

Important Resources

For more information, assistance and support for victims of crime and their families throughout the prosecution of a criminal case:

Middlesex District Attorney's Office
617-679-6500

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
617-619-4000

Norfolk County District Attorney's Office
781-830-4800

For help and information on victim's rights and services:
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance
617-727-5200

For information on applying for victim compensation:
Victim Compensation & Assistance Division,
Office of Attorney General
617-727-2200

For information on how you can become certified to receive information on convicted offenders:
Criminal History Systems Board
617-660-4600

For information on the status of an incarcerated offender: Massachusetts Department of Correction
Victim Services Unit
866-6-VICTIM (866-684-2846)

For information on an offender's parole eligibility, call:
Massachusetts Parole Board
Victim Service Unit
617-727-3271

Center for Homicide Bereavement
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The Center for Homicide Bereavement

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A COMMUNITY OF CARING

No Time to Say Goodbye... *...when a loved one is murdered.*

The Center for Homicide Bereavement is committed to supporting those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. Too often, homicide survivors are left not only to grieve a sudden and unexpected loss but also to come to terms with the violent and intentional nature of a loved one's death.

Survivors must learn to cope with new realities including involvement with law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and sometimes the media. This can contribute to what is already a frightening, agonizing and overwhelming experience.

Often survivors feel alone in their struggle and their grief. Sometimes family and friends don't seem to understand or know how to offer support.

The Staff at the Center for Homicide Bereavement offers safety and support in this most difficult time.

Common Symptoms of Homicide Bereavement

- Preoccupation with or persistent thoughts about the murder.
- Unexpected thoughts/images.
- Feeling different from others - alone.
- Feeling guilty or blaming self.
- Thoughts/fantasies about revenge.
- Feeling "unreal"
- Spiritual doubts/questions.
- Feeling fearful or unsafe.
- Confusion/forgetfulness.
- Fatigue/changes in sleep and appetite.
- Unfamiliar aches, pains, headache.
- Loss of interest in usual activities.

Program Services For Adults, Children, and Families

- Crisis Intervention and ongoing bereavement counseling for individuals of all ages and for families.
- Bereavement support groups offer the adult or child survivor a safe place to experience caring support, share concerns and feelings and find new ways of coping.
- Victim Advocacy, Consultation & Support.
- Information and Referral to other services of the Victims of Violence Program and other community and governmental resources.

All services are free of charge.

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