



## WHAT IS THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES?

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) provides guidance and support to the network of Victim Assistance Programs, which includes Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). OVS provides this guidance and support in order to assist children and others who have been the victims of crime in accessing needed services.

## WHAT IS CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION?

Victims of a criminal matter, as well as children and youth who are or have been the subject of a child abuse or neglect case in Family Court, may be eligible for victim compensation. OVS may be able to help with expenses related to the crime of which they were a victim.

## WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE?

By completing a Victim Assistance Application, children, youth and adult victims may have lifelong access to supportive services. These can include counseling, travel reimbursement, medical care and other items that are related to their situation and that cannot be paid for by other sources or coverage. If the individual has been the victim of a criminal or domestic violence matter, they may also be eligible for other types of support.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION?

CASA staff and volunteers are here to assist with the filing of Victim Assistance Applications with OVS. While CASA focuses primarily on assisting with applications for children and youth to whom they are appointed, CASA can, as a Victim Assistance Program (VAP), assist others with applications or refer to other VAPs that can assist.

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