

**As A Crime Victim,
You Have The Right:**

**To be treated with dignity and
compassion**

**To be informed concerning the
criminal justice system**

To request restitution

**To discuss your case with the
District Attorney**

**To submit a victim impact
statement after a trial, before
sentencing**

**To be protected against
intimidation and harm**

Being the victim of a crime can be a traumatic and devastating experience.

You have the right to be informed along the way.

**CLINTON COUNTY
ADVOCACY CENTER**
34 Court Street, Plattsburgh

Under a grant from the New York State Crime Victims Board, our Victim Services Advocates (located in the Clinton County Probation Department) offer counseling, claims assistance, court accompaniments, referrals to other helpful agencies, and much more.

If you were injured during the commission of a crime, you may be eligible for compensation for your out-of-pocket expenses.

If you were not injured but you are disabled, under age 18, or over age 60, you may still be eligible for assistance.

The **Clinton County Advocacy Center** is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:00.

Our services are free and confidential.



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Often, a crime victim is unsure of whether his/her feelings are normal, of how the legal system works, and of what his/her rights are as the survivor of a crime.

**The Clinton County
Advocacy Center is
Here to Help!**

565-4648

**Clinton County
Probation Department
34 Court Street
Plattsburgh, New York 12901**

*Are you an innocent victim of a crime?
Do you know someone who is?*

The *Clinton County Advocacy Center* is a Division of the Clinton County Probation Department that specializes in educating crime victims about their rights and assisting them with access to services.

***The Clinton County
Advocacy Center Offers . . .***

Crisis intervention

Counseling

Information about your rights

Compensation assistance

Legal advocacy

Referrals

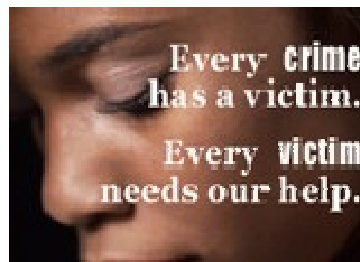
Safety planning

Accompaniments to medical facilities,
law enforcement agencies,
and court proceedings

Volunteer opportunities

*Each year there are approximately 24
million criminal victimizations of people
over the age of 12 in the United States.*

**-The National Center
for Victims of Crime**



Many crime victims experience changes in:

- ❖ **Health:** crime can temporarily – or permanently – damage a person's physical and mental health.
- ❖ **Outlook:** crime can cause people to lose confidence in themselves and in others. It can turn a trusting person into an overly cautious, fearful one.
- ❖ **Relationships:** crime can disrupt lives to the extent that normal relationships with family and friends are seriously strained.

The Clinton County Advocacy Center is here to help victims and their loved ones adjust to changes in their lives caused by crime.

Anyone who has been the innocent victim of a crime and has suffered injuries, economic losses, or damages can seek compensation from the NYS Crime Victims Board.

Compensation Benefits Include:

Medical or other related services

Lost earnings or loss of support

Burial expenses

Occupational rehabilitation expenses

Counseling expenses

The cost of repair or replacement of essential personal property lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of a crime

Transportation expenses for necessary court appearances

The cost of residing at or utilizing the services of a domestic violence shelter

The cost for crime scene clean up and the securing of the crime scene

The cost of lost, damaged, or destroyed property belonging to a person acting as a Good Samaritan

If you are eligible but are under the age of 18 or incompetent, the claim application may be filed on your behalf by a relative, guardian, conservator, committee or attorney.