

TEEN COURT NEWSLETTER

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Learn More About Victim Services

~ A message from CCSO Victim/Witness Services Coordinator, Jessica Foster ~



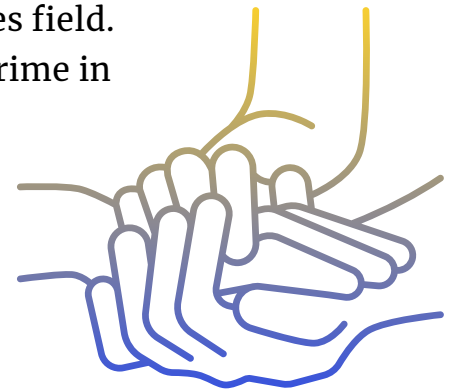
The Victim Services Function of the Charles County Sheriff's Office is a position within the Criminal Investigations Division. The purpose of the position is to assist victims of crime in Charles County through immediate response and intervention, when appropriate; and to coordinate follow-ups to ensure victims and/or witnesses of crime are aware of and connected to services that will aid in coping with potential trauma associated with crime. The Victim/Witness Services Coordinator is available to provide emotional support and

guidance, help explain victim's rights and the processes of the criminal justice system, and guide victims to relevant financial resources and notification services. When the Victim/Witness Services Coordinator is present on a scene, direct coordination with officers aids in efficient crisis intervention and management of emergency needs.

The Victim/Witness Services Coordinator works with local victim services providers including the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit at the State's Attorney's Office, Center for Abused Persons, Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy, Center for Children, Department of Social Services, and LifeStyles among others to ensure effective transition of services. The Victim/Witness Services Coordinator also participates in local and state teams including the Charles County Coalition for Victims of Crime, Southern Maryland Human Trafficking Collaborative, Domestic Violence Fatality Review State Implementation Team, and Roper Academy Alumni Association to remain current on available resources, legislation, and trends in the victim services field.

In doing so, the Victim Services Function can serve victims of crime in Charles County in a manner that is victim-centered and trauma-informed; and promotes an opportunity for timely intervention and connection.

For more information, contact the Victim/Witness Services Coordinator at (301) 609-6423.



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Conversation Starters About Their School Day



For younger kids, try:

- Who did you play with at recess?
- What did you do during PE class?
- What did you need help with today? Who helped you?
- What was your favorite thing about your day?

Questions for older children:

- What was the funniest thing that happened today?
- Who did you hang out with at lunch?
- Who is your favorite/least favorite teacher this year?
- Is there anything I can do to support you today?



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UPCOMING CLASSES

AI Series ~ Ethical Use of AI - La Plata

This session will cover how to ethically use artificial intelligence (AI) in our daily lives, including risks and benefits.

Next Class: Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Location: CCSO Headquarters Building

For more information on
Upcoming Classes & Events,
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What To Do In An Emergency - La Plata

Elementary school students will learn how to call 9-1-1, answer the dispatcher's questions, and help on the scene in the case of an emergency.

Next Class: Monday, September 16, 2024

Location: CCSO Headquarters Building

Mother Daughter Series - La Plata

Learn and experience the benefits of mediation, movement, and showing empathy to each other. This session wraps up this year's series!

Next Class: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Location: CCSO Headquarters Building



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