Promoting Equity and Social Justice Panel

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Services Provided

- Assistance personalizing a safety plan.
- In-person assistance with applications:
 - \Rightarrow Crime Victims' Compensation Program,
 - \Rightarrow Address Confidentiality Program,
 - \Rightarrow Victim Information & Notification Everyday,
 - \Rightarrow Protective Order Applications.
- Accompaniment to hospitals, law enforcement offices, prosecutors' offices and courts.
- Referrals to available resources.

Crime Victims' Compensation

The Crime Victims' Compensation Program is administered by the Office of the Attorney General providing financial assistance to eligible victims of crime for crime-related costs (Medical care, mental health care, funeral expenses, loss of support/earnings, relocation, travel expenses, crime scene clean-up, child & dependent care, replacement of seized property). Crime Victims' Compensation covers crime-related costs not paid by other sources.

Victim Information Notification Everyday

24/7 automated system providing crime victims with offender county jail status and court information via:

- Phone
- Text
- E-mail
- In-app

www.vinelink.com (877)TX4-VINE

Address Confidentiality Program

The Address Confidentiality Program is administered by the Office of the Attorney General. ACP provides a substitute address and mail forwarding service for eligible victims and members of their household.