

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

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A Presentation to the
Nevada County Board of
Supervisors

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WHAT IS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK (NCVRW)

JESSE WILSON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- ❖ Established nationally in 1981;
- ❖ NCVRW 2024 Theme:
Connecting < KINSHIP > Healing
- ❖ 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 39 years strong;
- ❖ Three full time advocates, one part time advocate;
- ❖ Grants funded through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA);
- ❖ VWAC advocates provided services to 1,237 victims of crime Nevada County, including the Eastern region of Truckee.
- ❖ Primary types of services:
 - Court Accompaniment;
 - Information and Referrals;
 - Outreach and Education;
 - California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) Assistance; and
 - Emotional Support.
- ❖ Sharing resources.



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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;
- Developing a formal Nevada County-Court Companion Dog Program (NC-CCD);
- Partnering in the development of a Family Justice Center;
- 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;
- Partnering with individuals and entities within the community to develop a comprehensive Restorative Justice Program.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER OF NEVADA COUNTY



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FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (FJC)
STEPHANIE FISCHER, FJC COORDINATOR

What is a Family Justice Center?

- Co-located, multidisciplinary services for victims of family violence and their children to increase safety and support
- Increases accountability for offenders
- Victim safety, advocacy and confidentiality are highest priorities
- Strong support from professionals in Nevada County
- Victim informed decision making

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Where is our FJC today?

- Building partnerships for services with MOUs and protocols
- Determining governance, resource development and funding sustainability
- Strategic Planning- stakeholder engagement from partners and survivors, data analysis, and community inclusive strategic planning event in September
- Website and materials

Current partners include

Nevada County Victim Witness Assistance Program

Law enforcement

WSMC

Community Beyond Violence

Women of Worth

Common Goals

Additional CBOs

Nevada County Social Services

Therapy Providers

Other FJCs across the state

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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- ❖ Board of Supervisors'
Presentation & Proclamation
- ❖ Social Media Presence
- ❖ Daily interviews on local
radio
- ❖ Presence at the State Capital
- ❖ Collaboration with Child
Abuse Prevention Council for
Child Abuse Prevention
Month

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