



As Sullivan County's Victim's Advocate, I have continually worked to insure that victim's rights are protected and that victims are treated with dignity and respect throughout the criminal justice process.

If you are a victim of any type of crime, we are here to answer questions, keep you informed and provide personal assistance when possible. I encourage you to use the services our program provides.

Few criminals can be successfully prosecuted without the valuable assistance of the victim.

*Janice Milliken*  
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Victim's Advocate



# SULLIVAN COUNTY VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



## VICTIM'S MATTER

*"That's why as Sullivan County's Prosecuting Attorney, I am dedicated to fighting for victim's rights."*

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## SULLIVAN COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (812) 268-6008

### This victim assistance program provides:

- 1 On-scene crisis intervention as requested by law enforcement officials.
- 2 Follow up contacts with victims of person-to-person crimes or family members of homicide victims.
- 3 Accompaniment of crime victims and/or families to hospital and criminal justice proceedings.
- 4 Transportation of victims to and from the court house when necessary.
- 5 Referral of victims to community agencies in the Sullivan County area such as: trustee's office, mental health counseling, community centers, food pantries, support groups and other agencies.
- 6 Information and distribution of applications for Violent Crime Compensation.
- 7 Provide information to the victims on the court process and case status.
- 8 Assist victims in obtaining restitution or the return of their belongings.
- 9 Provide positive support for crime victims.
- 10 Assist victims in filing a protective order.

Whether the crime is burglary or domestic violence, the result is the same—**VIOLATION**. In the weeks and months following victimization, survivors may have a difficult time understanding or trying to overcome feelings or emotions associated with the crime.

Some common emotions expressed may be shock and disbelief, grief and sorrow, anger, fear, helplessness, self-blame and/or shame.

During the healing process, support is invaluable. To help victims understand what is happening to them emotionally and to their relationships as a result of the crime, they need to know that the feelings they are experiencing are normal—and as disruptive as these feelings and related pain may be at the time, they are likely to subside with time. Certain events may trigger them to return; for example, the trial of the offender, holidays or the sight of something that is a reminder of the crime.

Victims of crime are often unfamiliar with court procedures and are confused and frustrated by the Criminal Justice System.

Victim Assistance personnel can supply victims with positive emotional support and information concerning services available to them.

### THE SULLIVAN COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

is a program designed to address the needs and concerns of crime victims throughout Sullivan County. This program is to be utilized by all law enforcement agencies within the Sullivan County area. The program is administered by Sullivan County Prosecuting Attorney Robert E. Hunley through a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.