive statewide initiative, supporting dedicated victim liaisons at Vermont community, restorative and parallel justice programs.

Advocates Dedicated to Underserved Communities:

CCVS grants support specialized advocates who provide direct services and training to allied organizations to improve victim services specifically to elders, people with disabilities, people who are deaf or hard of hearing, have limited English proficiency, have mental health issues, people living in rural isolation or indigenous people.

ARE VICTIMS OF CRIME BETTER OFF?

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

Vermont's 60 VOCA programs provided direct victim services to 23,900 Victims of Crime.

331 families received services from Supervised Visitation Programs.

641 women, 76 men and 394 children were provided shelter from abusers. A total of **57,875 nights** of shelter.

17,638 domestic violence hotline calls were answered.

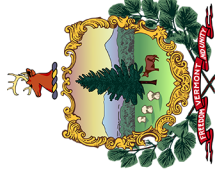
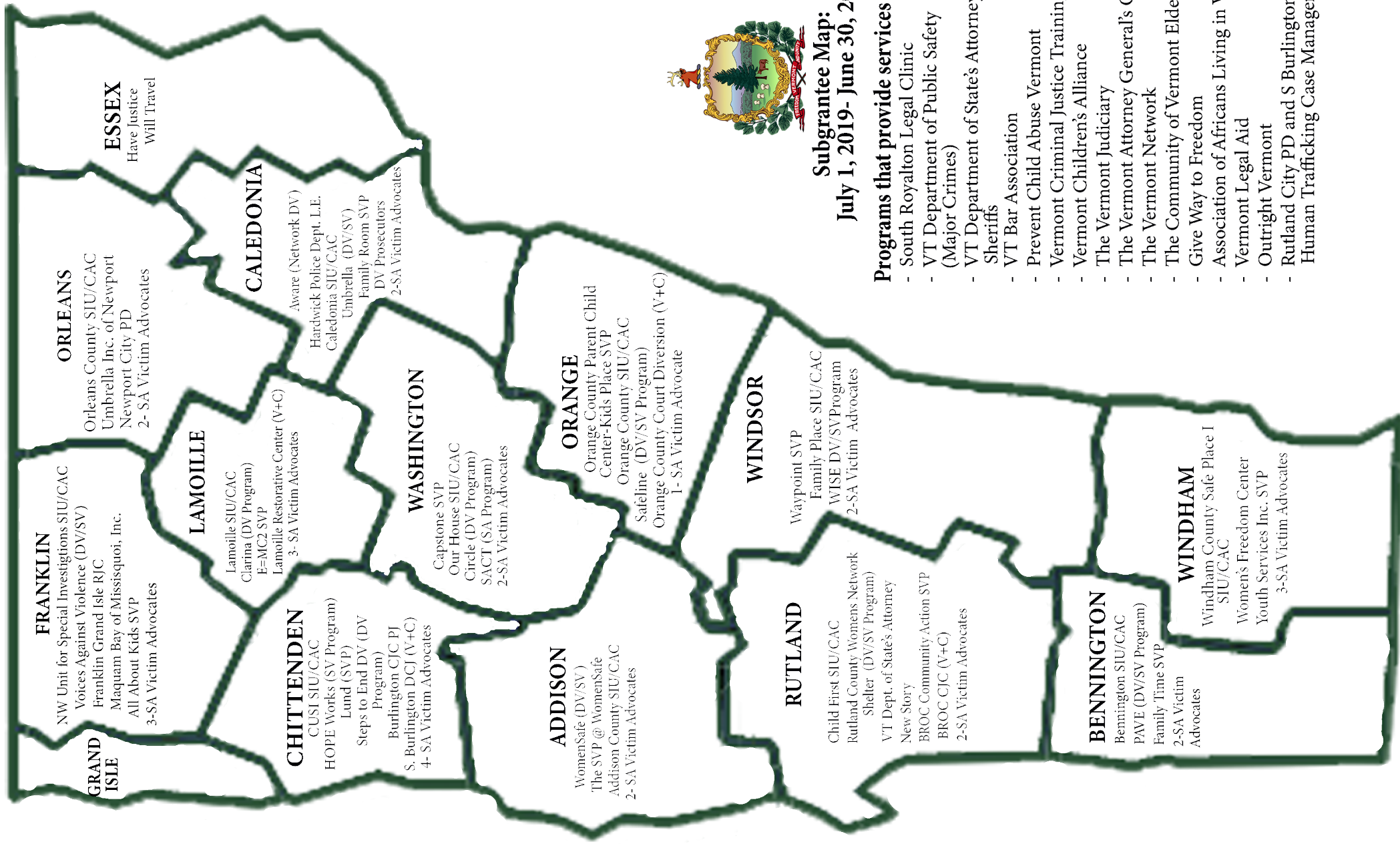
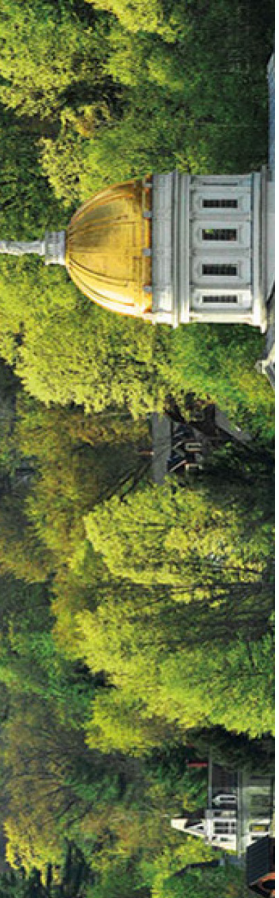
1303 children and **298 adults** (FY 2019) received services from Child Advocacy Centers:

- Counseling/Therapy was provided to **194 clients (152 children and 42 adults)**
- Referrals to Counseling to **755 clients (599 children and 156 adults)**

Legal Services were provided to **2099 clients** (FFY 19).

Victim Advocates helped **8299 victims of crime** navigate the criminal justice system with VOCA.

In FY19, the STOP Grant provided training statewide to 370 law enforcement officers, 132 educators, 93 mental health professionals, 92 court personnel, 69 victim advocates, 64 correction personnel, 51 volunteers, 39 Government Agency staff, 50 SANE nurses, 38 Disability Organization staff, 33 Immigrant Organization staff.



Subgrantee Map: July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

Programs that provide services statewide:

- South Royalton Legal Clinic
- VT Department of Public Safety (Major Crimes)
- VT Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs
- VT Bar Association
- Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
- Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council
- Vermont Children's Alliance
- The Vermont Judiciary
- The Vermont Attorney General's Office
- The Vermont Network
- The Community of Vermont Elders
- Give Way to Freedom
- Association of Africans Living in VT
- Vermont Legal Aid
- Outright Vermont
- Rutland City PD and S Burlington PD
- Human Trafficking Case Managers