

Compensation for Victims of Crime

Every year thousands of people are victimized as a result of violent crime, including child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. The State of Oregon has recognized the needs of victims and their families. In 1977, the Oregon Crime Victims= Compensation Program was enacted. This law provides a way to ease the financial losses of the victim and the victim=s family as a result of violent crimes.

Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) can help pay for medical and counseling needs as a result of a violent crime. If a report has been made regarding your child to police or child welfare, your child may be eligible for CVC. It is a grant program, not an entitlement, so whether or not CVC awards the grant is based upon the evidence provided by investigators. CVC is a payor of last resort; they require that families use available insurance first. However, they can reimburse families for out-of-pocket expenses such as co-payments. If a child has not insurance, CVC works like an insurance program to assist with medical and counseling needs as a result of the crime. If the family has no insurance, the program will cover a child abuse assessment at Liberty House, regardless of whether or not there are findings of abuse.

Applications may be obtained from and filed with:

Crime Victims= Compensation Program

Department of Justice

1162 Court Street, NE

Salem, OR 97301

503-378-5348

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You can also contact Liberty House at 503-540-0288 for a brochure and application. Another resource is your local District Attorney=s Victim Assistance Program. Applications can also be downloaded from www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/welcomel.htm. Click on Program and Services. If you or your child was a victim of a crime outside of Oregon, the above website has a link for obtaining applications from other states.