



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

APRIL 18-24, 2021

A Presentation to the
Nevada County Board of
Supervisors

April 13, 2021

WHAT IS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK (NCVRW)?

CHRISTOPHER WALSH, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY



- ❖ Established nationally in 1981
- ❖ NCVRW 2021 theme: *Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities.*
- ❖ Mission of NCVRW:
 - To make visible the varying components of victimization and effects of victimization, as well as promote avenues for helping victims recover from crime
 - To renew our nation's commitment to ensure all victims are informed of their rights and have access to available services
 - To honor past crime victims, here and gone

OUR LOCAL VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

- ❖ More than 35 years strong
- ❖ Two full time advocates, two part time advocates
- ❖ Grant funded through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) & CalOES
- ❖ In 2020 we provided services to 751 *new* victims of crime in the Nevada City office and an additional 94 from the Truckee office; serving a total of 845 Victims in 2020 alone.
- ❖ Primary types of services:
 - Court Accompaniment
 - Information and Referrals
 - Outreach and Education
 - California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) Assistance
 - Emotional Support
- ❖ Sharing resources



NEVADA COUNTY VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

LORI NUNNINK, SENIOR VICTIM ADVOCATE



❖ Current activity:

- Continuing the development of a Mass Victimization Response Plan (MVRP), funded through CalOES.
- Developing a Victim Witness Assistance Center Internship Program; working with Intern Coordinator, Danny Newlom
 - Digital Marketing Internship
 - Outreach Assistant Internship
 - Domestic Violence Assistant Internship
- Continuing cultivation with community partners to develop a comprehensive program that meets the needs of our increasingly diverse population

CHILD ADVOCATES (CASA)

MARINA BERNHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



- ❖ CASAs serve children who are victims of criminal abuse and/or neglect
 - Weekly contacts/visits
 - Stabilization of children's lives after victimization
 - Emotional Support
 - "Eyes and Ears of the Child"
 - Increased access to court-ordered services
 - Mental Health and Health Advocacy
 - Educational advocacy
 - Help victims understand the Dependency Court system
- ❖ VOCA allows us to serve 100% of children removed from their homes
- ❖ VOCA allows us to meet children's basic needs

COMMUNITY BEYOND VIOLENCE (CBV)

STEPHANIE FISCHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



- ❖ April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ❖ The pandemic has created new opportunities for abuse to occur
- ❖ *Learn. Act. Change.* Visit [CBV.org](https://www.cbv.org) to get involved

SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSE

KRISTY ORIOLE, GRANTS MANAGER



- ❖ Background: July 1, 2019 Consolidation of Tahoe SAFE Alliance, Project MANA, the North Tahoe Family Resource Center, and the Family Resource Center of Truckee
- ❖ Services provided by Sierra Community House: Crisis Intervention and Prevention, Hunger Relief, Mediation and Legal Assistance, and Family Support and Community Engagement
- ❖ Impact of COVID-19 on service demands
- ❖ Contact: www.sierracommunityhouse.org; koriol@sierracommunityhouse.org; 800-736-1060 (24-Hour Community Helpline)

**NATIONAL
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COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
APRIL 18-24,
2021**



❖ KNCO interviews:

- Thursday, April 15 – Nevada County Law Enforcement & Fire Safe Council
- Monday, April 19 – County Executive Officer Allison Lehman
- Tuesday, April 20 – CASA
- Wednesday, April 21 – Community Beyond Violence
- Thursday, April 22 – Anew Day and Color Me Human
- Friday, April 23 – Nevada County Victim Witness Advocates; Call-To-Action

❖ April 20-24, 2021- Will publish daily narratives in The Union

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CRIME
VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS**

For more information or services, please contact
The Victim Witness Assistance Center
(530) 265-1301 or victim.witness@co.nevada.ca.us