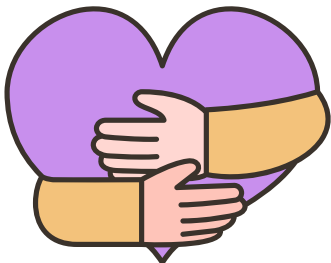


OUR MISSION

The Victim Services Advisory Board (VSAB) supports Montgomery County's commitment to serving crime victims and their families.

These include victims of rape, domestic violence (DV), intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual assault, homicide, terrorism, hate violence, human trafficking, robbery, driving while intoxicated (DWI), vehicular manslaughter, assault, battery, burglary, arson, larceny, stalking, carjacking, harassment, vandalism, and bullying.



**MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC AND
GUESTS ARE WELCOME.**

TIME: 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

Place: Virtual or
Department of
Health and Human Services
1301 Piccard Drive
1st floor
Conference Room
Rockville, Maryland 20850
**(CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND
ON WEBSITE)**

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Supervisory Therapist

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24/7 Hotline
(240) 777-HOPE (4673)



VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

**EMPOWERING,
SUPPORTING, AND
ADVOCATING
FOR CRIME VICTIMS**

HISTORY AND INFORMATION

The Advisory Board On Victims and Their Families, known as Victim Services Advisory Board (VSAB), was established Montgomery County Bill 22-86. With the reorganization of the Department of health and Human Services (HHS), VSAB as recodified in Art. VII - Sec. 24-56, Bill

MEMBERSHIP

The VSAB has 18 voting members and our non-voting members.

Membership comprised of five individuals from among the mental health, legal, medical, dental and nursing professions, ten citizens at-large who do not belong to any of the professions mentioned above; one member of the clergy; and presentations designated by the alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory council and the Mental Health Advisory committee.

The following Program of Montgomery County's Department of Health And Human Services aids crime victims:

Trauma Services

- 24-hour crisis outreach counseling for victims of sexual assault at hospitals and police stations.
- Counseling and support groups for crime victims.
- Support groups for surviving family and friends of homicide and DWI victims.
- Victim assistance through the criminal justice system.
- Compensation for eligible victims from the Montgomery County victim crime's Compensation Fund.
- Liaison with the State Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
- 24-hour accessible shelter for victims of domestic abuse and their dependent children.
- Individual counseling, education and support groups for domestic violence victims and abusers.
- Victim assistance with the legal system and other County agencies.

Trauma Services is available to all Montgomery County residents and victims of crimes committed in Montgomery County and their families. Counseling fees are charged on a sliding scale. **No one is denied services for inability to pay.**

VSAB HELPS CRIME VICTIMS BY:

- Ensuring a Montgomery County system that is victim friendly.
- Advocating for funding for victim programs and services.
- Educating the community on victim issues.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnered with police to improve response protocols for sexual assault victims.
- Testified before County Council and lobbied for victim program funding.
- Advocated in Maryland legislature for laws supporting violent crime victims.
- Provided input on the Office of Legislative Oversight's Victim Services Study.