



Victim/Witness Assistance Program

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The Program is designed to provide help in dealing with the physical, emotional and financial impact of being a victim. Help is available to all victims of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties.

The District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance services are available free of charge in all courts within the district.



Victim/Witness Assistance and Court Locations

Barnstable Victim/Witness Assistance

Barnstable District and Superior Courthouses
Main Street
Barnstable, MA 02630
508-362-8103 (main office)

Falmouth Victim/Witness Assistance

Falmouth District Courthouse
161 Jones Road
Falmouth, MA 02540A
508-457-1834

Orleans Victim/Witness Assistance

Orleans District Courthouse
237 Rock Harbor Road
Orleans, MA 02653
508-255-3782

Martha's Vineyard Victim/Witness Assistance

Dukes County Courthouse
81 Main Street
Edgartown, MA 02539
508-627-7780

Nantucket Victim/Witness Assistance

Nantucket County Courthouse
16 Broad Street
Nantucket, MA 02554
508-228-4642



INDEPENDENCE HOUSE, INC.
AND THE CAPE AND ISLANDS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
present a series of community
events during National Crime
Victims' Rights Week

MONDAY, APRIL 3 @5:00pm:

We welcome the Brazilian community for an event at the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands 372 North St. Hyannis (PUBLIC INVITED)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 @9:30am:

We welcome Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School students

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

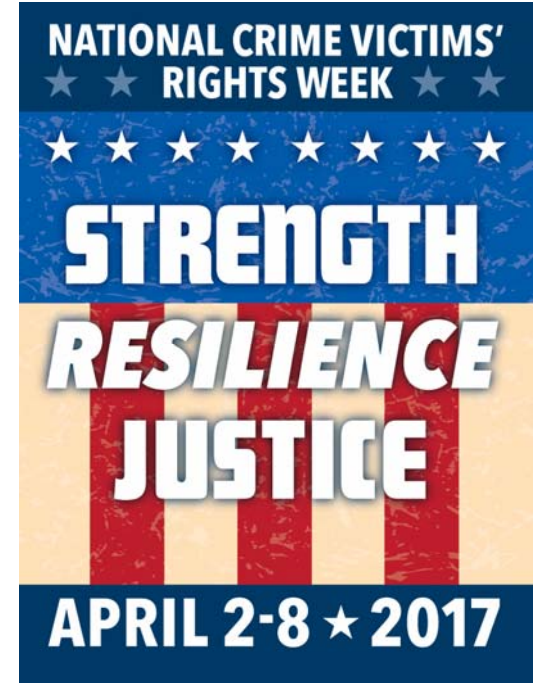
@1:00pm:

We welcome the senior community at the Sandwich Council on Aging, 270 Quaker Meeting House Road, East Sandwich (PUBLIC INVITED)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

@10:00am:

We welcome Nauset Regional High School students



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VICTIMS DO HAVE RIGHTS

- The right to information on the criminal justice system
- The right to information on the criminal case in which you are involved
- The right to be heard and present at court proceedings
- The right to confer at key stages in the court process
- The right to financial assistance
- The right to be notified of an offender's release status
- The right to other protections in the criminal justice system

Each of the above listed rights are available under the Victim Bill of Rights and by law are provided to the greatest extent possible but are subject to and dependent upon funding and available resources.



Independence House, Inc.

Cape Cod's leading resource, counseling and advocacy center to address and prevent domestic and sexual violence

Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships

Independence House offers comprehensive programs and specialized services to adults, teens and children affected by domestic and/or sexual violence.

All services are free and confidential. Services are available in Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish.

Independence House is accessible to all people, ages 6 and older, all gender identities, sexual orientations, cultures and languages.

INDEPENDENCE HOUSE OFFICES

HYANNIS: 160 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

FALMOUTH: 220 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Falmouth, MA 02540

ORLEANS: 5 Namskaket Road, Unit 1, Orleans, MA 02653

PROVINCETOWN: 2 Mayflower Ct., Provincetown, MA 02657

24 HOUR HOTLINE: 800-439-6507

Telephone: 508-771-6507

Fax: 508-778-0143

TTY: 508-771-6782



Independence House Programs and Services

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Individual counseling, advocacy and groups for survivors, and secondary survivors of intimate partner violence.

CHILD WITNESS TO VIOLENCE: Individual counseling, advocacy and groups for children ages 6-12 who witness intimate partner violence.

TEENS: Individual counseling, advocacy, education and groups for adolescents ages 13-17 affected by intimate partner violence, including sexual violence.

SAFEPLAN COURT ADVOCACY: Providing assistance and support in applying for an abuse prevention order (209A) or harassment prevention order (258E) in probate and district courts.

SAFEHOME & SHELTER SEARCH: Support and assistance with finding shelter and safety.

HOUSING STABILIZATION: Stable housing and supportive services for families affected by domestic violence who are not in immediate crisis.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE: Individual counseling, advocacy and groups for survivors and secondary survivors of rape, incest, stalking, sexual harassment, molestation, childhood sexual assault, intimate partner sexual abuse.

MEDICAL/POLICE ACCOMPANIMENT: Support and advocacy for sexual violence survivors at the hospital or police department.

PREVENTION: Creating a culture free from intimate partner violence through primary prevention practices.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH: Preventing or responding to domestic and/or sexual violence through trainings and workshops; building knowledge about domestic and/or sexual violence and explaining agency services.

HOMICIDE SURVIVOR PROGRAM: Offering survivor services to individuals affected by any homicide, including vehicular and gang-related homicides.

CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT: Counseling, advocacy and support for children under 12 who have been directly affected by sexual violence.

What to do for Protection

You may request any of the following orders to remain in effect for up to one year. These orders may be requested on the same form.

- Restraining Order
- Stay away Order
- Vacate Order
- Custody and/or Support Order

How to apply for Protection

In Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes County, you can apply for a 209A protective order at the probate, district or superior court nearest your home.

On weekends, holidays or after business hours, you can obtain an emergency 209A by going to your local police department.



Independence House can also help you with the process of applying for protection

Independence House SAFEPLAN Court Advocates are available in Falmouth District Court, Barnstable Probate and District Court, and Orleans District Court. The advocates can help you with the process of paperwork needed to obtain an order of protection.