

REFERRALS

- Community Resources
- Counselling Agencies
- Shelters for Women and Children
- Social and Family Services
- Crown Attorney's Office
- Police Investigator or Detectives
- Restorative Justice

LIAISON

- Crown Attorney's Office
- Police / Justice Personnel
- Service Providers
- Community Resources
- Families
- Chiefs & Councils

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The mandate of the Victim Witness Liaison is to improve the quality of service to victims and witnesses of crime using a holistic approach to encourage and empower clients in a non-intrusive manner, and to provide alternative justice options such as the Restorative Justice process. Some of the services are as follows:

- ◆ **INFORMATION**
- ◆ **SUPPORT**
- ◆ **REFERRALS**
- ◆ **LIAISON**

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. To ensure the immediate needs of victims and witnesses are met following an initial assessment to determine their safety/security needs, counselling, court accompaniment and other assistance needs.
2. To educate victims/witnesses of the court procedures and what to expect as their matter proceeds.

3. To provide victims with a culturally appropriate support mechanism, and act as an information source to inform victims and witnesses of court dates, dispositions, status of the case, and interviews with the Crown Attorney.
4. To ensure victims are made aware of and supported through the Restorative Justice processes, whenever possible.
5. To ensure victims and witnesses are made aware of their right to make representations to the court by way of a Victim Impact Statement (VIS).
6. To provide individuals with information about existing community resources such as counselling agencies or shelters that could provide additional support.
7. To act as a liaison between victims and witnesses, and community members, service providers, schools, police, justice personnel, and Chief and Council in order to maximize awareness and the utilization of services and community resources.
8. To inform victims of crime with the Victim Bill of Rights.
9. To assist people with applying to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB).
10. To serve as a "Commissioner for Taking Affidavits".

INFORMATION

- community and outside resources
- Victim Impact Statements (VIS)
- the court system process
- court case results
- legal referral services
- police file information for victims
- court appearance dates
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) applications

SUPPORT

- Provide support and reassurance before and during court trials.
- Court accompaniment, when available.