

The FBI Office for Victim Assistance

The FBI is committed to fulfilling their responsibility regarding Federal laws and the Attorney General Guidelines regarding victim rights and services to ensure victims are identified, notified of the rights to which they are entitled, and provided the assistance to help victims cope with the impact of crime.

Treating victims with respect and providing them with assistance benefits victims and helps the FBI build better cases.

The FBI Office for Victim Assistance utilizes the resources of their Victim Assistance Program and Victim Specialists to provide assistance to victims of crimes investigated by the FBI.

Types of Federal crimes where the FBI Victim Assistance Program and/or Victim Specialist resources are utilized to provide assistance include:

- Violent Crime
 - Crimes Against Children
 - Indian Country Crime
- Domestic and International Terrorism
- Civil Rights Violations
 - Hate Crimes
 - Human Trafficking
- White-Collar Crime
 - Health Care Fraud
 - Identity Theft
 - Mortgage Fraud
 - Telemarketing Fraud
- Cyber Crime
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Computer Intrusion
 - Internet Fraud

Victim Specialists work in FBI Field Offices across the country providing direct assistance to those who have suffered physical, emotional and/or financial harm as a result of a Federal crime.

Standard services provided by FBI Victim Specialists include:

- Providing on-scene assistance to crime victims;
- Assessing and triaging victim needs;
- As needed, referring victims for assistance with counseling, employment, housing, immigration, medical, and legal services;
- Accompanying FBI Special Agents to interviews to provide support to victims and/or to deliver death notification;
- Coordinating forensic interviews and sexual assault examinations;
- Acting as a liaison between the victim and the FBI throughout the course of the investigation to explain the criminal justice system, the investigation process, and/or the forensic identification process; and,
- Coordinating efforts and working with other professionals involved in the case, including the United States Attorney's Office Victim Witness Coordinators, child/adult protective services, and local victim service providers.

The FBI's Victim Assistance Program serves all Federal crime victims including children, adults, elderly, persons with disabilities, those from various cultural backgrounds, and those with limited English language proficiency.

FBI Employment Opportunities

Today's FBI seeks dedicated and experienced individuals who are committed to supporting and serving victims of Federal crime.

Successful applicants must possess:

- A Bachelor's Degree or higher in a behavioral or social science discipline;
- Three years experience working with and providing direct assistance to victims within a law enforcement, counseling, legal, prosecution, psychology, social work, and/or victim services environment;
- Knowledge and experience working with diverse cultures; and,
- Availability 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

For more information about current employment opportunities within the FBI's Victim Assistance Program, please visit www.usajobs.com.

FBI Programs for Victim Assistance

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- Child Pornography Victim Assistance Program
- Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewing Program
- Terrorism and Special Jurisdiction Victim Assistance
- Victim Specialist Staff
- Victim Notification System
- Victim Assistance Rapid Deployment Teams

The FBI's Commitment to Victims of Crime

Each year, the FBI investigates thousands of crimes involving hundreds of thousands of victims, including many child victims. These crimes result in great harm to individuals, families, and communities. Individuals impacted by crime face the daunting task of rebuilding and healing from loss while navigating the criminal justice system.

Federal laws protect victims of Federal crime and provide them with a voice during the investigation and prosecution of their case.

In addition to being treated with fairness and respect in regards to dignity and privacy, the rights of Federal crime victims as they relate to the FBI's responsibility within the investigative phase of their case, as outlined within 42 United States Code §10607, also include:

- The right to be informed of the place where they may receive medical and social services;
- The right to be informed of public and private programs that are available for counseling, treatment, and other support services;
- The right to receive reasonable protection from a suspected offender and persons acting in concert with or at the behest of the suspected offender;
- The right to know the status of the investigation of the crime, to the extent it is appropriate and will not interfere with the investigation;
- The right to notification regarding the arrest of a suspected offender; and,
- The right to have any property that is being held for evidentiary purposes be maintained in good condition and returned as soon as it is no longer needed for evidentiary purposes.

Assisting victims of Federal crimes supports the FBI's mission to protect this nation and its people.

As a vital partner in the FBI's response to crime, Victim Specialists work directly with FBI Special Agents and serve as the critical link to ensuring that victims of crimes investigated by the FBI are provided their legal rights and are connected to necessary and critical support, services and resources.

If you possess the following skills, you may be interested in this program:

- experience in triage, assessment, and crisis intervention; and,
- excellent oral and written communication skills

The fast paced environment of the Victim Assistance Program provides numerous opportunities for self-starting, dedicated, and focused individuals to utilize their social service experience.



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