

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK 2020

A Presentation to the
Nevada County Board of
Supervisors

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WHAT IS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK?

- ❖ Recognized beginning in 1981
- ❖ To learn about victimization, effect of victimization, and to promote ways to help victims of crime
- ❖ To renew commitment to guarantee that all victims have the rights and services they need
- ❖ To honor past crime victims, here and gone



OUR LOCAL VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

- ❖ Two full time advocates, two part time advocates
- ❖ In 2019 we provided services to 623 *new* victims of crime; 5998 services in total
 - ❖ Services include:
 - ❖ Court Accompaniment
 - ❖ Emotional Support
 - ❖ Information and Advocacy
 - ❖ Outreach and Education



SHARING RESOURCES

- ❖ Each year, the Nevada County District Attorney's Office provides funding to Community Beyond Violence and Tahoe Safe Alliance through a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors
- ❖ This funding comes from the Marriage and License Domestic Violence Surcharge Fee and 2/3rds of Domestic Violence Court Fines
- ❖ The funding is used to support domestic violence program shelters, target underserved areas and populations and provide services to victims of domestic violence and their children
- ❖ In 2019, through this funding, Sierra Community House, formally known as Tahoe Safe Alliance, was able to provide services to 376 additional members of our community. Funding is also distributed to Community Beyond Violence.

OUR NEWEST PROJECT

- ❖ CalOES has provided us with additional funding to create a Mass Victimization Response Plan
 - ❖ To work with local OES and Law Enforcement in preparing for mass victimization incidents in the community
 - ❖ To educate and train advocates for response
 - ❖ To purchase supplies to ensure the advocate's are prepared for immediate response
 - ❖ To collaborate with regional partners in their response as needed

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

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