

San Diego County District Attorney's Office
VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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VICTIM ADVOCATES

- Penal Code 13835; S.D. Advocates are DA employees
- Assist victims of all types of crimes whether or not a suspect is apprehended
- Advocates located in all courthouses, SDPD, and SDSO Headquarters
- Spanish speaking Advocates available

Advocate Role HTTF

Services Provided:

- Crisis intervention
 - Needs Assessment, resource and referral, emergency housing and/or relocation
- Follow up counseling
 - Reassessment of needs, new referral
- Orientation to the Criminal Justice System
 - Case status information and court support
- Victim Compensation
 - Payment for crime related expenses including: counseling, medical, relocation and tattoo removal
 - Crime verification

Human Trafficking Victims

- Complex Trauma
- Hybrid Victims
- Survivors
- Multifaceted needs

Services Needed for Human Trafficking

Victims

- Housing
- Legal
- Food/Clothing
- Employment
- Medical
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment
- Job Training
- Tattoo Removal

Services Available in San Diego County

- Housing
 - Currently 5 emergency beds in the county for adults, zero available for juveniles
 - 29 transitional housing beds
- Permanent Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing Program
 - Section 8

SERVICES AVAILABLE CONTINUED

- Legal
 - Immigration assistance
 - Criminal convictions
- Resource Centers
- Survivor Mentors
- Intensive Case Management
 - Counseling, Support Groups
 - Medical
 - Legal
 - Education/Job Training

BARRIERS TO SERVICES

- Identify as Victims
- Trust of the system
- Navigation of services
- Legal Issues
- Housing availability and eligibility
- Employment and Job Training
- Substance Abuse/Mental Health Issues

OVERCOME BARRIERS

- Collaboration with Providers
 - Streamline services
- Consistency with Victims
 - Honesty
 - Respect
 - Dignity
- Communication with Everyone
 - Raising awareness
 - Community
 - Government

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IS WHAT WE DO
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