



Resources

For more information or additional assistance please contact:

Individual and Family Support

Monday through Friday from 9am - 5pm

Call: **1-800-624-4143** and request Individual and Family Support.

Email: supportcoordinator@justicecenter.ny.gov

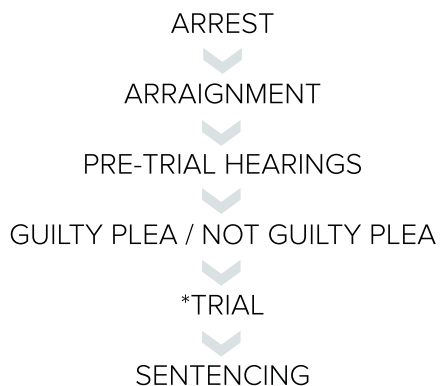
For more information visit our website at:

<http://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/>

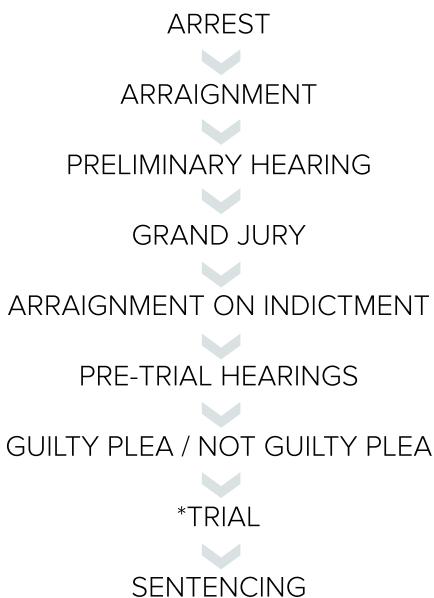


The Criminal Justice Process

Misdemeanor Offenses



Felony Offenses



The Office of the Special Prosecutor

Justice Center special prosecutors have the responsibility and authority to investigate and prosecute cases of abuse and neglect committed against people with special needs. We also assist local District Attorneys with the prosecution of cases involving vulnerable people. **The Justice Center never prosecutes people who receive services.**

Services for Crime Victims, Witnesses and Families

Contact the **New York State Office of Victim Services:**

1-800-247-8035
Alfred E. Smith Building
80 S. Swan Street, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12210
<http://www.ovs.ny.gov>



Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

*Not all cases will go to trial. A plea agreement may be offered.

Victim Compensation

Experiencing or witnessing a crime can result in emotional or physical trauma and financial burdens. We are here to help.

How can the Justice Center's Individual and Family Support Services assist me?

Assistance with various aspects of completing the Compensation Claim Application can include:

- Explanation of the benefits available
- Help assembling requested documentation
- Assistance in making necessary contacts with the Office of Victim Services
- Submission of the claim application for processing

Who is eligible for compensation through the Office of Victim Services?

- An innocent victim of a crime
- Crime victims who were physically injured as a result of a crime
- Victims who are 60 and over who have a disability and were not physically injured
- Certain relatives and dependents
- Those individuals who paid for or incurred burial costs for an innocent victim
- Child victims and witnesses

What kind of expenses may I be eligible for?

The Office of Victim Services offers compensation related to personal injury, death and loss of essential personal property. The specific expenses that may be covered by the Office of Victim Services include:

- Medical and counseling expenses
- Loss or damage of essential personal property
- Transportation (necessary court appearances for prosecution)

How do I qualify for compensation?

- Meet eligibility requirements
- Complete Office of Victim Services' application
- Have a current or future out of pocket loss as a result of a crime

Crime victims and witnesses should be treated with dignity, respect and understanding throughout their contact with the criminal justice system.

Victim Rights

As the victim of a crime you have the right to:

- Request compensation
- Request assistance
- Receive notification of judicial proceedings
- Submit a victim impact statement
- Be protected from threats, physical injury or other types of intimidation
- Request a copy of the police report
- Request restitution

Victim Services

The Justice Center provides many services to victims of crimes including:

- Information about criminal justice processes
- Accompanying service recipients (victims and witnesses) to interviews conducted by the Justice Center
- Accompanying service recipients (victims and witnesses) to court proceedings
- Referral to other victim assistance programs
- Providing information and status updates on an investigation
- Assistance with victim impact statements

