

National Organizations for Emotional Support

(both in-person and virtual support)

211 - <https://www.211.org/>

211 is a confidential hotline linking 200 emergency services, both local and nationwide with callers in need. This site provides referrals around the clock free of charge. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated 211 as the 3-digit number for information and referrals to social services and other assistance.

Alliance for Hope International <https://www.familyjusticecenter.org/georgia-domestic-violence-fatality-review-project-2015/>

Alliance for Hope International offers resources, training, and new information on the impact of familicide on children and families.

Befrienders Worldwide <https://www.befrienders.org>

Befrienders Worldwide is an international volunteer suicide prevention resource. It provides confidential support and referral to people in crisis to hotlines around the world. Languages offered on the website: English, French, Thai, Swahili, Lithuanian, Japanese, Arabic, Portuguese, Hindi, Chinese, Filipino. (Phone in the U.S.: 800-893-9900; in Canada: 212-673-3000; in the UK: 116 123)

Canadian Parents of Murdered Children (CPOMC) <http://canadianpomc.ca/resources/the-impact-of-murder-on-the-family-unit/health-and-social-issues-following-the-murder-of-a-loved-one/>

CPOMC is a homicide victim group based in Canada. This site offers additional resources, information, and tips on living with a homicide in the family.

Citizens Against Homicide <http://citizensagainsthomicide.org/>

Citizens Against Homicide is a nonprofit group formed to assist homicide survivors to cope with the criminal justice system. They do this by accompanying victims to proceedings (include parole hearings) and providing information on pending crime legislation. This group has partnered with “Crime Wire Blog Talk radio” www.blogtalkradio.com/insidelenz as a resource to highlight homicides, suspicious deaths, and missing person cases where foul play is suspected. (Phone: 415-308-9413 or 209-728-2873)

Compassionate Friends - <https://www.compassionatefriends.org/>

Compassionate Friends is a volunteer organization to provide emotional support to families experiencing the natural, accidental or violent death of a relative or close friend through their grief experience. Currently, 600+ chapters are serving all fifty states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and

Guam. Internationally, 30 countries have a Compassionate Friend presence. Some provide in-person meetings and others are virtual. (Phone: 1-877-969-0010)

Data-Smart City Solutions - <https://datasmart.ash.harvard.edu/news/article/map-monday-unsolved-homicides>

Data Smart City Solutions (via Harvard's Kennedy School of Government) mapped arrests for murder and unsolved murder cases in 50 of the largest U.S. cities. It reveals areas where criminal homicides remain unsolved and if an arrest was made. The maps were compiled on more than 52,000 criminal homicides and related arrests from 2007-2017.

Deaf Counseling Center - <https://deafcounseling.com/deaf-emergency-services/>

Deaf Counseling Center is best used following a call to 911. They help with follow-up services in mental health for the deaf and hard of hearing. They are available 24/7 for anyone in a mental health crisis. Text HOME to 741741 in the U.S.

Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC) <https://deathpenaltyinfo.org>

This is a report which examines the historical role that race has played in the death penalty process and why the death penalty must be included in meaningful discussions of criminal legal reform.

Dougy Center <https://www.dougy.org>

Support and assistance for children and teens dealing with grief. They will also assist in finding local resources outside of the Portland, Oregon Area. (Phone 503-775-5683)

Esperanza

United https://www.nationallatinonetwork.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=692:key-issues-implications&catid=202:special-collections

Esperanza United is a national referral resource providing assistance in English and Spanish for court services, domestic violence, rape, other traumas, low-income legal relief, and assistance to youth. (Phone 651-646-5553)

(For children see The Dougy Center; Spanish speakers available)

GEDmatch - <https://www.gedmatch.com/>

GEDmatch is a third-party database where anyone can upload their raw DNA and use their tools to match with others for different purposes: genealogy, research, missing persons, or law enforcement.

Grief and Loss Resources - **American Counseling Association** (NAGC)

<https://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/mental-health-resources>

NAGC is a non-profit organization that offers resources for professional counselors and the public. It aims to assist everyone with access to qualified professional counselors. (Phone: 800-347-6647)

Grief Share <https://griefshare.org>

Grief Share connects people to local Grief Share self-help groups through the US, Canada and in 10 other countries. It is affiliated with Church Initiative. Email contact: help@dougy.org (Phone 800-395-5755)

iCAN <https://www.ican-foundation.org/parole-hearings/>

iCAN is a nonprofit in the State of California that supports homicide victims through the parole hearing process. (Phone: 916-273-3603)

Justice for Homicide Victims (JHV) - <https://justiceforhomicidevictims.org/>

JHV is a non-profit organization run by volunteers based in Los Angeles that provides support in dealing with homicide and help in coping with a complex legal system and law enforcement officials. They provide counseling and referrals to appropriate agencies set up by the state and county to give various forms of assistance including financial assistance as warranted. Knowledgeable advice and involvement in the arraignment, preliminary hearing, and the trial of the accused with members attending sessions whenever possible. JHV also assists in gathering data for parole hearings.

Homicide Survivors, Inc <http://www.azhomicidesurvivors.org>

Homicide Survivors, Inc is based in Tucson, Arizona. They provide free peer support in English and Spanish during a crisis. They also assist in obtaining other resources such as crime victim compensation, victim rights advocacy, support meetings, and a newsletter. They accept donations of frequent flyer miles, restaurants, grocery, and gasoline gift certificates for survivors and donations to fund the opening or closing of cemetery plots. (Phone: 520-207-5012)

Homicide Survivors Program (HSP) <https://hsdv.org>

Homicide Survivors Program for Families and Friends of Murder Victims (HSP) is supported by a grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs in the US Department of Justice. It supports families and friends who have lost someone to murder or vehicular homicide. Their mission is to provide practical intervention and support, victim advocacy, and assist survivors through the criminal justice system. (Phone: 256-551-1610)

Justice for Murdered Children <http://justiceformurderedchildren.org>

Justice for Murdered Children's aims to reduce the number of homicides and unsolved homicides and assist families that have lost loved ones to homicide. They do this through legal advocacy (providing additional eyes and ears for law enforcement) through monthly support group meetings for families of murder victims and via prevention/education efforts. (Phone: 310-547-5362)

Marsy's Law <https://marsyslaw.us>

Marsy's Law is an effort to ensure that victims of crime have equal, constitutional rights on the same level as those accused and convicted of crimes. As of this writing, it is law in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Currently, efforts are underway in Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and Tennessee to pass the law there. The website provides a searchable database of state-by-state efforts.

Mediation Matters: Restorative Justice <http://www.mediationmatters.org>

Mediation Matters is a voluntary, private and confidential process facilitated by trained and certified mediators. The process engages the person who caused harm, the person(s) who were harmed, and the community to cooperatively identify and repair damage by transforming the traditional punitive response. The aim is healing. (Phone: 518 446-0356)

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights (MVFHR) <http://www.mvfhr.org/>

MVFHR is an international, non-governmental organization of homicide co-victims and family members of the executed, all of whom oppose the death penalty.

Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation (MVFR) <https://www.guidestar.org/profile>

MVFR is a national organization led by family members of murder victims and the executed that advocates for disrupting and dismantling the death penalty.

National Alliance for Grieving Children - www.childrengrieve.org

National Alliance for Grieving Children offers resources to help support children through grief. The site has a national listing of child bereavement organizations.

National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) <https://victimsofcrime.org>

NCVC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing resources and advocacy for crime victims. (Phone: 800-394-2255)

National Deaf Domestic Violence Hotline ADWAS - <https://www.adwas.org/>

Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services empowers deaf and deaf/blind survivors of domestic violence, assault, and related crimes to transform their lives. They provide comprehensive services

to individuals and families, community education, and advocacy on systems and policy issues. They offer voice/video phone call communication by calling 855-812-1001

National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative – NDVFRI <https://ndvfri.org/about/>

The NDVFRI is a one-of-a-kind resource center dedicated to domestic violence fatality review funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a branch of the US Department of Justice. The interdisciplinary team goes on site to review fatalities from domestic violence, act as a clearinghouse for information about developments in the field and collaborate with project partners. (Phone 928-523-9205.

National Domestic Violence Hotline <https://www.thehotline.org/what-to-expect-when-you-contact-us/>

The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides tools, support, and referral services for survivors of domestic violence in 200+languages. Services are free.

(Phone 1800-799-7233 or text “START” to 88788)

National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) <https://www.trynova.org>

NOVA is the oldest national victim assistance organization of its type in the US. NOVA is a private, nonprofit organization focuses on victim advocacy, education, and credentialing of professionals. NOVA seeks to provide high-quality trauma-informed training, victim advocacy, crisis response, and enhanced services and policies for victims/survivors of crime. They provide general victim information, local and state referrals including hotlines 24/7 crisis support through its partnerships. (Phone: 1-800-879-6682)

National Police Accountability Project (NPAP) <https://www.nlg-npap.org/absolute-immunity/>

The National Police Accountability Project is a project of the National Lawyers Guild, a non-profit membership organization of plaintiffs’ lawyers, law students and legal workers dedicated to ending abuses by prosecutors.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a US-based suicide prevention network of over 180 crisis centers that combines local care and resources with national standards and best practices to assist people in distress. They provide free and confidential support 24/7. (Phone: 1-800-273-8255; veterans press 1 to be connected with a veteran specialist)

NOLO: Home Funeral Laws: An Overview - <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/home-funeral-laws.html>

NOLO provides state-by-state summaries of laws governing home funerals. Each state has specific requirements. In all 50 states, it is legal to have our loved ones at home after they have died.

Omega Home Stigmatized Properties: Examples and

Laws <https://www.omegahome.com/blog/stigmatized-property/>

Omega Home Stigmatized Properties explains what a stigmatized property is and the laws in all 50 states (current at the time of publication).

Parents of Murdered Children: (POMC) <https://pomc.org/>

POMC is a national, volunteer organization that provides emotional support, education, homicide survivor advocacy, and awareness to the parents of murdered children. It also helps with the criminal justice system. Despite its name, it will assist adults in finding resources for coping with the homicide of an adult.

(Phone: 888-818-7662 - or - 619-685-0005)

Patient Advocate Foundation PAF - <https://www.patientadvocate.org/explore-our-resources/preserving-income-federal-benefits/comparison-of-federal-vs-state-vs-private-disability-benefits/>

Patient Advocate Foundation assists with understanding disability options for employees unable to return to work and how to find assistance for people who have never worked and who are unable to work because of a disability. This website offers a comparison between federal versus state versus private disability benefits. (Phone: 800-532-5274)

Safe Horizon <https://www.safehorizon.org/hotlines>

Safe Horizon offers help to callers who are victims of crime including support for family members of homicide victims. (Phone: 1-866-689HELP; Help for the hearing impaired: 1-866-604-5350)

Second Opinion Services (S.O.S.) - <https://pomc.org/second-opinion/>

S.O.S. is staffed by a volunteer board of medical, law enforcement, and investigative experts who provide an independent objective viewpoint based on existing evidence and/or records submitted to them for review. These experts evaluate materials, look for evidence that needs to be followed up on, reviews findings that may have been misinterpreted suggests areas for further investigation, and highlights inconsistencies or conflicting information. They will not investigate the case further, serving as an expert witness nor identify a suspect. The cost is \$100

Social Security Disability (SSI) - <https://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/>

SSI has an online disability application for adults who are not currently receiving benefits on their own Social Security record, who are unable to work due to a physical or psychological condition for at least the next 12 months and have not been denied disability benefits in the last 60 days. Applicants filing for SSI may also check the status of their application online. (Phone: 800-772-1213)

Survivor's benefits may be available when a family member dies. This is based on the earnings of a worker who died. The deceased person must have worked long enough to qualify for benefits. To enquire about “death benefits” call 1800-772-1213 8:00 am – 7:00 pm M-F.

Stronghearts Native Helpline <https://strongheartshelpline.org/>

Stronghearts is an American Indian and Alaskan Native hotline offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy for domestic violence and mental health referrals. (Phone: 1844-7NATIVE) (844-762-8483)

Survivor Resources <https://survivorresources.org/>

Survivor Resources provides immediate and long-term grief support for family and friends impacted by homicide, suicide, or accidental death. It is a non-profit organization and is coordinated through the Minneapolis and St. Paul Police Departments. Within hours following a violent death, a staff member reaches out to help with immediate needs and support. They also offer weekly support groups led by trained experts who have experienced the loss of a loved one. (Phone: 651-266-5674)

Survivors of Violent Loss Network – www.svlp.org

Survivors of (Violent) Loss Resources is an online website for those who work with and live with the murder of a loved one and other violent deaths. This National resource provides information, resources and opportunities for networking with others. Programs and services exist in different forms in several different states. They offer assistance and support to families who have lost a loved one to a violent death and training for those who work with them. (Phone: 619-685-0005.)

The American Investigative Society of Cold Cases (AISOCC) - <http://www.aisocc.com/>

AISOCC offers free, professional, non-biased reviews of any cold case brought to them by law enforcement. They have an elite group of experts to assist in solving cold cases. In addition, they hold annual conferences on topics of interest to cold case investigators.

The Dougy Center www.dougy.org

This national facility is located in Portland, Oregon for assisting bereaved children and minors with a family member in an advanced state of serious illness. All programs are at no cost and master's level

group coordinators lead groups. They also offer support in Spanish. (Phone: 503-775-5683) In addition, they host a podcast entitled *Grief Out Loud*.

The National Crime Victim Bar Association - <https://victimbar.org/attorney-referral-request-form/>

The National Crime Victim Bar Association keeps a nationwide network of attorneys who are dedicated to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives through the Civil Justice System.

VictimConnect <http://victimconnect.org/get-help/victimconnect-chat>

Victim Connect provides confidential “chat sessions” with trained victim aid specialists for people in crisis who are in a physically safe environment and who have read and agree to their privacy policy. Their hours are Monday-Friday from 9 am – 5 pm EDT. (Phone or text: 855-484-2846)

Violent Death Bereavement Society <http://www.vdbs.org/>

Violent Death Bereavement Society serves as a centralized forum for information and training for service providers of loved ones and relatives after violent death. They sponsor lectures and workshops for providers and family members. They also plan community-based support services and have a national registry of experienced clinicians, service providers, and regional experts for consultation. Last, they also keep resources of research reports and literature on the occurrence, recognition, and support of bereavement after violent death. They have training manuals in PDF format in Arabic, Hebrew, English, and Spanish entitled *Accommodation to Violent Dying Training Manual*.

Winston’s Wish - <https://www.winstonswish.org>

Based in the UK, this bereavement charity was set up in 1991 to support bereaved children and their families and the professionals who support them. They offer a free helpline, support for schools, and three-day bereavement training courses for professionals.

World Services for the Blind (WSB) <https://www.wsblind.org/about>

World Services for the Blind has a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired through trauma-based referrals, career training programs, life skills, and programs for transitional aged-youths.