

## **Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force Mission Statement**

The goals of the Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force are to improve and expand services to victims of crime, increase public awareness of victim rights and services, to ensure equitable treatment of victims, survivors, and witnesses by the criminal justice system. The Victims' Rights Task Force will also work collaboratively with the community to prevent violence.

The Victims' Rights Task Force strives to accomplish the state mission through the following initiatives:

- Proactive representation and advocacy for the needs of crime victims, survivors and witnesses.
- Creation of an advocacy network among providers in the victim services field.
- Drafting, reviewing, and/or commenting on legislation concerning crime victims and witnesses and their rights as part of the criminal justice system.
- Serving as a clearing house for local and national information on victims' rights and services by disseminating information and coordinating local efforts with the National Organization for Victim Assistance, the National Victim Center, the Office for Victims of Crime, and other national organizations.
- Developing and promoting innovative programs for victims and survivors and the expansion of existing programs and services.
- Sponsoring and supporting public awareness activities regarding the impact of victimization, victims rights and services and
- Educating the community at large .

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