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This list represents the immediately identified Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded programs that may be available to assist victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing. VOCA services are provided free of charge. Eligibility for services is determined by the identified program. This list may not be all inclusive of available services and is current as of 4/17/13. We will revise the list as additional services are identified. Should you have questions about the programs please feel free to contact MOVA at 617-586-1341.

Hospital Based Programs

Boston Medical Center:

Counties Served: Middlesex, Bristol, Suffolk

Community Violence Response Team (Injury Prevention)

The Community Violence Response Team addresses the great need for services for victims of attempted homicide and their families as well as family survivors of homicide victims from the Greater Boston area. Free culturally sensitive, family-focused clinical services provided by the CVRT include crisis intervention, advocacy, case management, and short-term, trauma-focused counseling for adults, adolescents, and children (with a focus on age 8 and over). CVRT seeks to reduce the effects of trauma by providing therapeutic support throughout the recovery process and ultimately minimizing mental health trauma. CVRT staff reflects the diversity of BMC's patient population.

Child Witness to Violence Program

The Child Witness to Violence Project provides services at Boston Medical Center for child witnesses to domestic and community violence. Services include telephone referral and triage, assessment and ongoing counseling for young children (0- 8), and their non-offending parents, advocacy, and assistance with concrete services. Services are offered in English and Spanish.

617) 414-5574

www.bmc.org

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Counties Served: Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk

Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery:

The Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery (CVPR) provides services to those who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, community violence or homicide. Services are also provided to significant others of crime victims. CVPR provides counseling (both individual and group) and advocacy to a wide range of survivors.

Homicide Bereavement Support Project:

The Community Violence and Homicide Support Services Project of the Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery will be a multi-site provider of direct services to Homicide survivors and community violence survivors. The sites include, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (primarily emergency department, Trauma Surgical Intense Care for in-pt. and out-patient follow up and groups), and at the Bowdoin Street Health Center for out-patient and groups. Consultant relationships with Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and Janet Connors will round out the type and breadth of services offered.

(617) 667-8141

www.bidmc.harvard.edu

Cambridge Health Alliance

Counties Served: Middlesex, Suffolk

Center for Homicide Bereavement

The Center for Homicide Bereavement (CHB) is a long-established community-based program whose tri-lingual, tri-cultural staff of licensed clinicians provides crisis counseling and support and/or long-term traumatic grief therapy for adults and children. Time-limited homicide bereavement groups are available as well as an ongoing traumatic grief process group. CHB staff offer timely sensitive and confidential care and services to survivors in our office and in the homes of survivors within the greater Boston area.

Victims of Advocate and Support Team (VAST)

The Victim Advocacy and Support Team (VAST) provides hospital-based and alliance-wide crisis counseling, support and victim advocacy to individual crime victims and their families , including victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, political violence, international and cross-state child kidnapping and custody, and other crimes of violence. VAST services reach out to underserved victim populations, such as immigrant victims without documentation, and those with serious mental health disabilities. These services are offered free of charge and include individual, family and group interventions as well as consultation to providers. Multi-lingual interpreter services are available for most languages.

(617) 591-6361

www.challiance.org

Community-Based & Public Agencies:

Community Action of the Franklin, Hampshire, & North Quabbin Regions, Inc

Counties Served: Franklin, Hampshire, Worcester

Community Crisis Response Team

The Community Crisis Response Team VOCA program provides a coordinated, comprehensive, situation-specific response to any individual, group, or community in Franklin and Hampshire counties and the North Quabbin region that has been affected by crime. The primary goals of the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT) program are: (1) to foster recover for those affected by criminal incidents; and (2) to nurture mutual support among those affected by this trauma. CCRT enables people to come together to talk about their experiences, process feelings and fears, plan effective actions, heal with others, and mobilize and connect to longer-term resources. Assistance may include counseling; consultations to enable a group to carry out its own response; support and/or training for direct care providers in trauma-informed practice; information and referrals; group interventions that help to accelerate the normal healing process; exposure to complementary therapies that redress stored physiological stress; and individual follow up. All services are free and confidential.

Program Telephone – 617-774-2318

Community Healthlink

Communities Served: Worcester

Victim Services Program

The Victim Service Program at Community Healthlink Youth & Family Services is comprised of four components: (1) The After Homicide Program; (2) The Children's Recovery Network; (3) The Teen Safety and Support Network; (4) The Victim Advocacy Project. The Victim Service Program provides advocacy, crisis intervention, individual, family, and group therapy, bereavement groups, and support groups. Services are for family members and loved ones of homicide and vehicular homicide, children, and non-offending family members that have witnessed domestic violence and/or community violence, adolescent victims of dating violence, sexual assault or gang violence--including specialized services for GLBT youth, and children and their non-offending family members that have been sexually abused--including adult victims of child sexual abuse.

www.communityhealthlink.org

508-860-1121

Justice Resource Institute

Counties Served: Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk

The Trauma Center

Our Center's VOCA program provides information and referral, screening and evaluation, victim advocacy, and individual and group psychotherapy to child, adolescent and adult crime victims and their significant others suffering from psychological trauma as a result of exposure to physical and sexual abuse or assault, domestic violence or hate crimes. We offer specialized services for bilingual/bicultural crime victims.

(617) 450-0500

Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell

Counties Served: Middlesex

FOCUS

F.O.C.U.S. provides services free of charge to children and adults who have been victims of crime who live in the Greater Lowell area. Free Services include assessments, short term individual and/or group counseling, advocacy, criminal justice and medical support and referrals to needed services. Staff speaks English, Spanish, and Khmer and can provide services in our offices or at the client's preferred community setting, such as their homes or school.

(978) 458-6282

www.mhalowell.org

Northeast Behavioral Health

Counties Served: Essex

VOCAL

Northeast Behavioral Health's Victims of Crime and Loss Program serve crime victims in southern Essex County. Services include individual, group, family and trauma sensitive YOGA to victims and their non offending family members. Services also include medical, legal and personal advocacy.

(978) 927-4506

www.nebhealth.org

South Shore Women's Resource Center – SHARES

Counties Served: Bristol, Plymouth

Homicide Bereavement Program

SHARES provides free, confidential services to family and friends of individuals who have been murdered, were victims of terrorism, or are surviving victims of vehicular homicide in Plymouth and Bristol counties. SHARES offers a continuum of services including crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, support groups, advocacy, case management, support thru the trial process, and help accessing benefits, such as transitional assistance, victims compensation, food stamps, housing and transportation. Services are offered on-site at our locations, in the community and in your home. Services are provided to children, adolescents and adults.

(508) 997-0475

www.southeastnetwork.org/www.thesswrc.org

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Counties Served: Suffolk

The purpose of the Victim Witness Assistance Program of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) is to provide information, support and assistance to crime victims, witnesses and family members. Advocates are located in each of the county district courts, Boston Municipal Court, in the superior court and in specialized units. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program supports the victim witness advocate position within the Child Abuse Unit.

<http://www.mass.gov/dasuffolk>

617-619-4000

Steward Research & Specialty Project Corp.

Counties Served: Essex, Bristol

St Anne's Hospital Youth Trauma Program

The Youth Trauma Program provides comprehensive services to victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and trauma including teen dating violence, domestic violence, and community violence and to survivors of homicide. The Program offers services to children, youth and young adults ages 3-21 and their non-offending family members. Services include individual, family and group counseling, medical and legal advocacy, Extended Forensic Interviews and Trauma Assessments. Services are provided to child victims and their non-offending family members living in Bristol County and the surrounding area.

(617) 779-6067

www.steward.org

Wayside Youth & Family Support Network

Counties Served: Middlesex, Norfolk, Worcester

Family Bereavement:

The Homicide Bereavement Program at Wayside serves children and adults, ages 5 years and older, in Middlesex, Norfolk, and Worcester counties, who have experienced the effects of murder or vehicular homicide. Free services include individual and group counseling, court advocacy, and extended supports to family and friends of homicide victims. The program also seeks to support other community providers who must deal with the effects of homicide. By having strong outreach, the program assists those people and providers with their vicarious trauma from murder.

Child Witness to Violence:

The Child Witness to Violence Program at Wayside serves clients 5 years and older along with their non-offending significant others in Middlesex, Norfolk and Worcester counties, who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence, dating abuse, bullying, and other forms of violence. Free services include counseling or advocacy in individual and group formats, along with crisis intervention at the host agency, schools, courts, and in the community. There is an ongoing Domestic Violence support group for women weekly. Referrals and resources are tailored to the individual client and provided as needed.

(508) 879-9800

www.waysideyouth.org

Victim Compensation

Office of the Attorney General

Counties Served: STATE WIDE

Victim Compensation & Assistance Division

The Victim of Violent Crime Compensation Assistance fund is available to help pay crime related expenses incurred as a result of a violent crime occurring in Massachusetts. Please note that you do not have to be a resident of Massachusetts to apply to our program nor do you need to be seeking assistance only for services in Massachusetts. For a victim compensation application and information please go to <http://www.mass.gov/ago>

(617) 727-2200, ext. 2160

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The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) is an independent state agency devoted to upholding and advancing the rights of crime victims in this state. We provide innovative victim advocacy through outreach and education, policy and program development, direct services to crime victims, legislative advocacy, and grant management. Our commitment lies in reaching all victims, while ensuring access and equity of rights and services to underserved communities. By bridging public, private and community organizations, we work to serve crime victims, their families, and witnesses to violence, while promoting healing and justice.