



# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

*The mission of Montana DOC Victim Services is to inform, involve, educate and empower crime victims while enhancing community safety through positive collaboration.*

## OUR GOAL

The goal is to help survivors and their families understand the processes that occur in corrections to help reduce revictimization during this portion of the criminal justice system.

## WHO DO WE SERVE?

Victims of crime and their families whose offenders are under the supervision of the DOC. We also serve offender's who are victims of crimes committed while under DOC supervision.



### Victim Services

- Notification and information throughout offender's correctional sentence
- Unwanted contact from offender
- Victim Impact Statements and Pecuniary Loss Affidavits
- Referrals to resources
- Training, education and public awareness
- Crisis intervention and safety plans
- Assistance with Order of Protection, Parenting Plans and other civil legal paperwork
- Reentry assistance and safety planning
- Victim/Witness advocacy
- Board of Pardons and Parole hearings
- Information about other criminal justice and corrections agencies involvement in victim cases



### Notification/Information

#### Victim Information and Notification

##### Everyday (VINE):

[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

A free, confidential, automated telephone, text messaging and email system that provides custody status information, about adult felony offenders under DOC supervision.

##### Offender Search:

<https://app.mt.gov/conweb/>

##### Interstate Compact Offenders:

<https://pwp.interstatecompact.org/PWP/searches>

##### Sexual or Violent Offender Registry

<https://dojmt.gov/sexual-or-violent-offender-registry/>



### Restorative Justice

- **Offender Accountability Letter Program**
  - An opportunity for the offender to communicate to the victim(s) of their crimes their understanding of the harm caused. Victims choose to receive a letter.
- **Victim Impact Panels**
  - Crime victims volunteer their time to share their experiences to not only inform offenders, but assist in their own healing process.
- **Victim Offender Dialogue**
  - An opportunity to have a structured, facilitated meeting with the offender. Only victims may initiate this process.

## Contact us



Help Line (406) 444-0447 or Toll Free (888) 223-6332



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