

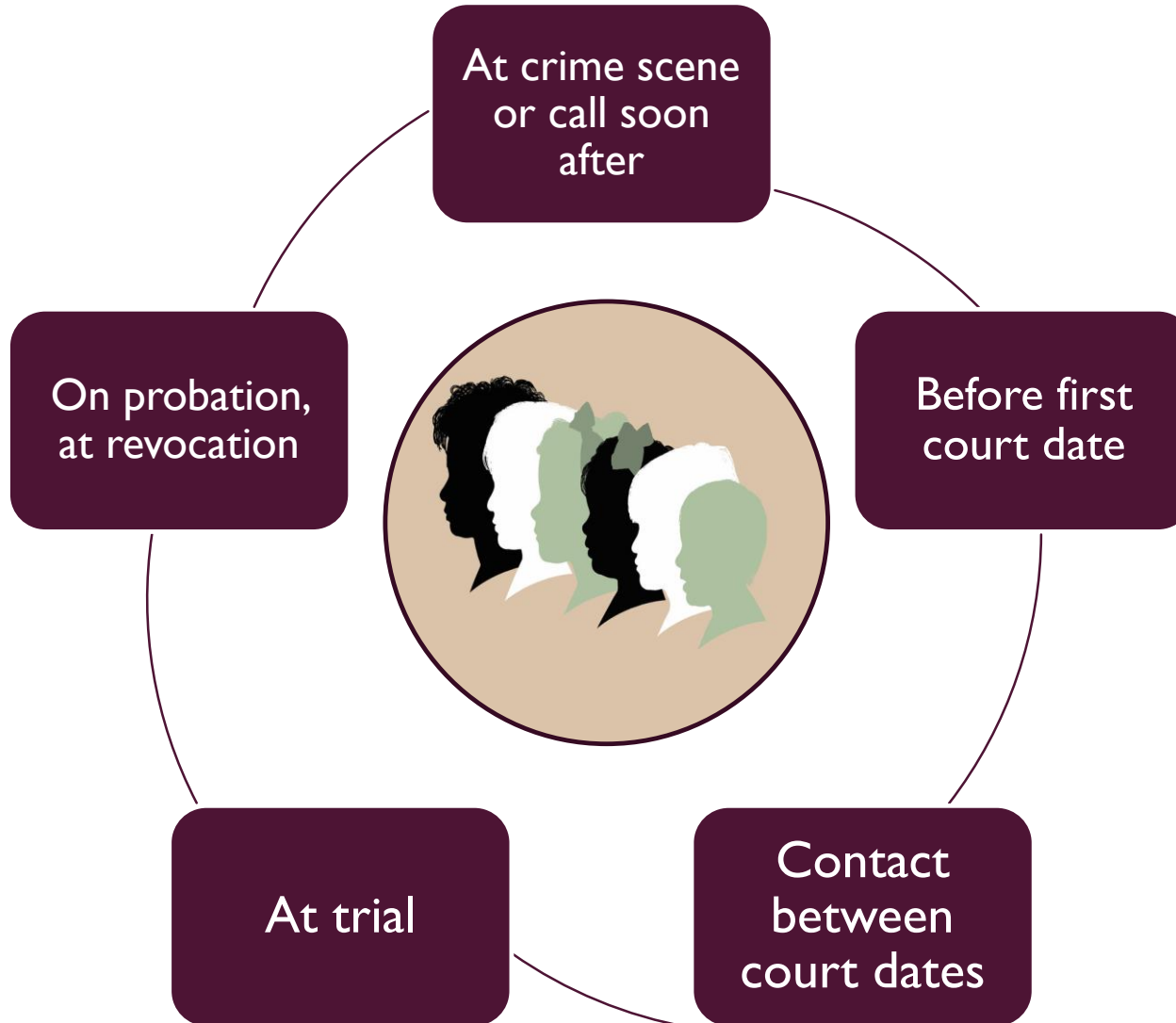


SAFETY, HOUSING, EDUCATION & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION ON DENVER VICTIM SERVICES, MAY 1, 2019



DENVER'S COMPREHENSIVE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES



TOTALITY OF VICTIM SERVICES IN DENVER

Municipal Violations – Misdemeanors - Felonies

- Dog bites
- Trespass
- Hate crimes
- Assault
- Theft, robberies
- Domestic violence
- Family violence
- Elder abuse
- Kidnapping
- Sexual assault
- Trafficking
- Child abuse
- Stalking
- Homicide

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

- DPD Victim Assistance Unit & Pretrial Advocacy
- City Attorney's Office Victim Resource Program
- District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Team
- Crime Victim Compensation Program
- Probation Victim Advocate
- In collaboration

DPD VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT

- Open 365 days a year
- Immediate, on-scene response
- Non-criminal, stark misfortune cases
- All death and emergency notifications requests by DPD

DPD VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT: 2018 STATISTICS

- Phone contact with 13,624 victims
- Face-to-face visits with 770 victims
- Call-outs (on scene) with 3,695 victims

DPD PRETRIAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE

- PTVSU was developed after conversations between stakeholders to address gaps in victim services in the pretrial stage of a case.
- This program transitioned victim outreach from Pretrial Officers to Victim Advocates to assist victim as soon as a defendant is ordered pretrial services to provide release notifications, and GPS alerts (tamperers, exclusion zones, etc.)
- Currently domestic violence focused so advocates can better assist high-risk victims during crisis situations and provide immediate resources and supports.
- Over 6,000 victim contacts made in 2018.

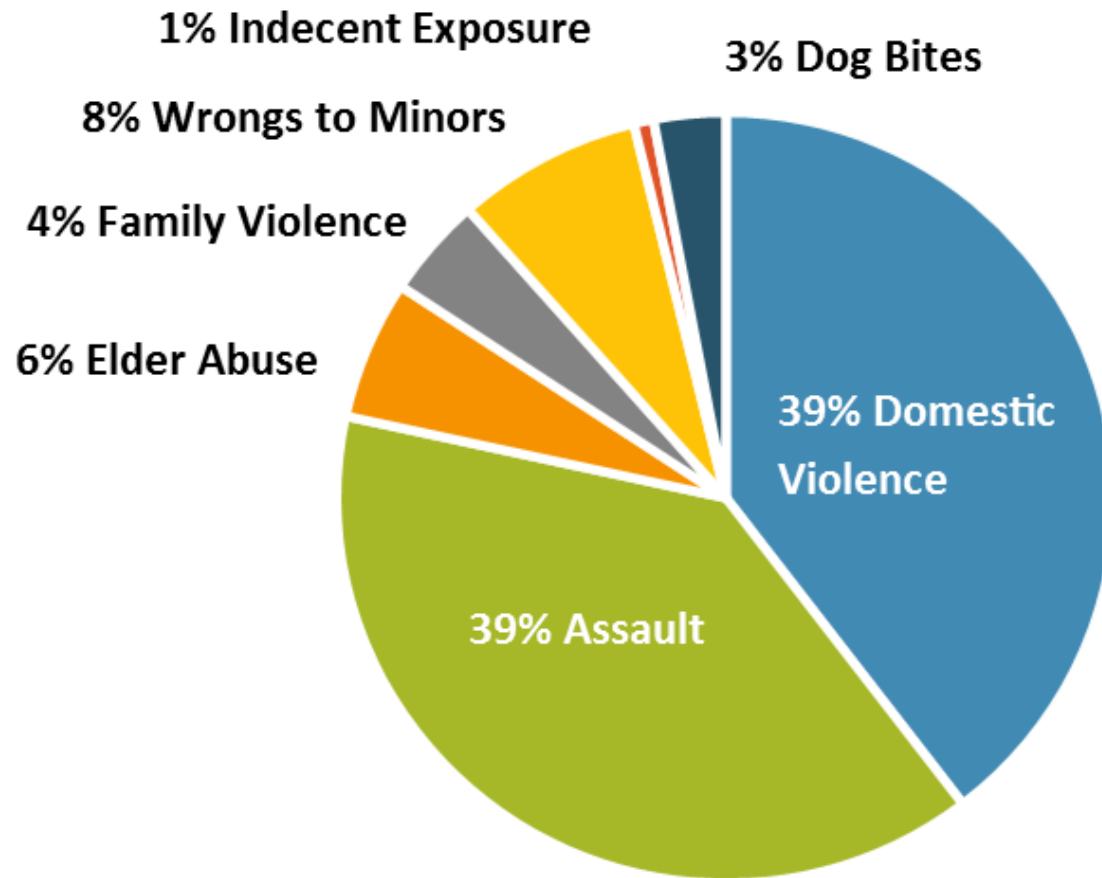
CAO VICTIM RESOURCE PROGRAM

- Open 7 days a week, closing only on holidays observed by the Denver County Courts
- 13 staff
- Served 3,660 victims in 2018
- Work in the Webb Building, Rose Andom Center, Van Cise Simonet Detention Center, Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse

CAO VICTIM RESOURCE PROGRAM

- Safety planning
- Explaining Denver's criminal justice process
- Emergency motel stays when no shelter beds are available,
- Emergency financial assistance,
- Bus passes,
- Calls on warrant status cases,
- Assistance with civil protection orders,
- Risk assessments in domestic violence cases,
- Assistance with requesting restitution and Victims' Compensation,
- Linking victims with services at The Rose Amond Center,
- Accompanying victims to court.

Victims Served by Crime—2018



CAO VICTIM
RESOURCE
PROGRAM

DAO VICTIM ADVOCATES

- 25 staff
- Explain the criminal justice process in the County, Juvenile and District Courts including specialized units; Family Violence, the DV Triage Team, Crime Strategies, and Cold Case Units
- Provide case status notification and accompany victims and witnesses to court
- Assistance arranging travel to court for victims and witnesses
- Arrange for interpreters in court

DAO VICTIM ADVOCATES

- Ensure the victim's rights are protected as mandated by the Victim Rights Amendment
- Providing referrals to appropriate community agencies, assessing risk and providing assistance with safety planning when indicated
- Assistance with restitution, Victim Compensation applications, and witness protection services
- Provide victims with information regarding post-conviction notification

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

- Helps eligible victims defray costs of crime by assisting with specific expenses:
 - Counseling
 - Medical costs
 - Economic support
 - Changing locks to secure a victim's residence
 - Funeral and burial costs

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

Funding comes from surcharges assessed on those convicted of crimes in the 2nd Judicial District:

- \$163 on felonies
- \$78 on misdemeanors
- \$35 on class one misdemeanor traffic offenses

The program also receives federal Victim of Crime Act funds which account for 50% of program expenditures.

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

- Governed by a three-member citizen board appointed by the District Attorney
- Only assist with crimes against persons (not property crimes)
- 2018: Processed 960 *new* claims, spent \$2.4 million dollars on direct services to crime victims.

PROBATION VICTIM SERVICES

- Assists victims whose offenders are on probation
- Safety Planning
- Fills Victims' Rights Amendment role
- Ensures victims receive information on the status of their cases
- Notifications of critical stages of the offender's probation supervision: case closing, motions, revocations and warrants

PROBATION VICTIM SERVICES

- Connects victims with requested services within the community including outreach for Rose Andom Center
- Collaborates with probation officers to ensure victim safety
- Assists victims at revocation and motion hearings

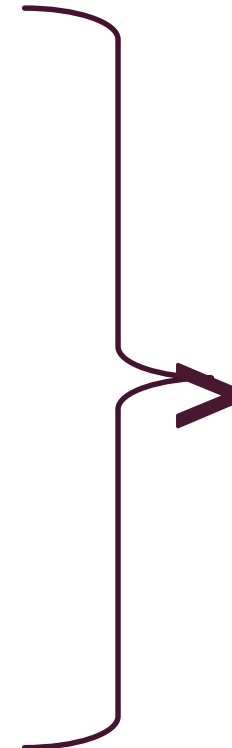
COLLABORATION & UNIQUE PROGRAMMING

- Rose Amond Center – co-location of services
- Triage
- Clinical Response
- Denver Forensic Collaborative for At-Risk Adults
- Denver Hoarding Task Force

COLLABORATION & UNIQUE PROGRAMMING

■ Rose Adom Center:

- DPD Victim Assistance Unit Advocates
- DPD Pretrial Victim Advocates
- City Attorney Prosecutor
- City Attorney Victim Advocates
- District Attorney Prosecutor
- District Attorney Victim Advocates
- Probation Advocate



- DPD Domestic Violence Unit
- Rose Adom Center staff
- SafeHouse Denver
- Civil legal services
- Medical services
- Sexual assault advocates
- Motherwise (parenting)
- Homeless/housing advocates

COLLABORATION & UNIQUE PROGRAMMING

- Triage
 - Daily collaborative review of new domestic violence cases
- Clinical Response
 - Mental health co-responders
- Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance (DATA)
 - Staffed by the District Attorney's Office
 - Multidisciplinary team addressing human trafficking

COLLABORATION & UNIQUE PROGRAMMING

- Sexual Assault Interagency Council (SAIC)
 - Housed in the District Attorney's Office
 - System- and community-based response to sexual assault cases
- Victim Services & Advocacy Network (VSAN)
 - Housed in and staffed by the District Attorney's Office
 - Creates stronger collaboration between community- and system-based service providers

COLLABORATION & UNIQUE PROGRAMMING

- Denver Forensic Collaborative for At-Risk Adults
 - Staffed and facilitated by the City Attorney's Office
 - 25 agencies meeting monthly to address cases of imminent risk to at-risk adults in Denver
- Denver Hoarding Task Force
 - Staffed and facilitated by the City Attorney's Office and DPD's Elder Abuse Unit
 - Brings City agencies responding to hoarders together to provide a collaborative, collective response
 - Combines compassion with accountability and enforcement
 - Aims to keep people in their homes when possible

QUESTIONS?

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