



Annual Report Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Chairwoman

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To the HONORABLE DAVID A. PATERSON, GOVERNOR

AND

To the HONORABLE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

It is my pleasure to present to you the Crime Victims Board's (CVB) Annual Report for fiscal year 2009-2010. CVB offers assistance to innocent victims of crime through compensation, advocacy, and support of local victim assistance programs across the State. The continued support of both the Governor and the Legislature will enable CVB, in its new incarnation as an independent agency called the Office of Victim Services, to further serve crime victims and their families. The 2009-2010 fiscal year presented CVB with both challenges and opportunities in serving the public. Some of the most significant activities of the agency included:

- In April of 2009, CVB responded to a tragic mass crime shooting incident in Binghamton, New York. CVB worked closely with the Federal government, other state agencies, local governments and local victim service providers to implement a coordinated and comprehensive response to this tragic incident. Some of the specific responses to this incident included:
 - CVB worked closely with the District Attorney's office to obtain the supporting documentation necessary so that claims could be awarded to victims.
 - CVB staff provided on-site assistance to victims and their families. CVS staff helped claimants obtain necessary supporting documentation and submit claim applications for victim compensation.
 - The U.S. Department of Justice, working in partnership with the Crime Victims Board, established a toll-free number as a single source of information for anyone seeking assistance related to this incident.
 - The FBI, OVC, State Department and CVB developed and implemented a plan that allowed the FBI to pay domestic and international travel and lodging expenses for the immediate family members of the victims, most of whom were from other countries.
 - CVB worked closely with the Crime Victim Assistance Center, the local CVBfunded program that was at the forefront of providing direct services to victims of this incident, to assist them in meeting victims' needs by, among other things, encouraging other CVB-funded Victim Assistance Programs to provide onsite assistance and writing a federal grant application to obtain funding to provide ongoing services to these victims.
- CVB and Erie County District Attorney's office marked the 2009 National Crime Victims Rights Week by creating a display of 300 pairs of empty shoes of all sizes and types on the lawn outside the Walter J. Mahoney Building in Buffalo. The display, "Making Strides for Crime Victims," was designed to illustrate the steps that crime victims take on their path to justice and the strides made by law enforcement, victims' assistance professionals, and state and local officials to assist victims, protect their rights and ensure their voices are heard in the criminal justice system. It was a unique way to illustrate the fact that crime can touch anyone.
- CVB received and manages the disbursement of over 4 million in stimulus funds. The funds are being used to support ten new Victim Assistance Programs and provide compensation benefits to innocent victims of crime.

- A new request for proposal for victim assistance services was developed and released on March 9, 2009 for new three year contracts beginning October 1, 2009. CVB established 189 new contracts to provide direct services to crime victims across the State.
- CVB accepted 16,910 claims and disbursed \$25,345,981 in compensation to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

As the Director of the new Office of Victim Services, I look forward to working with the Governor and Legislature to ensure that this agency is well-equipped to meet its critical mission of providing timely and compassionate services and advocacy to crime victims and supporting the network of victim assistance professionals that serve them.

Respectfully,

Tina M. Stanford Director Office of Victim Services

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SECTION I:

INTRODUCTION

"I am so glad that this program is available for people like me (victims of crime)...and am grateful for people in your department that really care..."

Mission Statement

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It is the Mission of the Crime Victims Board to provide compensation to innocent victims of crime in a timely, efficient and compassionate manner; to fund direct services to crime victims via a network of communitybased programs; and to advocate for the rights and benefits of all innocent victims of crime.

CRIME VICTIMS BOARD AND EXECUTIVE STAFF FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

CRIME VICTIMS BOARD

Tina M. Stanford				•	•		•										. Chairwoman
Joan A. Cusack							•										Commissioner
Jacqueline C. Mattina																	Commissioner
Mary Haviland (confirm	ned	Jai	nua	ry 2	26, 2	201	0)										Commissioner
William J. Davis				•												•	Commissioner
Louis A. Mosiello (last	day	/ Ja	nua	ry 2	26,	201	10)										Commissioner

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Virginia Miller	 Executive Director
John Watson	 General Counsel
Noreen Fyvie	 .Crime Victims Specialist III (Albany & Buffalo)
Claudette Christian-Bullock	 Crime Victims Specialist III (NYC)
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Vacant	 Administrative Officer

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BIOGRAPHIES

TINA M. STANFORD, J.D.

Chairwoman, New York State Crime Victims Board

Tina M. Stanford, Esq., was appointed to serve as Chairwoman of the Crime Victims Board (CVB) in June 2007. Between June 14, 2007 and June 23, 2010 she and her fellow Board Members lead the activities of the agency in meeting its threefold mission. On June 23, 2010 the Legislature eliminated the Board and Chairwoman Stanford was appointed to serve a three year term as Director. Her primary office is in Albany.

A native of Buffalo, Director Stanford graduated from Nardin Academy and served as a member of its Board of Trustees. She also served on the Bar Foundation of Erie County and on other community boards including the boards of the Buffalo City Ballet and Young Audiences of Western New York, Inc. In her capacity as head of the CVB, now known as the Office of Victim Services (OVS), she has served on the New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform, and, as Director, serves on the New York State Domestic Violence Advisory Council, the Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking and the Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee.

Director Stanford graduated from Fordham University's honors program and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. She taught Trial Technique at the law school between January 2004 and May 2007. She is admitted to practice law in New York and in the United States Western District Court.

Director Stanford uses information, compensation and advocacy to empower victims. As an Erie County Assistant District Attorney for fourteen years, she worked in the Buffalo City Court, grand jury, domestic violence/sexual assault, felony trial and appeals bureaus. As a trial prosecutor, she worked directly with thousands of crime victims and their family members seeking justice for crimes ranging from theft to murder.

JOAN A. CUSACK Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Board

Ms. Cusack was originally appointed a Member of the Board June 28, 1995 and served as Chair from December 6, 1996 until June 19, 2007. From 1989 to her appointment to the Board, Ms. Cusack served as special assistant to Staten Island Borough President Guy V. Molinari and was an integral participant in the development of the New York State Crime Victims Bill of Rights. Prior to that, Ms. Cusack had numerous years experience in the field of law, serving as a staff member of the former Appellate Court Judge Moses Weinstein. She attended the New School for Social Research and The Fashion Institute of Technology. She has over 30 years of victim and community service.

Ms. Cusack resides in New York City. A mother of three and a victim of domestic violence, Ms. Cusack is one of the strongest advocates for domestic violence and abuse victims. She spends a great deal of time trying to find solutions that open doors to services for the victims of domestic violence and their children. Ms. Cusack's personal and professional goal is to assist innocent victims of crime in reclaiming a high quality of life, both physically and mentally.

JACQUELINE MATTINA, J.D. Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Board

Jacqueline Mattina was appointed to the Board in June 1998 and was subsequently reappointed in 2005. She is an attorney licensed to practice law in both New York and Michigan. Prior to coming to the Board, Ms. Mattina served as Counsel to the Erie County Department of Social Services representing the county on child support and paternity proceedings, and child abuse and neglect matters. Previous to that, she served as an Assistant County Attorney in Erie County representing the county in diverse municipal matters. Subsequently, she was transferred to the Family Court Division of the Erie County Attorney's Office to handle juvenile delinquency and PINS cases, and to represent petitioners on family offense petitions. Ms. Mattina has a Juris Doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Buffalo State College. She resides in western New York with her husband and four children and is based in the Buffalo office.

MARY HAVILAND, J.D.

Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Board

Mary Haviland was confirmed as a Commissioner of the Crime Victims Board on January 26, 2010. From 2007-2009, she served as Director of Grants and Public Policy at the NYC Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. She has a long history of working on domestic violence issues in the following positions: Paralegal Advocate at South Brooklyn Legal Service's Family Law Unit, Director of the Park Slope Safe Homes Project, and Director and founder of the Coalition for Criminal Justice Reform for Battered Women. More recently, she was a founder and Co-Executive Director of CONNECT, a domestic violence organization, which focuses on early intervention and prevention as methods for ending family violence. She worked at CONNECT and its predecessor, the Family Violence Project of the Urban Justice Center, from 1994 to 2006. She was the recipient of the Charles H. Revson Fellowship on the Future of New York at Columbia University in 1985 and received a Masters in Political Science in such journals as Violence Against Women, Journal of Family Violence and Feminist Criminology. She has served on several Boards of Directors including New York Asian Women's Center and Voices of Women. Mary received her law degree from NYU Law School as a Root, Tilden, Snow Scholar in 1994 and is admitted to practice law in New York State.

LOUIS A. MOSIELLO

Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Board

Louis A. Mosiello was appointed to the Board in June 2006. Previously, Mr. Mosiello was an Assemblyman serving the 93rd Assembly District, which is contained in the City of Yonkers in Westchester County. Mr. Mosiello comes to the Board with a long history of public service and experience in government and law enforcement. Elected five times to the Westchester County Legislature, Mr. Mosiello built a solid record fighting tax increases, improving public safety and advocating for smaller and more efficient government. Mr. Mosiello previously held the rank of Sergeant in the Mamaroneck Police Department and served as President of the Mamaroneck Police Benevolent Association. He is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and attended Westchester Community College. Mr. Mosiello is a past member of the Yonkers Financial Advisory Committee, New York State Assembly Community Advisory Board, State Legislative Advisory Committee and served as Vice-Chairman of the Yonkers City Council Charter Revision Commission.

WILLIAM J. DAVIS, J.D. Commissioner, New York State Crime Victims Board

William J. Davis was confirmed February 10, 2009 to serve on the New York State Crime Victims Board and resides in our Brooklyn Office.

Mr. Davis comes from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Term, First Department, where he served for the last 12 years as an Associate Justice. Before the Supreme Court, Appellate Term, Mr. Davis held positions on the Supreme Court and Criminal Court of New York County. He has also served as Regional Director with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; Executive Director with the Bronx Small Development and Opportunities Corporation; Assistant Director of the Legal Division at the NY Housing and Development Board, Bureau of Neighborhood Conservation; Special Legal Consultant with the NY Housing and Redevelopment Board, Bureau of Neighborhood Conservation and as a Partner with the Law Offices of Schuman, Wolf, Schuman & Davis.

Mr. Davis has been a part-time Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and affiliated with Alumni Association of the City College of NY, Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association, 100 Black Men, Open Housing Inc., Board of Directors, Kingsbridge Community Center, Board of Directors, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Corrections; Council on Criminal Justice, Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Board of Directors, New York County Lawyers' Association, Criminal Court Judges Association, New York Trial Lawyer's Association to name a few.

Mr. Davis graduated from City College of New York and Brooklyn Law School. Mr. Davis resides in NYC with his wife.

As of June 22, 2010, the Crime Victims Board (CVB) became the Office of Victim Services (OVS). Executive Law §622 created in the executive department the Office of Victim Services. During this annual report's reporting period, state fiscal year 2009-10, the agency was the Crime Victims Board established under Article 22 of the Executive Law, was part of the Executive Department and was composed of 5 Board Members. Board Members were appointed for seven-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Three of the Board Members appointed by the Governor were admitted to practice law in the State of New York for not less than five years preceding their appointment. No more than three Board members could belong to the same political party. Of the five Board members, the Governor appointed the Chair who served at the Governor's pleasure.

Funding for compensation to crime victims comes from a combination of State and federal monies. The State portion comes from the Criminal Justice Improvement Account (CJIA) which is funded by mandatory surcharges and crime victim assistance fees assessed on certain offenders. The amount of CJIA available to CVB, however, remains dependent on legislative appropriation. The federal portion of compensation and victim and witness assistance funds comes from the Crime Victims Fund, which was established by the federal, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984.

CVB has provided substantial financial relief to victims of crime and their families. This includes paying unreimbursed crime-related expenses, such as medical and funeral expenses, loss of earnings or support, crime scene clean-up, the cost to repair or replace items of essential personal property, reasonable court transportation expenses, counseling expenses, moving expenses and the cost of residing at, or utilizing the services of a domestic violence shelter. Over time, compensation coverage has broadened to include counseling for step-family members, victims of kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment or stalking victims who are not physically injured.

On July 5, 1979, the Board's role was expanded and designated by the Legislature to be the advocate for crime victims' rights, needs and interests in New York State. This advocacy role resulted in CVB's formulation of legislation, subsequently enacted, which not only has protected and extended the rights of crime victims but also expanded the services and assistance available to them.

Since fiscal year 1981-82, CVB has been provided with additional funding from the New York State Legislature to award grants to local community-based programs across the State for the purpose of establishing victim/witness service delivery systems. Beginning in fiscal year 1986-87, the Board also received federal VOCA funds for this same purpose. CVB funded 189 local victim service programs in state fiscal year 2009-2010.

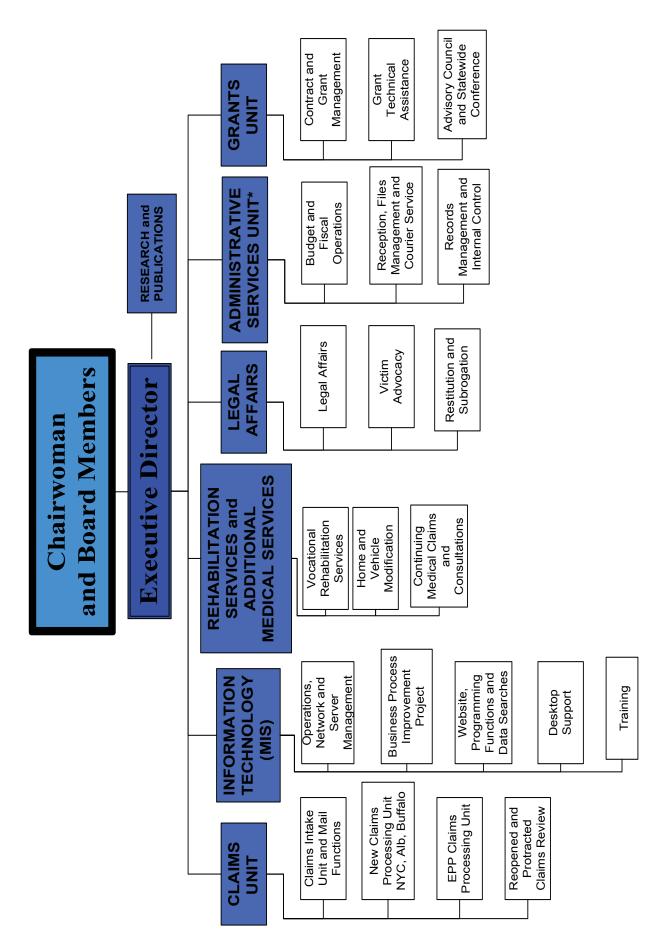
This report reflects the Crime Victims Board's efforts and accomplishments in meeting the needs of crime victims in state fiscal year 2009-10.

SECTION II:

OVERVIEW OF NEW YORK STATE CRIME VICTIMS BOARD

"During this process you have been very curtious, understanding and so helpful to me..."

NYS Crime Victims Board



* As of August 1, 2003, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services handles all Crime Victims Board payroll and health benefits.

1. To establish and maintain a principal office and such other offices within the state as it may deem necessary.

CVB currently maintains its principal office in Albany at 1 Columbia Circle, Suite 200, Albany, NY 12203. In addition, there are offices in New York City at 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217, and in Buffalo at 65 Court Street, Room 308, Buffalo, NY 14202.

2. To appoint a secretary, counsel, clerks and such other employees and agents as it may deem necessary, fix their compensation within the limitations provided by law, and prescribe their duties.

CVB employed approximately 98 employees during fiscal year 2009-2010, whose duties related to the Board's compensation program, its victim/witness assistance program, and its statutorily mandated advocacy role.

3. To adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind suitable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and purposes of article twenty-two, including rules for the approval of attorneys' fees for representation before the board and/or before the appellate division upon judicial review as provided for in section six hundred twenty-nine of article twenty-two, and rules for the authorization of qualified persons to assist claimants in the preparation of claims for presentation to the board or board members.

During fiscal year 2009-2010, four regulations became effective. The first related to amending CVB's regulations in relation to those eligible for the reimbursement of burial expenses and the maximum amount permitted for such expenses during certain periods in time. The second regulation related to the Board's requirement to make periodic reviews of a claimant's financial circumstances after a protracted award has been made. The third regulation provides a definition of financial counseling and the circumstances under which an award will be made. The final regulation related to updating the Board's Forensic Rape Exam (FRE) regulations to reflect statutory changes and update the Board's process for making such reimbursements.

4. To request from the Division of State Police, from county or municipal police departments and agencies and from any other state or municipal department or agency, or public authority, and the same are hereby authorized to provide, such assistance and data as will enable the board to carry out its functions and duties.

In order to verify the stated crime and loss information submitted by crime victims to CVB, the Board requested needed information from the police, District Attorneys (DAs), Child Protective Services, Family Courts and other criminal justice agencies and authorities.

5. To hear and determine all claims for awards filed with the Board pursuant to article twenty-two, and to reinvestigate or reopen cases as the Board deems necessary.

There were a total of 21,577 claims before the board in fiscal year 2009-10. Of these, 4,667 were carried over from the previous fiscal year. Board original decisions resulted in 10,687 awards and 5,711 "no award" decisions in fiscal year 2009-10. Of the "no award" decisions, 35% were denied for cause, while 65% were closed without prejudice to being reopened. The majority of the latter were a result of not

receiving the information from the claimant necessary to make a final decision. All claims which are closed without prejudice can be reopened.

6. To direct medical examination of victims.

In order to determine the causal relationship between the injuries claimed by victims and the medical services rendered or to be rendered, approximately 16 referrals in fiscal year 2009-10 were made to medical, psychological, chiropractic or dental consultants.

7. To hold hearings, administer oaths or affirmations, examine any person under oath or affirmation and to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and giving of testimony of witnesses and require the production of any books, papers, documentary or other evidence. The powers provided in this subdivision may be delegated by the Board to any member or employee thereof. A subpoena issued under this subdivision shall be regulated by the civil practice law and rules.

174 claim decisions were reviewed by the Board as a result of appeals submitted by crime victims or their family members. Oaths and affirmations were administered, subpoenas were issued when deemed necessary and testimony was taken.

8. To take or cause to be taken affidavits or depositions within or without the State.

The CVB has taken affidavits or depositions when it was deemed necessary.

9. To establish and maintain a special investigative unit to expedite processing of claims by senior citizens and special emergency situations, and to promote the establishment of a volunteer program of home visitation to elderly and invalid victims of violent crime.

CVB has designated an essential personal property (EPP) unit to handle only EPP claims. The majority of original awarded claims submitted by senior citizens (60 yr. and over) are for EPP only (69% during fiscal year 2009-10), therefore this unit is expediting the claims of most senior citizens. In addition, CVB has advocates which handle special emergency situations. There are also numerous CVB funded community victim assistance programs serving the elderly across the state.

10. To advise and assist the governor in developing policies designed to recognize the legitimate rights, needs and interests of crime victims.

CVB annually submits a list of legislative proposals to the Governor for his review and for the subsequent development of his legislative program. CVB reviews legislation at the request of the Governor and provides comment on the impact, if any, to the agency and crime victims.

11. To coordinate state programs and activities relating to crime victims.

During the fiscal year, CVB regularly met with the Board's Advisory Council and with crime victims' coalitions and other crime victim advocates. The Chairwoman served on the New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform. The Chairwoman continues to serve on the NYS Domestic Violence AdvisoryCouncil, the Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, and the Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee. CVB is also represented on the NYS Interagency Task Force on HIV/AIDS, the NYS Traumatic Brain Injury Committee, the Committee for the Coordination of Police Services to Elderly Persons, the Chief Information Officer (CIO) Council, the New York State Financial Management System Committee, the National Crime Victims Rights Week activities April 2009, NYS Vine Conference

April 2009, New York State Victims Assistance Academy, Buffalo, NY June 2009, National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards, National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, National Center for Victims of Crime, OVS Statewide Conference October 2009, all Statewide Coalition quarterly meetings and Meetings held for stakeholders in the development of a Unified Reporting System for Crime Victims.

12. To cooperate with and assist political subdivisions of the State and not-for-profit organizations in the development of local programs for crime victims.

Information and referral services have been requested by and provided to the police, county sheriff's departments, county executives, DAs offices and the 189 victim/witness assistance programs funded by CVB in FY 2009-10. These programs provided services ranging from crisis intervention/counseling to assisting crime victims with filing for compensation. In addition, there were VAP trainings in regional locations as well as individual site locations which were conducted by the Grants Unit. All trainings together had an overall total of 411 participants. Different topics were covered at these various VAP trainings which included compensation, VOCA guidelines, web training, rape crisis services and updates on CVB guidelines. CVB also held its statewide conference in October 2009 which included workshops/ training for approximately 330 attendees. When necessary, CVB provided technical assistance and produced Advisory Bulletins on current issues or policies, which are available on our website (www.cvb. state.ny.us).

13. To study the operation of laws and procedures affecting crime victims and recommend to the Governor proposals to improve the administration and effectiveness of such laws.

CVB tracks legislative bills potentially affecting crime victims. The Board also keeps abreast of rules and regulations potentially affecting crime victims proposed by other State agencies, most notably: the Division of Parole, the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Department of Correctional Services, Division of State Police, Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the Commission of Correction.

14. To establish an Advisory Council to assist in formulation of policies on the problems of crime victims.

Since March 1985, when CVB reactivated its Advisory Council, experts in the field of victim assistance and law enforcement, as well as members of the legislature, victim advocates and educators, have provided the Board with their knowledge and expertise relating to crime victim policy and service delivery through the Advisory Council.

15. To advocate the rights and interests of crime victims of the state before federal, state and local administrative, regulatory, legislative, judicial and criminal justice agencies.

Advocacy and information was provided as needed to federal, State and local agencies, and appropriate information on available crime victim services and assistance was provided to crime victims.

16. To promote and conduct studies, research, analysis and investigations of matters affecting the interests of crime victims.

CVB was able to conduct several ad-hoc programmatic and fiscal analyses related to the Board's compensation program as requested by the Legislature and Executive Department policy-makers.

17. To sponsor conferences relating to the problems of crime victims.

The Board successfully completed another statewide conference October 20-22, 2009 in Buffalo, NY.

18. To serve as a clearinghouse for information relating to crime victims' problems and programs.

CVB continues to maintain a multi-disciplinary clearinghouse of studies, books, reports, journals, and other printed materials relating to crime victims. These materials address the rights, needs and interests of crime victims as they pertain to victim compensation, victim assistance and the status of victims in the criminal justice system. These publications are cataloged on a database for easy reference and can be borrowed from the clearinghouse.

19. To accept, with approval of the Governor, as agent of the state, any grant including federal grants, or any gifts for the purpose of this article. Any monies so received may be expended by the Board to effectuate any purpose of article twenty-two, subject to the applicable provisions of the State Finance Law.

In fiscal year 2009-10, CVB was awarded \$13,667,174 from federal funds for victim compensation. That same year the Board received \$23,564,095 from federal funds for victim assistance.

- 20. To render each year to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before December first of each year, a written report on the Board's activities including, but not limited to, specific information on each of the subdivisions of section 623, and the manner in which the rights, needs and interests of crime victims are being addressed by the state's criminal justice system. Such report shall also include, but not be limited to:
 - a) Information transmitted by the State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives under subdivision five of section 390.30 of the Criminal Procedure Law and subdivision seven of section 351.1 of the Family Court Act which the Board shall compile, review and make recommendations on how to promote the use of restitution and encourage enforcement.
 - b) Information relating to the implementation of and compliance with article twenty-three of the Executive Law by the criminal justice agencies and the "crime victim-related agencies" of the State.

Victim Impact Statements

The State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA) transmitted to CVB data detailing the number of family court victim impact statements and criminal court victim impact statements requested, received and sent to court through the DPCA.

Restitution

A successful restitution collection initiative is dependent upon the cooperation and coordination of the other criminal justice components, as well as the statutory authority to fulfill the objectives of the program. Following are the Board's recommendations regarding restitution:

- Repeal penal law exempting defendants from paying surcharge if restitution is paid in full. (A.7956 of 2009)
- Prosecuting attorneys should be encouraged to use a standard victim impact statement which solicits information regarding pecuniary damages suffered by the victim, as well as any benefits paid by CVB.

- The DA should also be encouraged to use a standardized sentencing order which incorporates restitution as part of sentencing in all criminal cases.
- Clerks of the courts should be more diligent in distributing monies collected from the offender and in notifying CVB of monies collected.
- All officers preparing Pre-Sentencing Reports should ask the victim if they have applied to the Board and/or if they have received an award from the Board and the amount.
- DAs should be more diligent in their responsibility to file restitution orders as civil judgments in order to facilitate collection efforts and use a standardized restitution order which can be found on our website at www.cvb.state.ny.us.
- Clerks should be more diligent in properly recording the filed orders and the named judgment creditors in order to facilitate collection efforts.
- Collecting delinquent restitution accounts through wage garnishment should be researched. CVB should negotiate an agreement with the Department of Taxation and Finance to offset or seize income tax refunds when a defendant is delinquent in making restitution payments.
- The Office of Court Administration (OCA) should encourage the use of the Judges' Desk Reference on Restitution which was prepared by CVB and provided to both OCA and the Judicial Institute.

The Legal Unit worked to identify, for collection purposes, any civil judgments naming the CVB as a judgment creditor after restitution had been ordered to be paid to the CVB. Once identified, a copy of the certified judgment is obtained and all of the required documents are gathered. The judgment and documents are then forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for collection. During fiscal year 2009-2010, the following judgment amounts were so forwarded: \$2,962 and \$135.

21. To make grants to local crime victim service programs and carry out related duties under section 631-a of article 22.

Approximately \$29.7 million in victim assistance funds were available to the Board for grant-making purposes in fiscal year 2009-10. These funds enabled the Board to assist crime victims with services in approximately 189 programs. In addition to the auditing and monitoring functions, the Grants unit provided continuing technical assistance and support to Grants Victim Assistance programs. (See "Grants Unit Section" for further information.)

22. To delegate to specified employees of the Board the power to disallow claims under circumstances where regulations of the Board provide for disallowance without prejudice to reopening of claims.

Rules and regulations implementing this subdivision were adopted during fiscal year 1986-87. These rules allow staff to close specific types of claims without prejudice to their reopening.

ADM
2,844,171
3,241,630
3,283,486
2,991,842
3,233,301
6,379,242
5,769,772

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EXPENDITURES/DISBURSEMENTS* STATE FISCAL YEARS 1971-72 THROUGH 2009-10

SECTION III:

THE CLAIM PROCESS

It was "extremely helpful to have someone guide us through the sometimes tedious process of paperwork, to speak with us with dignity and respect, and to make our lives a little brighter..."

THE CLAIM PROCESS

Mandatory Information to Crime Victims

Police officers throughout New York State are required to provide all victims of crime with cards containing information about the existence of CVB and contact information. In addition, NY DAs are required to distribute the "Rights of Crime Victims in New York State" pamphlets to all victims of crime and are required by Ch. 173 of the Laws of 2006 to track their compliance. Hospital emergency rooms across the State must display the Board's poster describing the services available for crime victims.

CVB claim applications and brochures, which contain eligibility requirements and information, may be obtained from any police station or hospital within the State, at all CVB offices, the offices of local crime victim programs funded by the Board or downloaded from the Board's web site at www.cvb.state.ny.us.

Eligibility

The following are eligible to file a claim with the Board:

- (1) a victim of a crime that has sustained a personal physical injury^{*};
- (2) a victim of a crime that did not sustain a physical injury but meets one of the following criteria (some of the categories of compensation may be limited):
 - (a) an elderly (60 years old or older) or disabled victim;
 - (b) a child victim/witness;
 - (c) a victim of certain unlawful imprisonment/kidnapping crimes;
 - (d) a victim of certain menacing, harassment, stalking or criminal contempt crimes;

(e) witnesses and relief workers of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center for counseling expenses incurred on or before December 31, 2007;

(f) victims of frivolous lawsuits filed by the individual who committed the crime against the victim.

- (3) the surviving spouse, parent, stepparent, grandparent, child or stepchild of a victim who died as a direct result of a crime;
- (4) a spouse, child or stepchild of a victim of a crime who has sustained personal physical injury as a direct result of a crime;
- (5) any person dependent for his/her principle support upon a victim who died as a direct result of a crime;
- (6) any person that paid or incurred the burial expenses of a victim;
- (7) the parent, stepparent, grandparent, guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister of a child victim of a crime;
- (8) a surviving spouse of a crime victim who died from causes not directly related to the crime when the victim died prior to filing a claim with the Board or subsequent to filing a claim but prior to the rendering of a Board decision. This is limited to only out-of-pocket loss incurred as a direct result of the crime; and
- (9) victims of terrorist acts outside of the U.S. who are a resident of New York.

^{*}The definition of the term "victim" was expanded by Chapter 74 of the Laws of 2007, to include victims of the newly created crimes of labor trafficking (PL §135.35) and sex trafficking (PL §230.34). Chapter 74 also amended the CVB's governing statute (Exec. Law §631 subdivision 1) that a criminal justice agency report need only be made within a reasonable time considering all the circumstances. The CVB subsequently adopted regulations (9 NYCRR 525.32) creating the presumption of physical injury for victims of these crimes.

Once a claimant has filed a claim, most must establish the following additional eligibility requirements:

- (1) that a crime was committed;
- (2) that the crime was promptly reported to a criminal justice agency. In cases involving sex offenses, a "criminal justice agency" shall include any medical facility that provides a forensic physical examination for victims of rape and sexual assault. (Also, see the "Forensic Sexual Assault Direct Reimbursement" section on page 20, for direct reimbursement to the provider of such examinations);
- (3) that the crime victim was an "innocent" victim of the crime (did not by his/her conduct contribute to the infliction of his/her injuries);
- (4) the victim must have cooperated in the investigation and/or prosecution of the crime, except claims involving sex crimes where no report to the police is made and claims for the reimbursement of forensic rape exams;
- (5) the claim must be filed within one year of the crime (or a delay in filing a claim must be justified) and
- (6) financial difficulty must be proven if the claim is over \$5,000.

A claimant is required to provide CVB with information specific to the crime and the unreimbursed loss sustained. A Crime Victim Specialist evaluates the claim to ascertain that all pertinent information has been received; calculates the unreimbursed loss and reviews the financial status of the claimant in claims involving a loss greater than five thousand dollars. The claim is then forwarded to a Board Member who reviews the claim and renders a decision. Crime Victim Specialists are authorized to close claims under certain circumstances without prejudice to their being reopened.

Compensation Awards

Awards are made as lump sum payments for losses accrued prior to a decision; provision can be made in a decision for payment of protracted loss of income or support and for submission of continuing medical expenses. Protracted awards are allocated in monthly payments to a crime victim when the Board determines that a continuing loss of income or support has occurred as a result of injury or death. Additional medical payments are made for unreimbursed causally-related medical expenses incurred by the victim which are submitted after an award decision has been rendered. The Comptroller reviews the final decision of the Board or any additional medical payments and a check is issued by the Department of Taxation and Finance.

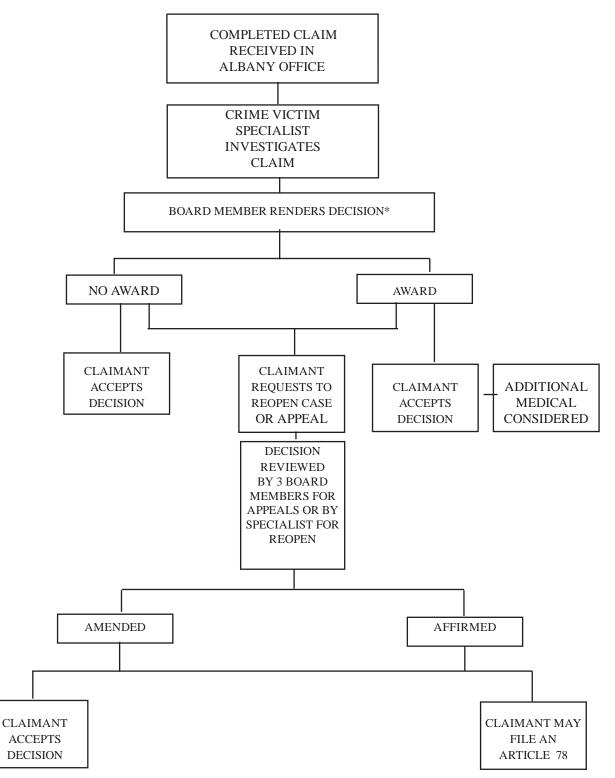
During the fiscal year 2009-2010, the following unreimbursed losses of eligible claimants were compensable by the Board:

- (1) unreimbursed expenses for medical or other related services;
- (2) lost earnings or support up to \$600 per week, to a maximum of \$30,000. Also, parents or guardians, in addition to their child, if he or she was employed at the time of the crime, are eligible to seek awards for loss of earnings incurred as a result of the hospitalization of their child. The total award given to the family cannot exceed \$30,000. Prior to this law only crime victims themselves could seek reimbursement for lost wages;
- (3) burial expense, to a maximum of \$6,000 (for World Trade Center related victims, the \$6,000 does not apply);
- (4) occupational or vocational rehabilitation expense to the victim or a family member of the victim where necessary as a direct result of a crime;
- (5) counseling expense to the victim and to certain family members;
- (6) crime scene clean-up expenses and the cost of security devices, to a maximum of \$2,500;
- (7) for Good Samaritan (to prevent a crime, or to apprehend or help apprehend a crime perpetrator) victims only, property losses up to \$5,000;
- (8) expense of repair or replacement of essential personal property, to a maximum of \$500 (with a

maximum of \$100 for cash). The victim need not suffer physical injury, if over 60, disabled, or under 18 years of age, or a stalking/harassment victim to receive this benefit;

- (9) transportation expense for necessary court appearances in connection with the prosecution of the crime;
- (10) expense of residing at or utilizing the services of a domestic violence shelter;
- (11) attorney fees for representation before the Board, to a maximum of \$1,000;
- (12) burial and certain counseling expenses of family members without regard to the financial difficulty of the claimant when a police officer or firefighter dies from injuries received in the line of duty as a direct result of a crime;
- (13) the cost of moving expenses for the safety of the victim, up to \$2,500 and
- (14) counseling expenses to witnesses and relief workers who worked at the site during the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. CVB has statutory authority to reimburse such costs incurred on or before December 31, 2007.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FILE A CLAIM



*Pursuant to Executive Law Section 627(2) CVB has the authority to delegate to specified employees the power to disallow a claim where such claim is disallowed without prejudice to reopening. Upon filing of such delegated decision with the Board, the decision shall be deemed to be the decision of the Board Member to whom the claim was assigned.

Note: Closed cases can be reopened at any time upon evidence of additional causally-related losses.

Emergency Awards

In those instances where undue hardship will result to the claimant if some immediate payment is not made, the Board, according to statute, may advance an emergency award before a final decision is made on the claim. Under emergency conditions, CVB is authorized to award up to \$2,500. The Board typically authorizes emergency awards for medical expenses, lost earnings and burial expenses. The crime victim must still meet the eligibility criteria listed in the prior section. Claimants will need to know the police station where the crime was reported and the assigned police complaint number. During fiscal year 2009-2010, 511 emergency awards totaling \$922,893 were granted.

Claimants eligible for emergency assistance should visit the nearest CVB office during the hours of 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. The claimant will then be interviewed by a staff person who will investigate the claim. CVB funded programs may also assist victims with filing for emergency assistance through CVB. Claimants should be advised that the process may take several hours.

Forensic Sexual Assault Direct Reimbursement

Under legislation signed into law in 2003 and effective as of April 1, 2005, CVB provides direct reimbursement to providers of forensic rape examination services. The reimbursement fee covers the examiner's services, related facilities' costs, basic laboratory tests and pharmaceuticals.

This reimbursement ensures that sexual assault survivors are not billed for any forensic rape examination services. It provides for the personal privacy of sexual assault victims, while reimbursing providers when the victim does not have access to private health insurance or chooses not to use private health care insurance for the forensic examination. However, if a victim voluntarily assigns his or her private insurance benefits to cover the forensic exam, the hospital or health care facility may not bill the CVB.

The reimbursement rate was set by statute in fiscal year 2009-2010 to be itemized charges up to \$800. This fee is to be reviewed annually and may, if appropriate, be adjusted by CVB in consultation with the Department of Health. The fee remained unchanged in fiscal year 2009-2010.

To access these program funds, a licensed health care provider who has performed a forensic rape examination must file the direct reimbursement claim form and an itemized bill for services. The claim must be received within one year of the examination.

Detailed instructions for filing claims are available on the Board's website. Claim forms are supplied inside of the Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kits distributed to health care providers by the Division of Criminal Justice Services. Claim forms may also be downloaded from our website and are available by mail upon request.

For fiscal year 2009-2010, CVB paid \$3,603,345 on 4,744 forensic sexual assault examination claims through this program.

Rejected Claims

During the state fiscal year 2009-2010, there were 1,306 claims rejected for various reasons. When a claim is rejected there can be more than one reason for rejecting the claim, which is apparent in the following table.

CLAIM REJECTION REASONS STATE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

TOTAL	4,390
CLAIM BEFORE CVB EXISTED	1
Illegible application	2
No crime listed	2
SEEKING	2
CLEAR WHAT COMPENSATION THEY ARE	
NO EXPENSES INCURRED BY VICTIM/NOT	0
CRIME OR APPLICANT CLAIMANT NOT A VICTIM	6
NEED SEPERATE APPLICATION FOR EACH	6
CRIME NOT IN NYS	8
SIGN APPLICATION & PROVIDE ALL INFORMA- TION	9
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES MUST	
DUPLICATE CLAIM	14
& DATE CLAIM SUBMITTED/REPORTED	17
Too much time between date of crime	
INCOMPLETE APPLICATION	17
Other	23
CLAIMANT	24
Victim over 18 so must be	24
Address missing	68
Claimant under 18 can't file applica- tion	70
No signature	167
ING	409
DATE CRIME REPORTED TO POLICE IS MISS-	
DATE OF BIRTH/SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/ NAME/RELATIONSHIP MISSING	413
VICTIM DATE OF BIRTH/SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/	432
CLAIM IDLE FOR MONTHS/NOT HEARD FROM	452
DATE OR CRIME INFORMATION MISSING	552
Missing or problem w/ crime location/	
AGENCY	2,128
PORT/NOT REPORTED TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	a 1 a 0
NO CRIME REPORT NUMBER/NO POLICE RE-	

Original Decisions: Reasons for "No Award" Decision

The "no information supplied" and "ineligible claimant" were the most frequent reasons for a "no award" decision being rendered for claims involving physical injury or death.

No information supplied2,335Not Eligible818Unable to locate claimant392Domestic violence no physical injury386Unable to substantiate245
UNABLE TO LOCATE CLAIMANT392DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NO PHYSICAL INJURY386UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE245
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NO COOPERATION 220
UNABLE TO LOCATE POLICE REPORT 187
Contributing conduct 155
NO CRIME 139
WITHDRAWN 105
DUPLICATE CLAIM 104
NOT ESSENTIAL PERSONAL PROPERTY 86
LOST PROPERTY 76
PENDING POLICE INVESTIGATION 65
CHILD NOT VICTIM OR WITNESS 65
VICTIM NOT A VICTIM OF CRIME 45
NO COMPENSABLE LOSS 39
CONFLICTING DATA 39
LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST FILE CLAIM 32
NOT ELIGIBLE AND NO EPP ITEMS 30
BUSINESS LOSS 30
HIT AND RUN, LEAVING THE SCENE OF PROPERTY 28
Accident 22
VICTIM OVER 18 & MUST FILE FOR SELF 16
NOT VICTIM OF CRIMINAL ACT 13
NO COMPENSABLE LOSS;NOT MINOR'S PROPERTY 8
Pending trial 6
CLAIMANT DIED FROM UNRELATED CAUSES 5
CRIME NOT IN NEW YORK STATE 2
NOT ELIGIBLE AND LOST PROPERTY 2
Other 16
TOTAL 5,711

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Board Review Decisions

Claimants dissatisfied with the decision of a Board Member may, within 30 days of the decision date, make an application in writing to the Chairwoman of the Board for an administrative review of the decision. The Chairwoman designates three members of the Board, not including the Board Member who made the original decision, to review the decision. An informal hearing is scheduled, if necessary, and the claimant may present any evidence or argument relevant to the claim. The decision of the Board review panel in affirming or modifying the original decision becomes the final decision of the Board. A claimant aggrieved by a final decision of the Board may within four months commence a proceeding to review the decision pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

State Fiscal Year	Number of Board Decisions Reviewed	State Fiscal Year	NUMBER OF BOARD DECISIONS REVIEWED
1976-1977	112	1993-1994	309
1977-1978	113	1994-1995	258
1978-1979	167	1995-1996	448
1979-1980	118	1996-1997	266
1980-1981	128	1997-1998	191
1981-1982	224	1998-1999	119
1982-1983	258	1999-2000	114
1983-1984	222	2000-2001	84
1984-1985	96	2001-2002	117
1985-1986	210	2002-2003	187
1986-1987	304	2003-2004	337
1987-1988	356	2004-2005	215
1988-1989	259	2005-2006	138
1989-1990	324	2006-2007	87
1990-1991	259	2007-2008	79
1991-1992	168	2008-2009	120
1992-1993	211	2009-2010	174

NUMBER OF BOARD DECISIONS REVIEWED

Review by Comptroller

After receiving the final decision of the Board, the Comptroller may within 15 days, if in his judgment the award is illegal or excessive, return the decision to the Board for modification of the final decision. If the Comptroller still adjudges the modified decision to be illegal or excessive, he may within 15 days seek a court review.

SECTION IV:

STATISTICS -CLAIMS ACCEPTED



COMPENSATION EXPENDITURES

It is "refreshing to know" you have staff "that can be sensitive to people who look for help with your agency..."

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CLAIMS ACCEPTED AND COMPENSATION EXPENDITURES

All law enforcement agencies in New York State are required to provide victim notification cards, claim applications and information brochures relating to the availability of crime victim compensation to every victim of a crime. All hospitals are also required to have these claim applications available and to display the Board's posters in their emergency rooms. In addition, Victim Assistance Programs funded by CVB are required to aid victims in filing claim applications with CVB. The agency's own advocate staff also assist victims with the application process. Victims, of course, may apply to CVB on their own. These are just some of the means by which claim applications are submitted to the Board. Certain fundamental elements of the application must be completed in order for the claim to be "accepted" by CVB.

Fiscal Year	CLAIMS Accepted	Percent Increase/ Decrease
1967-1968	196	-
1968-1969	519	+165
1969-1970	929	+79
1970-1971	1,594	+72
1971-1972	1,896	+19
1972-1973	1,762	-7
1973-1974	2,065	+17
1974-1975	2,341	+13
1975-1976	3,119	+33
1976-1977	4,250	+36
1977-1978	4,914	+16
1978-1979	5,834	+19
1979-1980	7,245	+24
1980-1981	8,573	+18
1981-1982	8,121	-5
1982-1983	8,034	-1
1983-1984	8,348	+4
1984-1985	10,511	+26
1985-1986	13,478	+28
1986-1987	21,377	+59
1987-1988	22,445	+5
1988-1989	25,408	+13
1989-1990	26,889	+6
1990-1991	30,307	+13
1991-1992	27,811	-8
1992-1993	25,887	-7
1993-1994	24,198	-7
1994-1995	20,563	-15
1995-1996	17,002	-17
1996-1997	16,219	-5

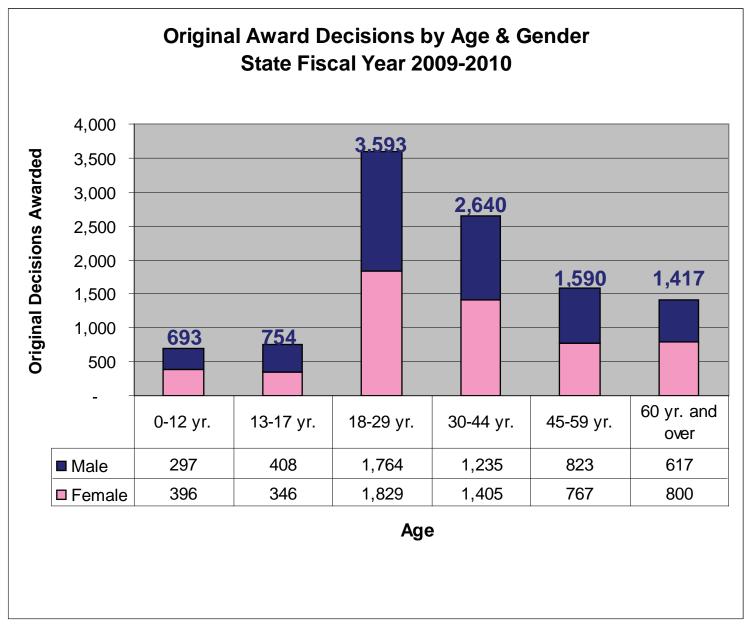
Fiscal Year	CLAIMS Accepted	Percent Increase/ Decrease
1997-1998	17,207	+6
1998-1999	18,496	+7
1999-2000	17,639	-5
2000-2001	16,478	-7
2001-2002	22,117	+34
2002-2003	18,751	-15
2003-2004	20,012	+7
2004-2005	14,750	-26
2005-2006	13,873	-6
2006-2007	13,699	-1
2007-2008	13,602	-1
2008-2009	15,929	+17
2009-2010	16,910	+6

* The World Trade Center tragedy occurred on September 11, 2001, which resulted in an increased number of claims.

YEARLY WORKLOAD SUMMARY

	2009
Open Claims March 31st	4,667
CLAIMS ACCEPTED Apr 1 - Mar 31	16,910
TOTAL CLAIMS BEFORE THE BOARD	21,577
TOTAL ORIGINAL DECISIONS:	16,398
Awards No Awards	10,687 5,711
Non-Original Decisions:	
TOTAL AMENDED	1,380
Amended Awards* Amended No Awards	1,240 140
TOTAL APPEALS	174
Affirmed Decisions	133
REVERSED DECISIONS	32
Amended Decisions	9
End of Year Open Claims	5,179

* Starting in fiscal year 2008-2009, the number of amended awards includes Additional Medical amended decisions which were not counted in previous years.



Original Awards by Age and Gender

Of the 10,687 victims for whom an original decision was awarded, the largest portion were persons between the ages of 18-29 (3,593 claims or 34%); this was true for both men (1,764 claims or 34%) and women (1,829 claims or 33%) also from this same age range.

Female victims accounted for 52% and male victims were 48% of all the original decisions awarded. Females victims had more original award decisions among all age groups, except for 13-17 yr. and 45-59 yr. age groups.

WORKLOAD SUMMARIES					
-		TOTAL		END OF	
FISCAL	ACCEPTED	Original	Awards	YEAR OPEN	
YEAR	TICCEI TED	DECISIONS		DECISIONS	
1967-68	196	99	43	97	
1968-69	519	422	220	194	
1969-70	929	965	372	278	
1970-71	1,594	1,237	512	771	
1971-72	1,896	1,698	618	1,185	
1972-73	1,762	2,250	824	990	
1972-73	2,065	2,230	891	1,168	
1973-74				1,108	
	2,341	2,697	1,074	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
1975-76	3,119	2,837	1,097	1,694	
1976-77	4,250	4,054	1,510	2,326	
1977-78	4,914	5,027	1,764	2,609	
1978-79	5,834	6,855	2,458	2,350	
1979-80	7,245	7,530	2,617	2,707	
1980-81	8,573	8,838	2,952	3,114	
1981-82	8,121	8,932	2,934	3,071	
1982-83	8,034	9,140	3,088	2,798	
1983-84	8,348	8,807	3,309	3,195	
1984-85	10,511	10,117	3,483	4,303	
1985-86	13,478	13,637	5,188	5,088	
1986-87	21,377	20,630	8,324	7,273	
1987-88	22,445	24,368	9,263	7,473	
1988-89	25,408	23,197	9,491	11,517	
1989-90	26,889	26,765	11,125	13,320	
1990-91	30,307	26,419	11,063	18,948	
1991-92	27,811	24,234	9,912	24,146	
1992-93	25,887	33,418	12,997	18,925	
1993-94	24,198	27,948	12,833	15,296	
1994-95	20,563	25,508	11,898	10,351	
1995-96	17,002	20,877	10,915	6,476	
1996-97 1997-98	16,219 17,207	16,186	8,136	6,509	
1997-98	17,207 18,496	15,437 16,200	9,476 10,899	8,279 10,575	
1999-00	17,639	18,236	11,544	9,978	
2000-01	16,478	16,893	11,573	9,563	
2001-02	22,117	20,918	14,903	10,762	
2002-03	18,751	22,357	15,801	7,156	
2003-04	20,012	24,025	14,989	3,143	
2004-05	14,750	14,600	11,366	3,293	
2005-06	13,873	13,428	10,419	3,738	
2006-07	13,699	12,894	10,224	4,543	
2007-08	13,602	14,569	13,564	3,576	
2008-09	15,929	14,838	11,055	4,667	
2009-10	16,910	16,398	11,968	5,179	

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DEFINITIONS:

ACCEPTED - Claims received including claims with incomplete information that were not processed, during the period April 1 - March 31.

TOTAL ORIGINAL DECISIONS - Original claims awarded compensation and original claims that were denied.

Awards - Total original claims awarded compensation, reopened claims that were awarded compensation plus claims that were on appeal and either reversed or amended decisions.

END OF YEAR OPEN DECISIONS - Total original claims still before the Board that have not had a decision rendered (award or no award).

Claims Analysis

In addition to providing compensation to victims of violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, and assault) who have suffered personal physical injury, the Board is also able to compensate certain victims of burglary, larceny, stalking, kidnapping and unlawful imprisonment.

It should be noted that the Board accepted 3,368 claims in fiscal year 2009-10 solely for repair or replacement of essential personal property in which there was no personal injury. These claims represented 20% of the total claims accepted in the fiscal year.

FISCAL YEAR	DEATH	Personal Injury	Essential Personal Property
1981-1982	1,082	7,039	N/A
1982-1983	1,115	6,919	N/A
1983-1984	1,086	7,262	N/A
1984-1985	1,101	9,413	N/A
1985-1986	1,132	9,334	3,012
1986-1987	1,348	13,581	6,448
1987-1988	1,413	12,972	8,060
1988-1989	1,560	14,864	8,984
1989-1990	1,718	14,496	10,675
1990-1991	1,874	15,251	13,182
1991-1992	1,917	14,019	11,875
1992-1993	1,812	12,426	11,649
1993-1994	1,693	12,356	10,248
1994-1995	1,374	10,899	8,277
1995-1996	1,246	9,758	5,997
1996-1997	998	9,936	5,164
1997-1998	981	11,309	4,917
1998-1999	879	12,508	5,109
1999-2000	961	11,599	5,079
2000-2001	870	10,678	4,930
2001-2002	3,870	13,310	4,937
2002-2003	1,506	12,364	4,881
2003-2004	1,244	14,809	3,959
2004-2005	1,002	10,285	3,463
2005-2006	937	9,659	3,277
2006-2007	976	9,476	3,247
2007-2008	914	9,437	3,251
2008-2009	1,016	11,561	3,352
2009-2010	975	12,567	3,368

CLAIMS ACCEPTED BY CLAIM TYPE FISCAL YEARS 1981-82 THROUGH 2009-10

TYPE OF CLAIM	DISBURSEMENT Amount
Personal Injury	\$20,817,579
Death	\$4,129,960
Forensic Rape Exam Direct Reimbursement	\$3,603,345
Essential Personal Property	\$398,443
TOTAL	\$28,949,327

DISBURSEMENTS BY CLAIM TYPE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10

Binghamton Shooting Incident

The Binghamton shooting incident occured on April 3, 2009 and was the biggest single mass crime this agency has dealt with since the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The gunman went on a shooting rampage at the American Civic Association in Binghamton and killed 13 people - 11 immigrants taking an English class, their teacher and a caseworker - and then killed himself. Thirty-three others hid in the building during the shooting until the police secured the building.

CVB immediately mobilized after the shootings to provide on-site assistance to the victims of this shooting. The victim service providers and staff provided information to victims, determined eligibility and handled claims for victims who applied for assistance/compensation. CVB also worked in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice to establish a toll-free number, 24 hours a day to provide information to victims seeking assistance.

Immediately following the incident, CVB was able to provide emergency awards for victims (up to \$2,500) and their family members, as well as provide payment of medical and funeral expenses, and compensation for lost wages and counseling services.

SECTION V:

REHABILITATION SERVICES

AND

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES

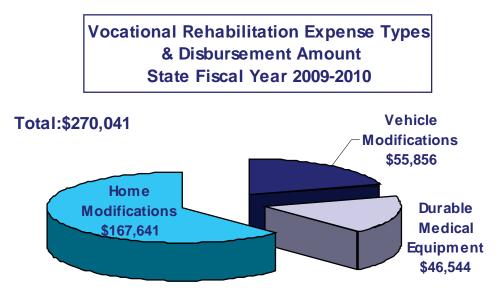
You were very patient - "This was especially important because of the level of pain I was enduring"

REHABILITATION SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES

The overall objective of the Vocational Rehabilitation Unit is to improve the quality of life for individuals permanently disabled as a direct result of a crime. The Vocational Rehabilitation Unit is comprised of one Registered Nurse, who:

- Manages the vocational and occupational rehabilitation program for victims and survivors of crime;
- Reviews the claimant's treatment plan to ensure services are allowable and causally-related;
- Refers the claimant to an independent medical consultant as needed for further professional opinion on service needs and causal-related services;
- Reviews any requests for home modifications necessary as a result of a disability due to a crime. Home modifications are a major undertaking and the process currently takes between 12-18 months on average to complete;
- Reviews requests from claimants for high cost medical equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, beds, prosthesis, vehicle modifications etc.). Works with vendors for reasonable and customary costs;
- Assists the Additional Medical Unit personnel in interpreting medical bills and records;
- Reviews medical bills, reports and claimant requests for appropriateness to injuries sustained from the crime;
- Reviews requests for educational assistance for job retraining;
- Develops and implements unit policies and
- Develops and maintains cooperative relationships with community resources to assist the victim in achieving preinjury status or maximum potential.

During state fiscal year 2009-2010, claimants received \$270,041 for vocational rehabilitation benefits from CVB. During this fiscal year Vocational Rehabilitation included vehicle modifications, durable medical equipment, and home modifications.



The Additional Medical Claims Unit is comprised of one Senior Supervisor, eight Agency Program Aide staff and two support staff. This unit is responsible for processing medical bills that are received by the Board subsequent to a decision by a Board Member. The claimant may submit requests for reimbursement at any time during their lifetime for causally-related expenses. Since the claimant may submit such bills at any time during their lifetime, the base number of claimants submitting bills for consideration is expanding each year.

SECTION VI:

PUBLIC AWARENESS

AND

OUTREACH

"Although I was very depressed, you made a difference by just listening and made me laugh at a time when there was no laughter in my heart"

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

The Board and its funded programs attempt to reach out to all reported victims of violent crime in New York State, of which there were approximately 74,840 victims in 2009.

The Board and its Executive Staff are active participants in the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards (NACVCB) and the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA). Regional and national meetings, along with e-mail communications between the states and the NACVCB and the NAVAA allow us to learn of the other states practices, the problems they face and the possible solutions and new issues/developments in the field.

The Board interceded on behalf of individual victims who contacted the Board with questions regarding their treatment by the criminal justice system, by reminding pertinent parties of their obligations under Article 23.

The fulfillment of our responsibility to provide awareness of the benefits available under the statute is considered to be an extremely important and ongoing duty of the Board. One way the Board achieves this is by utilizing our website to provide the public with information about such things as compensation, victim assistance programs, events/trainings, our forms/publications, and recordings of our public Board meetings. During this state fiscal year, 42,439 people visited the CVB website, which is an increase of approximately 10 percent from last fiscal year. In total, there were 68,707 visits to our website, which is an increase of 7% compared to last fiscal year.

In addition, the Board continues to intensify its efforts to make the public more aware of its compensation program by attending or providing a speaker at many events throughout the State. The following highlight some of the public awareness activities undertaken by the Board and its staff:

- National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was April 26-May 2, 2009 with the theme "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act." CVB held a press conference and coordinated an empty shoe display outside the William J. Mahoney Building in downtown Buffalo to illustrate the steps that crime victims take on the path to seek justice. The shoes represented the strides made by law enforcement, gorvernment and victims' assistance programs in Erie County and across NYS to help victims, protect their rights and ensure their voices are heard. In addition, CVB along with American Red Cross sponsored three blood drives, one in Albany and the others in Rochester and Buffalo. CVB printed a message on the County paystubs regarding the blood drive in Buffalo.
- 2. The CVB Chairwoman Tina Stanford hosted the Making Strides for Victims event, appeared in "Criminal Justice Forum" a 30 minute, pre-taped interview on Buffalo Cabel Access and Schenectady Cable Access 16 at various times during NCVRW, was the guest speaker at the Genesee County Criminal Justice Advisory Council Advisory Breakfast, participated in a joint press conference with OPDV at the Mohawk Valley YWCA in Utica, spoke at the Crime Victims Memorial Brick Dedication in Albany, appeared as a live guest on Capitol News 9 evening news and was interviewed by the Hon. Penny Wolfgang, J.S.C., for her radio show On Target, which aired 5 times over two days.
- 3. In addition, a public service announcement (PSAs) was played on the Access Channel in Buffalo before and during NCVRW. Channel 7 in Buffalo also aired CVB's PSA. NY One News also ran our PSAs in both English and Spanish during that week.
- 4. In fiscal year 2009-10, CVB once again featured a statewide calendar of community-based National Crime Vicims' Rights Week (NCVRW) events on its agency's website to help promote awareness of this observance. There were 50 events in 26 different counties scheduled throughout the week of April 26 -May 2, 2009 in commemoration of NCVRW and were posted in a week-long calendar for each county in

New York State.

- 5. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring April 26-May 2,2009 Crime Victims Week in New York state.
- 6. In October 2009, CVB held a statewide conference attended by over 330 victim advocates, law enforcement, criminal justice and allied professionals. The purpose of the event was to improve skills of those who assist crime victims.
- 6. Our public website continues to highlight current news items on its home page under the "What's New" section and lists all pertinent events and training on the home page as well.
- 7. The CVB legal staff continued to provide education and training on compensation, the FRE program and restitution to a variety of organizations across the State. The CVB Legal Staff coordinated and provided several training presentations on the Forensic Rape Examination (FRE) Direct Reimbursement Program to medical providers and Victim Assistance Providers. These trainings included presentations at Westchester Medical Center, Albany Medical Center and Victim Assistance Services in Elmsford, NY.
- 8. The Annual Report for fiscal year 2008-2009 was distributed by December 1, 2009 as required by statute.

SECTION VII:

GRANTS UNIT

"Thank you for helping us."

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GRANTS UNIT

The Grants Unit of the Board oversees contracts based on the federal fiscal year, which is from October 1 - September 30, and the unit is responsible for three primary objectives:

- 1. Administer and monitor the programmatic and fiscal activities of community-based victim/witness assistance programs throughout the State.
- 2. Coordinate the statewide conference.
- 3. Coordinate the activities of the statewide advisory council.

These programs provide a comprehensive array of services such as crisis intervention, legal assistance, counseling, emergency financial assistance, transportation, intervention, information, referrals, telephone counseling, and assistance with filing for crime victims compensation and other benefits.

Victim/Witness Assistance Programs

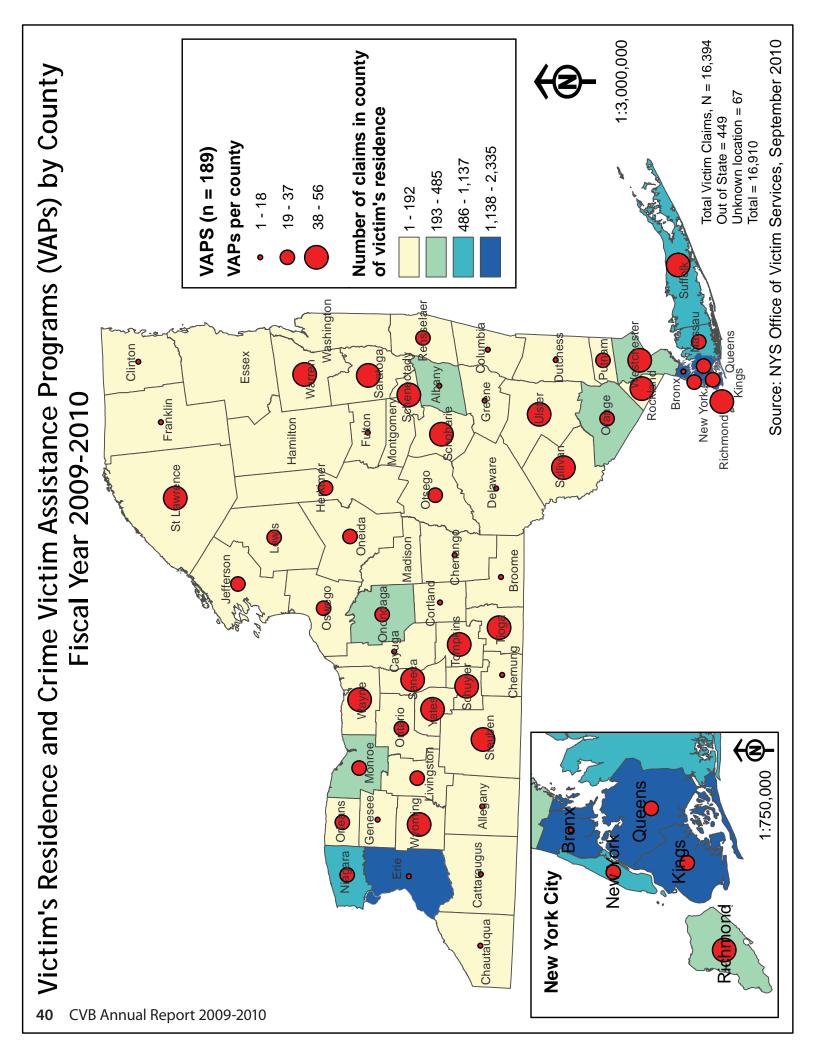
Since 1981, CVB has been provided with a legislative appropriation for the purpose of making grants for the provision of local victim/witness assistance and services. Initially, twenty-three programs received grant funds for this purpose. In fiscal year 2009-10, 189 victim/witness assistance programs received grant awards from the Board, ranging from \$32,000 to over \$1.8 million.

During the state fiscal year 2009-10, \$7,067,000 in state funds were appropriated, and \$21,775,095 in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds and \$900,000 from the Federal Recovery Act of 2009 were appropriated for grant-making purposes in victim assistance.

All grant awards are made to programs based on proposals received in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the CVB. This process enables the CVB Grants Unit to assess a program's needs based on area needs, past performance and other available resources within a geographical area. The Board grants funds to existing programs to enable them to expand their services, as well as to new programs which demonstrate the need and ability to provide services to crime victims. We are a major source of funding for the Department of Corrections Victim Information Notification Everyday program (VINE). The State Police also received a grant through CVB to fund the hiring and training of victim advocates with the New York State Police Troops, which provides services to underserved areas in New York State, especially outlying rural areas. CVB also provides funds to the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) to support services to those who are affected by domestic violence. Funding also allows OPDV to inform and direct the State's policy efforts and coordinate domestic violence training, education and outreach efforts.

The Grants Unit has the fiduciary responsibility of safeguarding government grant funds. Unit auditors and program monitors perform on-site reviews for contract compliance. In addition to the contract and performance reviews, the auditors and monitors provide continuing technical and program assistance to CVB's grant-funded programs.

CVB supports statewide, comprehensive victim/witness assistance services in all sectors of the community. Criminal justice agencies, non-profit victim programs and specific municipal programs all receive support. Examples include DA offices, Probation Departments, YWCA's, local police departments, hospitals, and Catholic Charities organizations.



Statewide Conference

The Board held another successful statewide conference in October 20-22, 2009 in Buffalo, NY. Workshops at this event addressed cutting edge concepts, emerging issues, therapy/counseling, self care/self improvement and supervisory/management issues. Examples of workshops included: Basics of Criminal Justice and working with Prosecutors, Working with Feds, Human Trafficking, Survivor's Art Show, Strengthening Military-Civilian Community Partnerships, Understanding and Cooperating with Law Enforcement, Teen Dating Violence, Power and Control: Beyond Gender, What Groups Work for Who, SPA Days (Staff Professional Advancement), Community Based vs. Criminal Justice Based Programs, Working with Sexually Exploited Young People, PTSD and Addictions: Integrative Approaches to Treatment, CVB compensation, Volunteerism - Recruitment, Retention and Community, Elder Abuse, Working with Immigrant Victims, Being Present to the Process of Undoing Racism, Mandated Reporter Training, Aftermath of Murder: Providing Services to Survivors of Homicide, Cultural Perspectivess of Black Domestic Violence Survivors and Traumatic Brain Injury and Domestic Violence. Approximately 330 professionals from victim service agencies, law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and allied disciplines attended the conference.

The Board presented its Special Achievement Award to the State Police Crime Victims' Specialist program during the conference; Troop A Lt. Steven Graap accepted the award on behalf of the State Police. CVB solicited nominations for this award from the network of nearly 200 victims' assistance programs that it funds across the State. The award is for outstanding service and advocacy on behalf of crime victims and their families across the state.

Regional Trainings

The Grants unit conducted numerous trainings throughout the fiscal year on compensation, VOCA guidelines, web training, rape crisis services, and updates on CVB guidelines. At two regional trainings human trafficking was a major topic. Over 400 participants attended one or more of the trainings that the Grants unit offered during fiscal year 2009-10.

In addition to the training the Grants unit provides, two investigators in the claim processing unit rotate presenting the monthly VAP compensation trainings in Albany, Buffalo or Brooklyn.

Statewide Advisory Council

Article 22, Section 623(14) empowers CVB to establish an Advisory Council "to assist in formulation of policies on the problems of crime victims." The Statewide Advisory Council was established to address victim issues. The Council meets four times a year between September and June.

The Council consists of twenty-five members appointed by the Board, who have demonstrated an active interest in or obtained professional knowledge of the problems, needs and treatment of victims. Members of the Advisory Council are appointed for three year terms and are limited to two terms or up to six years. After two terms, a member can take a one year break before resubmitting a nomination. At least one member is a victim/survivor, who is not employed by a victim service agency. Additionally, members of the Legislature or other individuals that have a special interest in victim issues are invited, by the Board, to participate on the Council as ex-officio members. To the extent possible, members are chosen to ensure representation for each geographic region within the State, and for various disciplines in the fields of social services and criminal justice. The Board does solicit nominations from the Council, the Coalitions and other interested parties on a regular basis for new members. These nominations are funneled through the Nominating Committee and voted on by the Board. A Council President and Vice-President are elected at the year's first meeting. The Advisory Council also has five standing committees: Legislative, Program, Compensation and Services, Services to Diverse Populations and the Nominating Committee. The chair of each committee, the Council President, and the Vice-President form the steering committee for the Council.

Occasionally, Ad Hoc committees are formed to address special concerns including the Planning Committee for the Statewide Conference.

The Advisory Council duties include encouraging public understanding of the needs of victims and the status of victim rights; and advising CVB in establishing state-wide goals and objectives for advancing services to victims and implementing victim rights.

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: OCTOBER 1, 2009 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

PROGRAM NAME/	Grant
Address	AMOUNT
A New Hope Center 20 Church Street Owego, NY 13827	\$269,942
Advocacy Center of Tompkins County PO Box 164	\$205 002
Ithaca, NY 14851	\$205,893
ALBANY COUNTY CRIME VICTIM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER 112 STATE STREET, ROOM 1100	\$353,346
ALBANY, NY 12207	+
Albany County District Attorney's Office 6 Lodge Street	* * * * *
Albany, NY 12207	\$90,586
Allegany County District Attorney's Office 212-A County Ofc. Bldg.	
7 Court Street	\$32,101
BELMONT, NY 14813	ψ54,101
Alternatives for Battered Women, Inc. PO Box 39601	
PO BOX 39601 Rochester, NY 14604	\$117,001
ARBOR DEVELOPMENT 16 W. WILLIAM STREET PO Box 31 Bath, NY 14810-0031	\$102,124
BARRIER FREE LIVING, INC. 270 E. 2nd Street NY, NY 10009	\$64,217
Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. 22 US Oval, Suite 218	
Plattsburgh, NY 12903 Beth Israel Medical Center	\$72,467
160 WATER STREET,24TH FLOOR NY, NY 10038	\$109,212

PROGRAM NAME/	Grant
ADDRESS	AMOUNT
BRONX COUNTY DISTRICT	
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
198 East 161st Street	\$201,677
BRONX, NY 10451	φ 201,0 77
BRONX INDEPENDENT LIVING Services	
4419 THIRD AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR	
Bronx, NY 10457	\$116,718
BROOKLYN CHINESE-AMERICAN	<i>\\</i>
Association	
5002 8 TH A VENUE	* =0.000
BROOKLYN, NY 11220	\$50,880
CAC FOUNDATION, INC.	
370 S. FOURTH STREET	
Fulton, NY 13069	\$81,607
CAMBA, INC.	
1720 CHURCH AVENUE	¢125.054
BROOKLYN, NY 11226	\$127,954
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF	
CHEMUNG & SCHUYLER	
Counties	
607 North Franklin Street	
PO Box 16	\$88,415
WATKINS GLEN, NY 14891	\$ 00,41 5
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF	
CHENANGO COUNTY	
3 O'HARA DRIVE	\$203,709
Norwich, NY 13815	\$200,10
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF FULTON	
& MONTGOMERY COUNTIES	
4 Nicholas Street	\$182,135
Johnstown, NY 12095	. ,
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF	
HERKIMER COUNTY	
61 WEST STREET	\$61,767
ILION, NY 13357	
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SARATOGA, WARREN &	
Washington Counties	
142 Regent Street	
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866	\$148,020
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF	
Schoharie County	
489 West Main Street	
Cobleskill, NY 12043	\$45,048

PROGRAM NAME /	Grant	PROGRAM NAME/	Grant
ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. 25 Jefferson Street PO Box 308 Salamanca, NY 14779	\$259,927	Children of Bellevue, Inc. 462 First Avenue NY, NY 10016	\$284,011
Cayuga Counseling Svcs., Inc. 17 East Genesee Street Auburn, NY 13021	\$102,035	Citizens Advice Bureau, Inc. 2054 Morris Avenue Bronx, NY 10453	\$59,664
Cayuga County District Attorney's Office Cayuga County Courthouse Annex		Citizens Against Violent Acts, Inc. 20 East Main Street Canton, NY 13617	\$178,099
95 GENESEE STREET Auburn, NY 13021 Center Against Domestic Violence	\$34,987	Clinton County Advocacy Center 34 Court Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	\$39,494
25 CHAPEL STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201 CHANCES AND CHANGES, INC.	\$95,202	Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect, Inc. 229 7th Street	
PO Box 326 Geneseo, NY 14454	\$98,854	Garden City, NY 11530 Columbia County District	\$122,449
Chautauqua County Child Advocacy Program 405 West 3rd Street Jamestown, NY 14701	\$63,598	Attorney's Office 325 Columbia Street Hudson, NY 12534 Columbia Memorial Hospital	\$93,981
Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Center		71 PROSPECT AVENUE Hudson, NY 12534 COMLINKS	\$86,683
County Court House 1 N. Erie Street Mayville, NY 14757	\$111,852	343 West Main Street Malone, NY 12953 Community Action of Greene	\$244,812
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF PUTNAM COUNTY 121 MAIN STREET BREWSTER, NY 10509	\$78,068	County, Inc. 53 South Jefferson Avenue Catskill, NY 12414	\$149,418
Child & Adolescent Treat- ment Services, Inc. 301 Cayuga Drive	\$142,695	Community Agency for Senior Citizens 56 Bay Street, 5th Floor Staten Island, NY 10301	\$306,501
CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225 Child and Family Services of Erie County 330 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202	\$52,347	CONNECT, Inc. PO Box 20217 Greeley Square Station NY, NY 10001	\$45,360

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Address	AMOUNT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER, INC. 377 Robinson Street Binghamton, NY 13904	\$424,555	Empire Justice Center 1 West Main Street Suite 200 Rochester, NY 14614	\$42,876
CRIME VICTIMS SUPPORT SVCS. of the North Bronx, Inc. 1138 Neill Avenue Bronx, NY 10461	\$233,906	Equinox, Inc. 95 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206	\$266,144
CROWN HEIGHTS JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC. 387 KINGSTON AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11225	\$138,808	ERIE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 25 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202	\$324,329
DELAWARE OPPORTUNITIES, INC. 35430 STATE HIGHWAY 10 HAMDEN, NY 13782	\$97,158	Erie County Probation One Niagara Plaza Buffalo, NY 14202	\$52,597
Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Svcs. of Saratoga County 480 Broadway LL20		Family Services, Inc. 29 N. Hamilton Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	\$371,775
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866 Dominican Women's Development Center 519 West 189th Street	\$157,209	Fordham-Tremont CMHC of St. Barnabus Hospital 2021 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10453	\$50,098
GROUND FLOOR NY, NY 10040	\$104,333	Fulton County District Attorney's Office Fulton County Office Bldg.	
DWA FANM 74A 4th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11217	\$41,472	223 West Main Street Johnstown, NY 12095	\$86,497
EAC, Inc. 50 Clinton Street, Suite 107 Hempstead, NY 11550	\$68,875	Genesee County Sheriff's Department Genesee Justice Program 14 West Main Street	\$158,609
EAST HARLEM NEIGHBORHOOD BASED ALLIANCE CORP. 2253 THIRD AVENUE		BATAVIA, NY 14020 Good Shepherd Services	¢120,007
2nd Floor NY, NY 10035	\$140,184	305 Seventh Avenue 9th Floor NY, NY 10001-6008	\$190,468
Eastside Community Group for Senior Services, Inc. 340 East 24th Street NY, NY 10010	\$42,196	GREENWICH HOUSE 224 West 30th Street Suite 302	\$99,956
Elmira Police Department 317 East Church Street Elmira, NY 14901	\$70,389	NY, NY 10001 HANAC, Inc. 49 West 45th Street	
		4th Floor NY, NY 10036	\$106,981

PROGRAM NAME /	Grant	PROGRAM NAME/	GRANT
Address	AMOUNT	Address	AMOUNT
HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER 506 LENOX AVENUE NY, NY 10037	\$70,509	LEGAL SERVICES NYC 350 BROADWAY, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10013	\$103,741
HERKIMER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 301 N. WASHINGTON STREET	<i><i><i>4</i>70,000</i></i>	Lewis County Oppportunities, Inc. 8265 State Rte. 812	
Suite 2401 Herkimer, NY 13350	\$49,643	Lowville, NY 13367 Liberty Resources, Inc. 1045 James Street	\$53,760
HOPE'S DOOR PO Box 203 Pleasantville, NY 10570	\$287,316	Syracuse, NY 13203 Lincoln Medical & Mental	\$149,435
IN OUR OWN VOICES, INC. 245 LARK STREET Albany, NY 12210	\$61,338	HEALTH CENTER 234 EAST 149TH STREET ROOM 4C-168 BRONX, NY 10451	\$67,557
INSTITUTE FOR THE PUERTO RICAN/HISPANIC ELDERLY, INC. 105 EAST 22ND STREET NY, NY 10010	\$132,987	Livingston County District Attorney's Office 2 Court Street Geneseo, NY 14454	\$47,020
JACOBI MEDICAL CENTER 1400 Pelham Parkway South South Bronx, NY 10461	\$107,063	MECHANICVILLE AREA COMMU- NITY SERVICES CENTER, INC. PO Box 30, 6 S Main Street MECHANICVILLE, NY 12118	\$34,788
JAMAICA SERVICE PROGRAM FOR Older Adults 162-04 Jamaica Avenue 3rd Floor	\$140,153	Mental Health Assoc. in Orange County, Inc. 73 County Highway 108 Middletown, NY 10940	\$68,863
JAMAICA, NY 11432 J.E. & Z.B. BUTLER CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER 3314 STEUBEN AVENUE	¢ (1 0 0 0	Metropolitan Hospital Center 1901 First Avenue NY, NY 10029	\$78,690
BRONX, NY 10467 Kings County District Attorney's Office 350 Jay Street, 10th Floor	\$41,839	Monroe County District Attorney's Office 47 South Fitzhugh Street	\$168 220
BROOKLYN, NY 11201 KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER	\$355,205	Rochester, NY 14614 Monroe County Sheriff's Office	\$168,230
3101 Kingsbridge Terrace Bronx, NY 10463	\$212,799	130 South Plymouth Avenue Rochester, NY 14614 Mothers Against Drunk	\$179,388
Korean American Family Service Center PO Box 541429		Driving 790 Watervliet-Shaker Road Suite 6	
Flushing, NY 11354	\$88,074	Latham, NY 12110	\$92,054

Program Name/ Address	Grant Amount	Program Name/ Address	Grant Amount
Mount Sinai Hospital/ Adolescent Health Center 320 East 94th Street NY, NY 10128	\$85,597	New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project 240 West 35th St., Ste 200 New York, NY 10001	\$156,647
Mount Sinai School of Medicine 1 Gustave L. Levy Place NY, NY 10029	\$47,164	New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation Bellevue Hospital 462 First Avenue ME8	\$296,899
Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program 1 Gustave Levy Place Box 1670 NY, NY, 10020	\$397,238	New York, NY 10016 New York County District Attorney's Office 1 Hogan Place NY, NY 10013	\$236.109
NY, NY 10029 My Sister's Place, Inc. 1 Water Street, 3rd Floor White Plains, NY 10601	\$276,171	New York Presbyterian Hospital 622 West 168th Street NY, NY 10032	
NASSAU COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC. 250 FULTON AVENUE 3RD FLOOR HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550	\$441,892	New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center 622 West 168th Street NY, NY 10032	\$219,735 \$122,917
NASSAU COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE 1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE MINEOLA, NY 11501 NEIGHBORHOOD SELF-HELP BY	\$140,130	New York State Crime Victims Board Victim Advocacy Program 1 Columbia Circle, Suite 200 Albany, NY 12203	\$236,584
Older Persons Project, Inc. 953 Southern Blvd. Bronx, NY 10459	\$90,492	New York State Department of Correctional Svcs. Office of Victim Services	,,
New York Asian Women's Center 39 Bowery PO Box 375, PMB 375		STATE CAMPUS, BLDG. 2 1220 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12226	\$280,608
NY, NY 10002 New York City Department for the Aging 2 Lafayette Street 2nd Floor	\$208,834 \$394,216	New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence 80 Wolf Road, Room 406 Albany, NY 12205	\$83,373

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Address	AMOUNT	Address	AMOUNT
New York State Police		ONONDAGA COUNTY DISTRICT	
STATE CAMPUS, BLDG. 22		ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
1220 WASHINGTON AVENUE	\$714,765	505 S. STATE STREET	
ALBANY, NY 12226	<i><i><i>ϕ</i></i>, <i>μ</i>, <i>μ</i>, <i>μ</i>, <i>μ</i>, <i>μ</i>, <i>μ</i>, <i>μ</i>, <i></i></i>	4th Floor	\$84,646
New York State Sheriff's		SYRACUSE, NY 13202	<i>\$</i> 01,010
Association Institute, Inc.		ONTARIO COUNTY DISTRICT	
27 Elk Street		ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
ALBANY, NY 12207	\$494,628	ONTARIO COUNTY COURT HOUSE	
NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT		27 N. MAIN STREET	\$60,780
OF MENTAL HEALTH		CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424	<i>\\</i>
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE/RCS		OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTSEGO,	
5467 Upper Mountain Road	\$86,990	Inc.	
LOCKPORT, NY 14094	φ00,999	3 WEST BROADWAY	\$103,074
NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S		ONEONTA, NY 13820	<i>\</i>
DEPARTMENT		ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION	
VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT		DEPARTMENT	
PO Box 496		ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT	
5526 NIAGARA STREET EXT.	\$215,700	CENTER	
LOCKPORT, NY 14095	φ213,700	255-275 MAIN STREET	\$286,522
NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL		Goshen, NY 10924	φ200,522
MEDICAL CENTER/CHILD		ORLEANS COUNTY DISTRICT	
Advocacy Center		ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
621 TENTH STREET	\$143,268	CRIME VICTIM/WITNESS	
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14302	\$145,200	Assistance Program	
NORTH BROOKLYN COALITION		13925 STATE ROUTE 31	
Against Family Violence		Suite 300	\$95,468
260 BROADWAY	\$70,125	ALBION, NY 14411	φ,2,100
BROOKLYN, NY 11211	φ70,125	Oswego County	
NORTH CENTRAL BRONX		Opportunities , Inc.	
HOSPITAL		239 Oneida Street	\$165,697
3424 Kossuth Avenue		Fulton, NY 13069	φ105,077
R оом 14А03А	\$181,888	PARENTS FOR MEGAN'S LAW,	
BRONX, NY 10467	φ101,000	Inc.	
North Shore University		1320 Stony Brook Road	
HOSPITAL		SUITE 201	\$75,841
300 Community Drive	\$123,749	STONY BROOK, NY 11790	φ/0,011
MANHASSET, NY 11030	φ123,742	PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF	
NORTHERN ADIRONDACK		MOHAWK/HUDSON, INC.	
Planned Parenthood, Inc.		1040 State Street	\$128,553
66 BRINKERHOFF STREET	\$179,644	SCHENECTADY, NY 12307	Ψ120,000
PLATTSBURGH, NY 12901	ΨΤ//,υττ	Planned Parenthood of	
Northwest Buffalo		R OCHESTER & THE SYRACUSE	
COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.		R EGION, INC.	
155 Lawn Avenue	\$213,236	114 University Avenue	\$157,772
BUFFALO, NY 14207	φ 213,230	Rochester, NY 14605	\$137,172

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Address	AMOUNT	Address	AMOUNT
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE		ROCKLAND FAMILY SHELTER	
Southern Finger Lakes, Inc.		9 JOHNSONS LANE	Φ Ε12 00 4
Administrative Bldg.		New City, NY 10956	\$513,904
301 South Main Street		SAFE HARBORS OF THE FINGER	
HORSEHEADS, NY 14845	\$148,764	LAKES, INC.	
POLISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF		PO Box 624	\$150.211
BUFFALO, INC.		PENN YAN, NY 14526	\$150.211
LT. COL. MATT URBAN HUMAN		SAFE HOMES OF ORANGE	
SVCS CTR OF WNY	\$194,171	County	
1081 BROADWAY	ψ1>-1,171	PO Box 649	
BUFFALO, NY 14212		Newburgh, NY 12550	\$48,469
PUTNAM COUNTY DISTRICT		THE SALVATION ARMY	
Attorney's Office		414 Lake Street	
40 GLENEIDA AVENUE	\$38,892	Elmira, NY 14901	
CARMEL, NY 10512	<i>\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\</i>		\$45,104
PUTNAM/NORTHERN		SAMARITAN HOSPITAL	
Westchester Women's		SEXUAL ASSAULT & CRIME	
RESOURCE CENTER		VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
935 S. Lake Blvd., #2	\$170,086	FOR RENSSELAER COUNTY	
Манорас, NY 10541	+	2215 BURDETT AVENUE	\$367,490
QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT		TROY, NY 12180	φ.σ.η.,+.,σ.σ.
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		SANCTUARY FOR FAMILIES	
125-01 QUEENS BLVD.	\$254,303	PO Box 1406	
Kew Gardens, NY 11415	. ,	WALL STREET STATION	\$235,408
RENSSELAER COUNTY DISTRICT		NY, NY 10268	<i> </i>
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		SARATOGA CENTER FOR THE	
RENSSELAER COUNTY		FAMILY	
COURTHOUSE		359 BALLSTON AVENUE	\$120,654
80 SECOND STREET	\$115,428	SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866	
TROY, NY 12180		SARATOGA COUNTY DISTRICT	
RETREAT, INC. 13 GOODFRIEND DRIVE		ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
EAST HAMPTON, NY 11937	\$150,297	25 WEST HIGH STREET	\$68,352
RICHMOND COUNTY DISTRICT		BALLSTON SPA, NY 12020	
KICHMOND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		SCHENECTADY COUNTY DISTRICT	
130 Stuyvesant Place		Attorney's Office 612 State Street	
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301	\$134,972	012 STATE STREET Judicial Building	
RIDGEWOOD BUSHWICK SENIOR			\$155,661
CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.		Schenectady, NY 12305 Schuyler County District	
555 BUSHWICK AVENUE		ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
BROOKLYN, NY 11206	\$62.009	105 Ninth Street, Unit 26	
Rochester Police Dept.		WATKINS GLEN, NY 14891	\$46,116
FAMILY & VICTIM SVCS.		WALKUN MEEN, IN ITO/I	
185 Exchange Blvd.			
Rochester, NY 14614	\$258,087		

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Address	AMOUNT	Address	AMOUNT
Seneca County Dept. of Mental Health 31 Thurber Drive Waterloo, NY 13165	\$50,427	Sullivan County Probation Department 100 North Street Monticello, NY 12701	\$57,280
Society for the Protection & Care of Children 148 South Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY 14608	\$136,543	THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY 105 EAST 22ND STREET NY, NY 10010 THE FAMILY COUNSELING CEN-	\$78,066
SOS SHELTER, INC. PO Box 393 Endicott, NY 13761	\$125,644	ter of Fulton County, Inc. 11-21 Broadway Gloversville, NY 12078	\$41,708
Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. One Blue Bird Square Olean, NY 14760 St. Lawrence County District	\$68,202	THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF Rochester, NY, Inc. One West Main Street Suite 800 Rochester NY, 14614	\$105,917
Attorney's Office 48 Court Street Canton, NY 13617	\$105,582	Rochester, NY 14614 The New York Center for Children 333 East 70th Street	\$76,842
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House 3 Chapel Street Canton, NY 13617	\$153,713	NY, NY 10021 The Reach Center, Inc. 4269 Route 9 PO Box 698	\$180,853
St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center/Crime Victims Treatment Center 1000 Tenth Avenue NY, NY 10019	\$409,768	Hudson, NY 12534 The Salvation Army - Jamestown PO Box 368 83 South Main Street	
ST. VINCENT'S CATHOLIC MEDICAL CENTERS OF NY, INC.		JAMESTOWN, NY 14702-0368 Tri-Pact, Inc.	\$158,995
153 West 11th Street NY, NY 10011 START Children's Center	\$258,613	2575 CONEY ISLAND AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11223	\$58,785
76 PAULING AVENUE Troy, NY 12180	\$165,222	Ulster County Probation 733 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401	\$237,489
SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE/VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		UNITY HOUSE OF TROY, INC. 33 SECOND STREET TROY, NY 12180	\$124,371
CRIMINAL COURT BLDG. 200 CENTER DRIVE RIVERHEAD, NY 11901	\$123,870	UPPER HUDSON PRIMARY CARE CONSORTIUM FOR SEXUAL TRAUMA & RECOVERY SERVICES	
Suicide Prevention & Crisis Service, Inc. 2969 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14214	\$276,540	1 BROAD STREET PLAZA PO BOX 3253 Glens Falls, NY 12801	\$174,343

Program Name /	Grant	PROGRAM NAME/	GRANT
Address	AMOUNT	Address	AMOUNT
URBAN JUSTICE CENTER 123 WILLIAM STREET, 16TH Floor New York, NY 10038 Vera House, Inc. 6181 Thompson Road Suite 100	\$101,472	Westchester County District Attorney's Office Victims Justice Center 3rd Floor 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bldg. White Plains, NY 10601-2509	\$209,128
Syracuse, NY 13206	\$377,594	Westchester Co. Probation	
VICTIM ASSISTANCE CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC. 120 ARCADE STREET WATERTOWN, NY 13601	\$501,224	DEPARTMENT 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLDG., 6TH FLOOR WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601-5133	\$89,682
VICTIM RESOURCE CENTER OF THE FINGER LAKES, INC. 132 HARRISON STREET NEWARK, NY 14513-1234	\$78,720	WYCKOFF HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTER 374 STOCKHOLM STREET BROOMWY NY 11227	\$64,226
VICTIMS INFORMATION BUREAU OF SUFFOLK, INC. 20 PEACHTREE COURT SUITE 201 HOLBROOK, NY 11741	\$428,287	BROOKLYN, NY 11237 Wyoming County District Attorney's Office 147 North Main Street Warsaw, NY 14569	\$79,282
VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM, INC. PO Box 1161		YWCA OF CORTLAND 14 Clayton Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	\$70,016
TRIBOROUGH STATION NY, NY 10035 Warren County District	\$559,180	YWCA OF NIAGARA 32 Cottage Street Lockport, NY 14094	\$117,152
Attorney's Office Crime Victim Assistance Program		YWCA OF SCHENECTADY 44 Washington Avenue Schenectady, NY 12305	\$244,675
1340 State Route 9 Lake George, NY 12845	\$103,769	YWCA OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY	
WAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		1000 Cornelia Street Utica, NY 13502	\$289,129
26 CHURCH STREET LYONS, NY 14489	\$45,070		
Westchester Community Opportunity, Inc. 2269 Saw Mill River Road Building #3 Elmsford, NY 10523	\$627,963		

In 2009-2010, CVB awarded eight grants to Safe Horizon, Inc. These grants support several different victim service programs, each operating in one or more of New York City's five boroughs. These programs and their respective grant awards are noted below. Safe Horizon's administrative offices are at:

Anti-Trafficking	\$134,434
Child Advocacy Centers	\$504,985
Community Offices & Criminal Justice Programs (5 programs)	\$1,822,502
Sexual Assault/Rape Hotline	\$158,118

STATEWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE CRIME VICTIMS BOARD: OCTOBER 1, 2009-SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

BOARD: OCTOBER 1, 2009-SEP	TEMBER JU, ZUIU	
Mr. Bernard Amador	Mr. Art Mason	
Supervising Crime Victim Caseworker	LifeSpan	
Albany Co. Crime Victim & Sexual Violence Center	Elder Abuse Prevention Program	
112 State Street	1900 S. Clinton Avenue	
Albany, NY 12207	Rochester, NY 14618	
Ms. Raini Baudendistel	Ms. Sharon Pinckney	
Executive Director	Seneca County Mental Health	
Crime Victim Assistance Center	Community Counseling Center	
377 Robinson Street	31 Thurber Drive	
Binghamton, NY 13904	Waterloo, NY 13165	
Ms. Randi Bregman	Ms. Julie Kim Richards	
Executive Director	Director of Client Services	
Vera House, Inc.	New York Asian Women's Center	
6181 Thompson Road	39 Bowery, PMB 375	
Suite 100	New York, NY 10002	
Syracuse, NY 13206		
Mr. Paul Feuerstein	Ms. Hilda Saltos	
President/CEO	Family Violence Program Counselor	
Barrier Free Living, Inc.	Society for the Protection and Care of Children	
270 East Second Street	148 South Fitzhugh Street	
New York, NY 10009-7815	Rochester, NY 14608	
Ms. Carolyn Fish	Mr. F. Richard Steinberg	
Executive Director	93 Park Avenue	
Rockland Family Shelter	Unit 1003	
9 Johnsons Lane	Danbury, CT 06810	
New City, NY 10956		
Ms. Patricia Gioia	Ms. Vilma Torres	
Parents of Murdered Children	Director	
1531 Randolph Road	Safe Horizon	
Schenectady, NY 12308	Families of Homicide	
	189 Montague Street, 6th Floor	
	Brooklyn, NY 11201	
Ms. Rita Hernandez-Wright	Ms. Lori Waters	
Program Director	Elmira Police Department	
YWCA of Cortland	Victim Services Program	
Aid to Victims of Violence	317 East Church Street	
14 Clayton Avenue	Elmira, NY 14901	
Cortland, NY 13045		
Ms. Kellyann Kostyal	Ms. Susan Xenarios	
Project Coordinator	Director	
Universal Response to Domestic Violence	Crime Victims Treatment Center	
Dutchess County District Attorney's Office	St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center	
236 Main Street	411 West 114th Street, #2C	
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	New York, NY 10025	

Ex-Officio Members

Ms. Amy Barasch	Ms. Sharon Knope	
Executive Director	Victim Witness Coordinator	
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence	U.S. Attorney's Office	
80 Wolf Road	Western District of New York	
Albany, NY 12205	138 Delaware Avenue	
	Buffalo, NY 14202	
Ms. Janelle M. Cleary	Ms. Jane McEwen	
Director	Executive Director	
NYS Community Justice Forum	NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault	
NYS Council on Children & Families	28 Essex Street	
52 Washington Street	Albany, NY 12206	
Room 256 – West Building	1110ully, 111 12200	
Rensselaer, NY 12144		
Ms. Cheri Doolittle	Ms. Rachel E. Seeber	
Domestic Violence Program Manager	Victim Witness Coordinator	
Office of Children & Family Services	Office of U.S. Attorney	
North Building – Room 334	Northern District of New York	
52 Washington Street	445 Broadway, Room 218	
Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796	James T. Foley U.S. Courthouse	
	Albany, NY 12207-2924	
Mr. Lester Edwards	Mr. Thomas Slater	
NYS Division of Parole	NYS Division of Probation and	
97 Central Avenue	Correctional Alternatives	
Albany, NY 12206	80 Wolf Road, Suite 501	
	Albany, NY 12205-2604	
Ms. Deborah Joralemon	Ms. Anne Marie Strano	
Rape Crisis Program	Director of the Bureau of Justice Funding	
NYS Department of Health	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	
Empire State Tower, Room 1805	Four Tower Place	
Albany, NY 12237	Albany, NY 12203-3764	
Ms. Janine Kava	Ms. Jessica Vasquez	
Deputy Director, Office of Public Information	Executive Director	
Division of Criminal Justice Services	NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
4 Tower Place	350 New Scotland Avenue	
Albany, NY 12203-3764	Albany, NY 12208	
Ms. Janet Koupash		
NYS Department of Correctional Services		
Bldg. #2 State Campus		
1220 Washington Avenue		
Albany, NY 12226-2050		

SECTION VIII:

LEGAL & ADVOCACY UNIT

AND

RESEARCH UNIT

Thank you for "showing me there was hope"

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LEGAL AND ADVOCACY UNIT AND RESEARCH UNIT

The Legal and Advocacy Unit of CVB functions under the direction of the Counsel to the Board. During fiscal year 2009-10, this unit was staffed by three attorneys, two legal assistants and three advocates. The Executive Director oversees the one program research specialist in the Research Unit.

Under the Crime Victims Boards' Advocacy Program, advocates are located in each of the three CVB offices in Albany, Brooklyn and Buffalo. The advocates provide direct services to both primary and secondary victims. These services include: counseling, follow-up contacts, information and referral, criminal justice support, compensation claims assistance, personal advocacy and telephone counseling. Examples of victims served include adult and/or child victims of sexual assault, domestic violence victims, elder abuse victims, survivors of homicide victims, victims of robbery and victims of assault.

The duties and responsibilities of these units include:

- Providing legal assistance and advice to CVB relating to the responsibilities and operations of the agency;
- Drafting and promulgating suitable rules and regulations;
- Collecting, analyzing and disseminating data and other information;
- Devising and assisting in the development of policies and programs to promote the rights and interests of crime victims;
- Studying the operation of laws and governmental procedures affecting crime victims and making recommendations to improve the administration and effectiveness of such laws;
- Drafting legislation relating to crime victims and the operation of the agency;
- Enforcement of New York State's "Son of Sam" law, ensuring that any profits of a crime or certain funds of a convicted person are made available to their victims ("Son of Sam" section is on page 60);
- Coordinating the administrative appeals of claims and assisting in the defense of Article 78 suits and other litigation against the agency;
- Serving as a clearinghouse for information relating to crime victims and crime victim programs;
- Responding to inquiries and collaborating with the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards (NACVCB);
- Providing training on victims issues and the operation of the Board and how they are an integral part of the criminal justice system, and targeting this training to lawyers, prosecutors, judges and other interested parties;
- Providing training on FRE and restitution;
- Providing general oversight of the Forensic Rape Examination (FRE) Direct Reimbursement program;
- Assisting victims and medical providers with billing questions and issues related to the FRE program;
- Preparing and submitting mandated reports to the Governor;
- Monitoring and enforcing the State's subrogation rights relative to restitution and civil recoveries;
- Providing comprehensive crime victim services and the advocacy program to deliver allowable direct services and emotional support to victims of crime and
- Responding to Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests.

Accomplishments of the Legal and Advocacy Unit and Research Unit during fiscal year 2009-10 include:

- Developed the Board's legislative program for submission to the Governor and the Legislature;
- Participated in the New York State Assembly Minority's "Sex Offender Watch" taskforce meetings held in several locations throughout the state;
- Provided assistance to victims of crime, through the Advocacy Unit, on compensation claims, information and referral, personal advocacy and follow-up contacts;
- Provided trainings on restitution (see page 61);
- Provided trainings to medical providers and Victim Assistance Programs on the Forensic Rape Examination

(FRE) Direct Reimbursement program;

- Initiated and coordinated a statistical study to analyze the ease of and constraints to, sexual assault victims' ability to obtain HIV prophylaxis medications and analyzed the results;
- Assisted in the review and improvement of the Emergency Award procedures for determining requests for HIV prophylaxis medications which resulted in efficiencies to the benefit of all such victims;
- Coordinated and conducted general compensation training to the New York City Law Department Family Law Division, which was presented in the Family Law Offices of the Law Department in each of the five boroughs in New York City;
- Provided assistance to State and local agencies and other organizations concerned with promoting the interests of crime victims;
- Forwarded various outstanding civil judgments of restitution orders totaling \$3,097 to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for collection of outstanding restitution ordered to be paid to the CVB;
- Edited form and content of portions of CVB's public website and
- Completed the Annual Report for fiscal year 2008-09 and in an effort to "go green" CVB created CD's rather than printing a booklet, which provided a cost savings.

2009 Chapter Laws^{**} Affecting CRIME VICTIM AND RELATED ISSUES

Chapter 13 (Effective April 7, 2009) - Amends §§6431 & 6432, of the Education Law. The chapter requires campuses and colleges to provide incoming students with information about domestic violence and stalking prevention.

Chapter 17 (Effective April 21, 2009) - Amends §16, Chapter 326 of the laws of 2008. The chapter provides for the expiration of the authorization granted to family courts to hear certain ex parte applications for orders of protection.

Chapter 45 (Effective May 29, 2009) - Amends §145.13, of the Penal Law. The chapter expands the definition of "property of another", for purposes of criminal mischief, to include any property another person has an interest in, regardless of whether the defendant has an interest in such property.

Chapter 56 (Effective April 7, 2009) - Amends Various Laws, generally. The chapter amends the state finance law, in relation to expanding the use of funds deposited in the criminal justice improvement account, effective date April 7, 2009 and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2009 (Part A); to amend the Executive Law, in relation to crime victims compensation to sexual assault survivors, effective April 7, 2009 (Part E).

Chapter 80 (Effective July 7, 2009) - Amends §§296 & 292, of the Executive Law. The chapter prohibits employers from discriminating against victims of domestic violence or stalking based upon status as a domestic violence victim.

Chapter 272 (Effective July 28, 2009) - Amends §631, of the Executive Law by adding a new subdivision 17. The chapter relates to awards of unreimbursed costs to child victims.

Chapter 295 (Effective August 11, 2009) - Amends §240, of the Domestic Relations Law; amends §651, Family Court Act. The chapter requires family court to review reports of the statewide computerized registry of orders of protection and warrants of arrest prior to issuing an order of custody or visitation.

Chapter 297 (Effective November 1, 2009) - Amends §47, of the Navigation Law. The chapter increases the penalties for persons leaving the scene of a boating accident.

Chapter 427 (Effective March 15, 2010) - Amends §131, of the Social Services Law. The chapter directs social services districts to inform applicants and recipients of public assistance of their option to receive an information packet appropriate for victims of sexual assault; such information shall include referrals and contact information for all local programs and services including sexual assault examiner programs, rape crisis centers and other advocacy, counseling and hotline services appropriate for such victims.

Chapter 428 (Effective December 15, 2009) - Amends the Social Services Law, renumbering §459-g to be §459-h, add §459-g. The chapter prohibits the state, its political subdivisions, public authorities, and employees and agents thereof from compelling domestic abuse victims to contact their abusers, directly for any reason; requires such political entity to provide a confidential intermediary.

^{**}These measures were enacted during the 2009 legislative session/calendar year.

Chapter 476 (Effective December 15, 2009) - Amends §§249-b, 812 & 821, of the Family Court Act; amend §240, of the Domestic Relations Law; amend §§530.11, 140.10, 160.55, 170.10, 530.12 & 530.13, of the Criminal Procedure Law. The chapter requires lawyers for children to receive training or education in domestic violence; requires the court to state on the record the domestic violence and child abuse factored into their award of custody or visitation.

Chapter 478 (Effective March 15, 2010) - Amends §168-q, of the Correction Law. The chapter allows NYS residents to receive change or update in subdirectory of level 2 and 3 sex offenders by e-mail in a specific locality at not charge.

Chapter 482 (Effective October 9, 2009) - Amends §§125.26, 70.00 and 60.06, of the Penal Law. The chapter provides that a person is guilty of aggravated murder when such person causes the death of a child and acted in an especially cruel and wanton manner in causing such death; and makes technical corrections relating thereto.

Chapter 485 (Effective January 7, 2010) - Amends §§130.00, 130.65-a, 130.66, 130.67 & 130.70, of the Penal Law. The chapter relates to the crime of aggravated sexual abuse and the definition of aggravated sexual contact; makes technical corrections.

Chapter 493 (Effective January 26, 2010) - Amend §240.71, add §§240.72 & 240.73, of the Penal Law. The chapter establishes the crime of aggravated interference with health care services.

Chapter 495 (Effective November 16, 2009) - Amends §70.25, of the Penal Law; amends §§259-r & 259-s, of the Executive Law. The chapter relates to eligibility of certain felony offenders for parole and medical parole; requires consecutive sentences for certain A-1 felony offenders and child sexual assault crimes.

Chapter 496 (Effective December 18, 2009) - Amends §§1192, 1193, 1198 & 1198-a, of the Vehicle and Traffic Law; amends §§120.04, 120.04-a, 125.13 & 125.14, add §§60.36 & 60.21, of the Penal Law; amend §259-c, of the Executive Law. The chapter relates to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs with a child passenger; provides for installation of ignition interlock device as a term of probation in certain instances.

NEW YORK'S "SON OF SAM" LAW

Section 632-a of the Executive Law, also known as New York's "Son of Sam" Law, was enacted in 1977 in response to numerous media offers of payment to David Berkowitz, notoriously known as the "Son of Sam," for his "story." The law was intended to divert any such payments to the victims of Berkowitz and the victims of any other criminal who received "profits from a crime."

The "Son of Sam" Law was amended to its present form on June 25, 2001. This amendment added a new category: "funds of a convicted person." "Funds of a convicted person" means all funds and property received from any source by a person convicted of a "specified crime." This definition was added to the law as "profits from a crime" was focused solely on profits directly related to the crime, such as the sale of the criminal's "story" for a book or movie. The definition of "crime" was also expanded to include federal crimes committed in New York. Also, anyone paying or receiving "funds of a convicted person" or "profits from a crime" must notify CVB of the existence of the money.

Once CVB is notified of the existence of "funds of a convicted person" CVB determines if the underlying crime, committed by the perpetrator, is in fact a "specified crime" (primarily serious felonies) and if the "funds" exceed \$10,000 during any given period. If the notice is given pursuant to "profits from a crime," then there is no \$10,000 threshold and the crime can be any crime by a perpetrator in New York. CVB will notify the crime victims to inquire if they want CVB to freeze the "funds" or "profits," in order to give the victim time to retain a lawyer and initiate a lawsuit. The victims have three years to sue the perpetrator from the discovery of "funds of a convicted person" or "profits from a crime."

The current law has been working effectively and has withstood all legal challenges.

During fiscal year 2009-10, the CVB froze \$3,570,143 in funds under "funds of a convicted person." There was no activity from "profits from a crime."

FISCAL TEAR 2002-2003 THROUGH 2009-10		
FISCAL YEAR	Amount Frozen	
2002-2003	\$1,561,888	
2003-2004	\$1,277,654	
2004-2005	\$1,304,855	
2005-2006	\$1,493,185	
2006-2007	\$547,741	
2007-2008	\$397,284	
2008-2009	\$1,334,683	
2009-2010	\$3,570,143	

FROZEN FUNDS OF A CONVICTED PERSON FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 THROUGH 2009-10

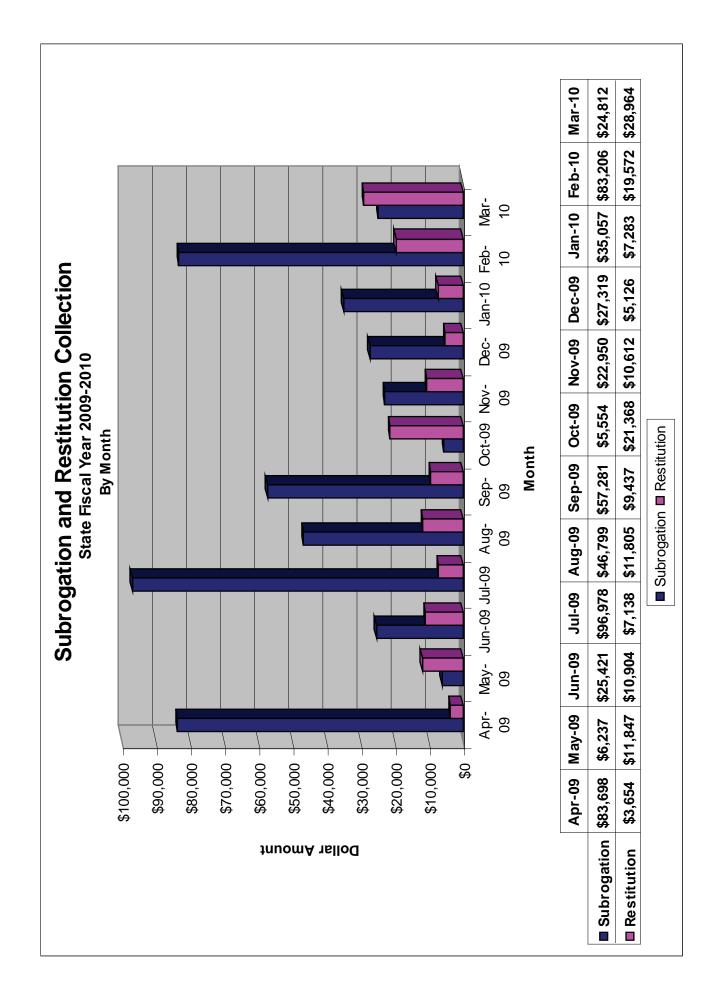
SUBROGATION AND RESTITUTION

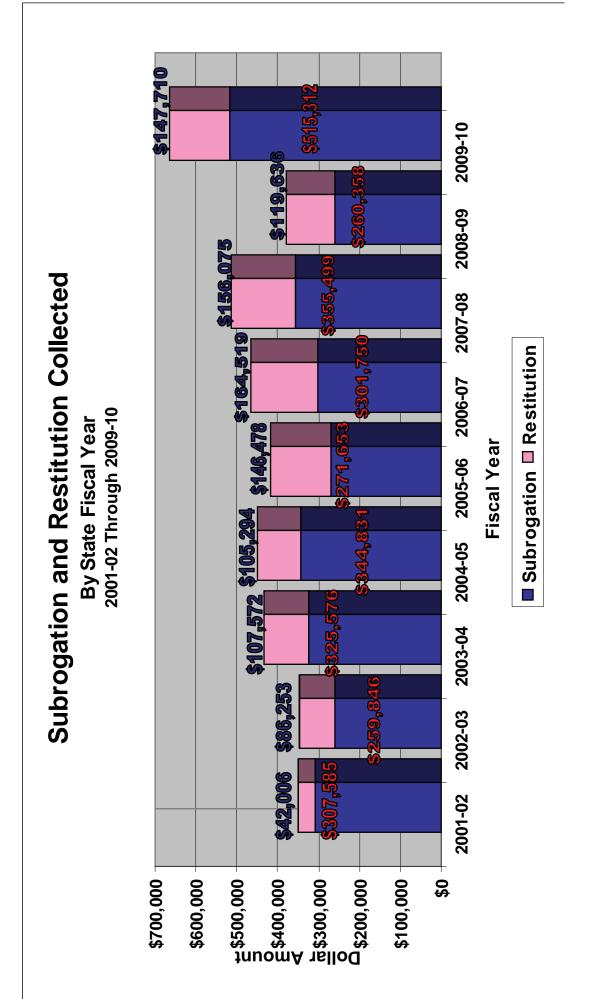
When a person accepts a monetary award from CVB, CVB has a lien on any civil recovery obtained by the victim against the defendant or any other responsible third party. The State is also authorized to commence a civil action against a victim's assailant or any liable third party if the victim declines to commence such action. This assignment to the State of the victim's cause of action is called subrogation. In the event that the victim's cause of action is in an amount greater than the Board's award, only that portion of the cause of action which equals the amount of the award is assigned to the Board.

Restitution is money paid to a victim by the perpetrator of the crime. Restitution is designed to compensate the victim for the losses he/she incurred as a result of the crime. CVB has a lien on restitution when CVB makes a monetary award to the claimant and the claimant receives restitution for the same loss.

The Crime Victims Board presentation "Crime Victim's Compensation and the Issue of Restitution" was granted accreditation by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board. Any attorney who attends the presentation will now be able to receive 1.5 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits in the category of Areas of Professional Practice. The ability to receive this credit will encourage attorneys to attend this important presentation and CVB hopes that this added attention to the issue of restitution will increase the instances of restitution awards to victims.

CVB Counsel's Office provided training on the issue of restitution and compensation for the New York State Probation Officers and Parole Association and a visiting delegation of Chinese Judges. CLE on the subject of restitution was provided to the District Attorney's Offices in the following counties: Fulton, Richmond, Albany, Schenectady, Rockland, Dutchess and Queens. In addition, the CLE presentation on Restitution was provided to the Western New York Coalition for Crime Victims.





SECTION IX:

CONCLUSION

"Thank you so much for always being so polite..."

"...so understanding of my feelings"

"...for always returning my calls and for just being so nice." This annual report documents the work of the CVB during fiscal year 2009-2010. We continue to strive to accomplish our mission by processing claims in a timely and accurate manner, funding a broad network of direct victim service providers, advocating for the rights and interests of crime victims, and keeping abreast of new issues in the field and solutions used by other states.

CVB would like to thank its staff and those that work in the victim assistance programs that we fund, for their stellar and compassionate efforts to fulfill the mission of serving innocent victims of crime in New York State. CVB will continue to strive to work more efficiently and effectively to best meet the needs of our crime victims and their families.

PUBLICATION ORDER FORM NYS OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES 1 COLUMBIA CIRCLE, SUITE 200 ALBANY, NY 12203-6383 (518) 457-8727 FAX (518) 485-9154

Publications may also be ordered on-line at WWW.OVS.NY.GOV

ITEMS	QUANTITY REQUESTED	
CLAIM FORM APPLICATIONS	ENGLISH	SPANISH
"A GUIDE TO CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION IN NEW YORK STATE" BROCHURES	ENGLISH ONLY	
RESTITUTION PAMPHLETS	ENGLISH	SPANISH
THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS IN NEW YORK STATE (BOOKLET)	ENGLISH ONLY	

PHONE NUMBER: _____DATE: _____

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