



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

APRIL 23-29, 2023

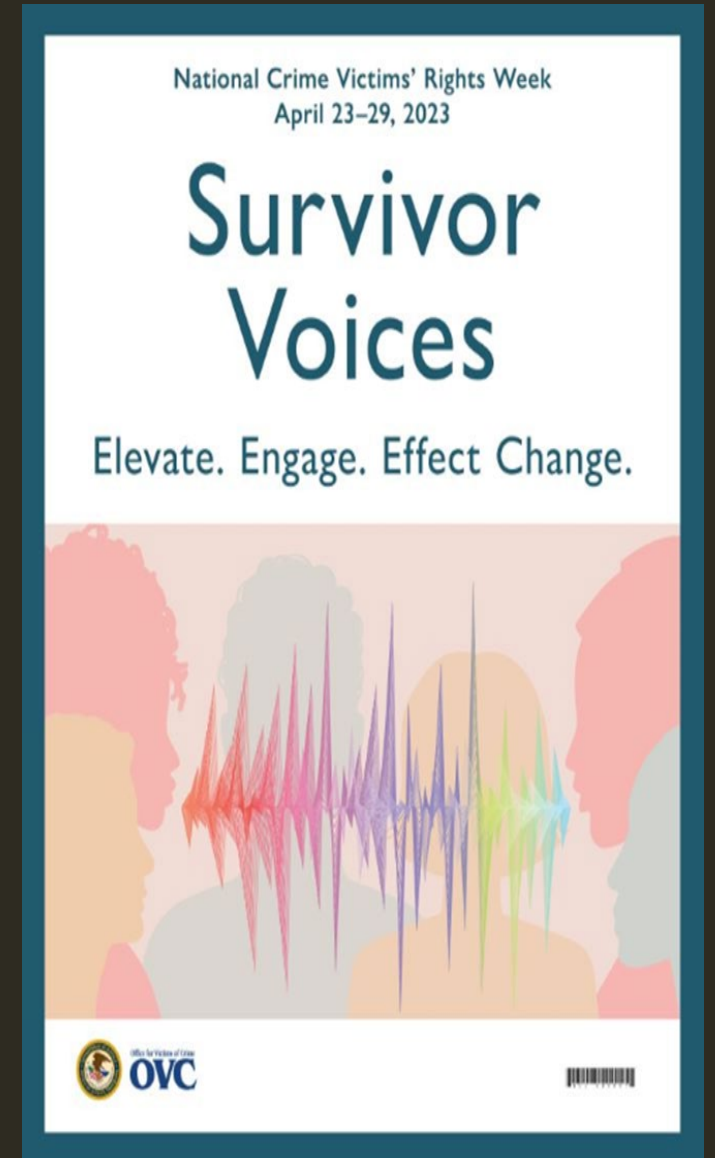
A Presentation to the
Nevada County Board of
Supervisors

April 18, 2023

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

JESSE WILSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- ❖ Established nationally in 1981;
- ❖ NCVRW 2023 theme - *Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.*
- ❖ 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; and
 - To honor past crime victims, here and gone.



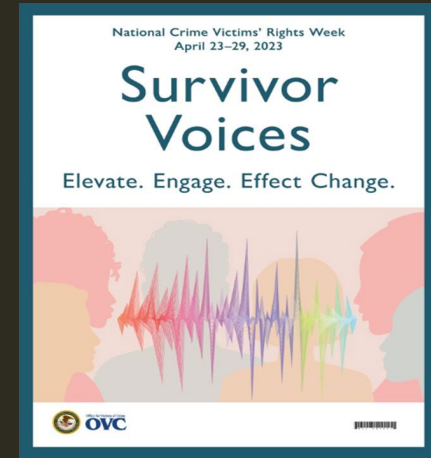
OUR LOCAL VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

- ❖ More than 35 years strong;
- ❖ Two full time advocates, two part time advocates;
- ❖ Grants funded through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA);
- ❖ In 2022 we served 1,079 victims of crime in the Nevada City and Truckee region combined, providing 7,365 collective services to victims in 2022 alone;
- ❖ Primary types of services:
 - Court Accompaniment;
 - Information and Referrals;
 - Outreach and Education;
 - California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) Assistance; and
 - Emotional Support.
- ❖ Sharing resources.



NEVADA COUNTY VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

LORI NUNNINK, SR. VICTIM ADVOCATE

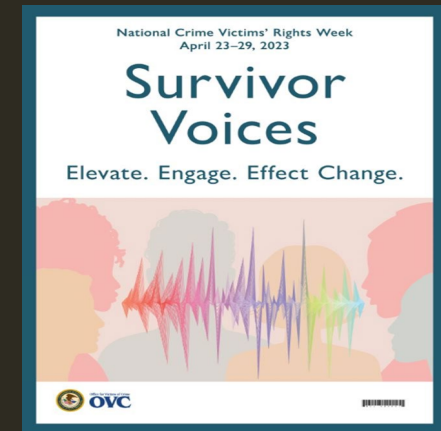


❖ Current activity:

- Continuing to employ advocate interns through the SkillBridge program;
- Continuing collaboration for the development of a Mass Victimization Response Plan (MVRP), funded through CalOES;
- Advancing the Restorative Justice program, designed to increase victim resiliency and reduce offender recidivism;
- Creating victim-friendly alternative sentencing literature; and
- Continuing cultivation with community partners for the constantly-evolving development of a comprehensive victim advocacy program that meets the needs of the community's increasingly diverse population.

CHILD ADVOCATES (CASA)

NICOLE MCNEELY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

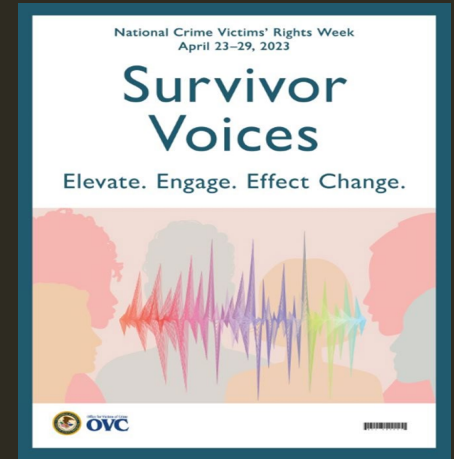


❖ CASAs serve children who are victims of criminal abuse and/or neglect:

- CASA supporting Juvenile Justice Youth in 2023
- Supporting Juvenile Justice Youth socially emotionally and academically
- CASAs are crossing county lines to visit youth in Juvenile Hall (Placer County)
- Engaging prosocial activities for Juvenile Justice Youth
- Program will continue to serve 100% of children in dependency court

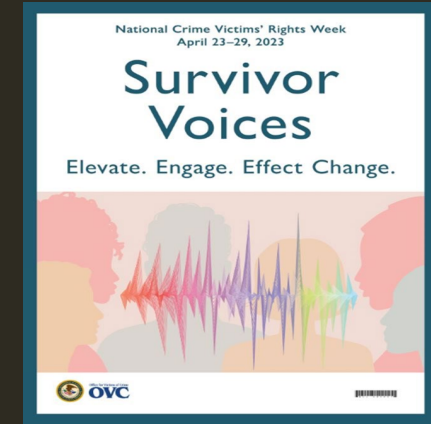
SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSE (SCH)

ELIZABETH BALMIN, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE, CRISIS INTERVENTION AND FAMILY ADVOCACY



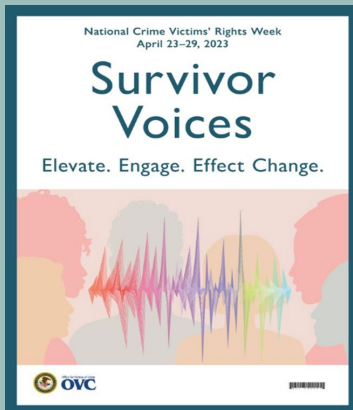
- ❖ Background: July 1, 2019 Consolidation of Tahoe SAFE Alliance, Project MANA, the North Tahoe Family Resource Center, and the Family Resource Center of Truckee;
- ❖ Services provided by Sierra Community House: Crisis Intervention and Prevention, Hunger Relief, Mediation and Legal Assistance, and Family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

COMMUNITY BEYOND VIOLENCE (CBV)



- ❖ April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ❖ Prevention is possible
- ❖ **Learn. Act. Change.** Visit [CBV.org](https://www.cbv.org) to get involved.

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APRIL 23-29, 2023



- ❖ Social Media Presence – To include NCVRW daily representation from VWAC;
 - FaceBook
 - County Website
- ❖ Awareness pins to be distributed throughout the community.
- ❖ Informational table located outside DA lobby to be staffed daily.
- ❖ Nevada County Connects bus advertising on three busses (April-June)
- ❖ Possible daily KNCO interviews

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@nevadacountyca.gov