



### **Support and Resources for Families & Victims**

Links to organizations that provide support, resources, and information for homicide victims' families

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#### **NATIONAL & STATEWIDE RESOURCES**

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**CalVCP:** <http://www.vcgcb.ca.gov/victims/>

The California Victim Compensation Program can help pay bills and expenses that result from certain violent crimes. Victims of crime who have been injured or have been threatened with injury may be eligible for help. The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) was created to help crime victims pay bills and expenses as the result from certain violent crimes. To be able to find out your eligibility please contact your local county Victim and Witness Services office. Also please note that your eligibility depends on many factors including but not limited to your reporting of the crime, cooperation with law enforcement, and if you are a legal resident of California when the crime occurred. There is no guarantee that all bills or expenses will be paid. Please also contact your local Medi-Cal office in regards to medical expenses.

CalVCP Helpline: [1-800-777-9229](tel:1-800-777-9229)

Fax: 1-866-902-8669

**Bereaved Parents of the USA:** [www.bereavedparentsusa.org](http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org)

National non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope especially to the newly bereaved be they bereaved parents grandparents or siblings struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of their children, grandchildren or siblings.

Contact: President Dave Alexander  
Phone: (708) 748-7866  
Email: [president@bereavedparentsusa.org](mailto:president@bereavedparentsusa.org)  
Address: Post Office Box 95, Park Forest, IL 60466

**The Compassionate Friends:** [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families (parents, grandparents, and siblings) toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.  
Phone: (630) 990-0010 or (877) 969-0010 (toll-free)  
Address: P.O. Box 3696, Oak Brook, IL 60522

Use the Chapter Locator to find all chapters in California or go to the county sheet we have created:  
[http://www.compassionatefriends.org/Find\\_Support/Chapters/Chapter\\_Locator.aspx](http://www.compassionatefriends.org/Find_Support/Chapters/Chapter_Locator.aspx)

Also includes online support group: [http://www.compassionatefriends.org/resources/Online\\_Support.aspx](http://www.compassionatefriends.org/resources/Online_Support.aspx)

**Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP):** [www.unresolvedhomicides.org](http://www.unresolvedhomicides.org)

Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons, Inc. (FOHVAMP) is a nonprofit organization working in Colorado to find, support, and empower families suffering from a loved one's unresolved murder or long-time suspicious disappearance.

**The Victims of Crime Resource Center:** [www.1800victims.org](http://www.1800victims.org)

Located on the Pacific McGeorge School of Law campus in Sacramento, California. McGeorge students, under attorney supervision, provide information and referral statewide to victims, their families, victim service providers, and victim advocates.

Phone: (800) VICTIMS or (800) 842-8467

Email: [Victims2@pacific.edu](mailto:Victims2@pacific.edu)

Address: University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 3200 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, California 95817

**Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights (MVFHR):** [www.mvfhr.org](http://www.mvfhr.org)

Founded in 1976, MVFR is a national organization of family members who have lost a loved one to execution or murder and who oppose the death penalty.

Phone: 617-443-1102

Email: [info@mvfhr.org](mailto:info@mvfhr.org)

Address: 89 South St, Suite 601, Boston MA 02111

**Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation (MVFR):** [www.mvfr.org](http://www.mvfr.org)

MVFR is a victim-founded, victim-led organization that represents murder victims' families who oppose the death penalty.

Phone: 877-896-4702

Email: [info@mvfr.org](mailto:info@mvfr.org)

Address: 405 Morson St. Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

**California Crime Victims for Alternatives to the Death Penalty:** [www.californiacrimevictims.org](http://www.californiacrimevictims.org)

California Crime Victims for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (CCV) is a coalition of murder victim family members who support alternatives to the death penalty. After the horrifying loss of a loved one to homicide, they are left with a clear awareness that the death penalty fails to address the needs of victims on many counts. The coalition does not endorse any specific reason for opposing the death penalty, but supports all families in telling their stories and educates the public about alternatives to the death penalty. CCV can also direct families to available support and resources regardless of their views on the death penalty or whether the perpetrator has been apprehended.

Phone: (415) 262-0082

Fax: (415) 243-0994

Address: 5 Third Street Suite 725 San Francisco, CA 94103

**The National Center for Victims of Crime:** [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)

The National Center for Victims of Crime is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims and those who serve them. Since its inception in 1985, the National Center has worked with grassroots organizations and criminal justice agencies throughout the United States serving millions of crime victims.

Phone: (202) 467-8700

Address: 2000 M Street NW, Suite 480, Washington, DC 20036

**National Missing and Unidentified Persons System:** [www.namus.gov](http://www.namus.gov)

The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a clearinghouse for missing persons and unidentified decedent records. NamUs is a free online system that can be searched by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officials and the general public to solve these cases.

**National Organization for Victim Assistance:** [www.trynova.org](http://www.trynova.org)

The National Organization for Victim Assistance is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization of victim and witness assistance programs and practitioners, criminal justice agencies and professionals, mental health professionals, researchers, former victims and survivors, and others committed to the recognition and implementation of victim rights and services.

24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-TRY-NOVA (1.800.879.6682)

General Contact Information: (703) 535-NOVA (6682)

Address: 510 King Street, Suite 424, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Office for Victims of Crime (OVC):** [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov)

Established in 1988 through an amendment to the [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#) of 1984, OVC is charged by Congress with administering the [Crime Victims Fund](#) (the Fund). Through OVC, the Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives.

*National Calendar of Victim Assistance Related Events:* <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovccalendar>

**Parents of Murdered Children (POMC):** [www.pomc.com](http://www.pomc.com)

POMC Chapters hold monthly meetings, provide support, advocacy and court accompaniment. Many POMC Chapters publish their own newsletters and have designed and implemented special programs to meet the needs of survivors in their area.

To find your local chapter, please visit: [www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm](http://www.pomc.com/chapters.cfm)

**The Parallel Justice Project:** [www.paralleljustice.org](http://www.paralleljustice.org)

The concept of Parallel Justice is based on [principles](#) which create a new framework for responding to crime—two separate, parallel paths to justice—one for victims and one for offenders. We help organizations and communities develop Parallel Justice initiatives. Our work is guided by the Parallel Justice principles set forth in the book [Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime](#).

**People of Faith Against the Death Penalty—California:** [www.californiapeopleoffaith.org](http://www.californiapeopleoffaith.org)

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, interfaith organization whose mission is to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in the United States.

To find your local chapter, please visit: [www.californiapeopleoffaith.org/localchapters.html](http://www.californiapeopleoffaith.org/localchapters.html)

**Restore Justice:** [www.restorejustice.com](http://www.restorejustice.com)

RestoreJustice.com is an outreach of the [California Catholic Conference](#) offering healing and support to everyone affected by the criminal justice system throughout the U.S. The purpose of RestoreJustice.com is to offer a place of compassion and assistance, resources and services and educational information for anyone who is affected by crime - victims of crime, offenders and their families, corrections staff, chaplains, criminal justice system employees and management, and advocates for restorative justice.

Phone: (916) 443-4851

Fax: (916) 443-4731

Address: 1119 K Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

To learn about local restorative justice activities, please visit: [www.restorejustice.com/contact.php](http://www.restorejustice.com/contact.php)