

Eastern Victims Assistance & Counselling Program

October 2009

Hi everyone

It has been over a year since our last newsletter and during this time EVACP has undergone a few changes both within the staff team and to the service.

EACH has been awarded an additional three years of funding to continue providing the Victims Assistance and Counselling Program (from July 1st 2009.)

EVACP offers a suite of supports ranging from practical assistance to short term counselling.

Practical support includes:

- Information
- Advocacy
- Assistance with transport
- Support at Court hearings
- Support at VOCAT hearings
- Referral to solicitors
- Referral to other services
- Assistance with Victim Impact Statements
- Support Groups
- Information Sessions
- Community Education and Training

Our phone number is
1300 884 284



Our Team

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Some useful numbers

Victims Support Agency
1300 659 419

Victims of Crime Assistance
Tribunal (VOCAT) – Ringwood
9871 4433

Victims of Crime Assistance
Tribunal (VOCAT) – Melbourne
9628 7855

Eastern Domestic Violence
Outreach Service (EDVOS)
9259 4200

Women's Domestic Violence
Crisis Service
1800 806 292

Eastern Centre Against Sexual
Assault (ECASA)
9870 7310

Women's Legal Service
9642 0877

Lifeline
13 11 14

Suicide Help Line
1300 651 251

Support After Suicide
9427 9899

Mensline
1300 789 978

Australian Centre for Grief and
Bereavement
9265 2111

Grief Line
9596 7799

Compassionate Friends
9888 4944

Road Trauma Support Team
9877 7922

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive assistance from our service

- The crime is against the person
- Happened in Victoria
- Has been reported to the Police

and live within the following local government areas:

- Boroondara
- Knox
- Manningham
- Maroondah
- Monash
- Whitehorse
- Yarra Ranges



Help promote our service

Please assist us to promote the service by

- circulating this newsletter around your organisation
- forwarding it on to relevant networks not on the circulation list
- If you are interested in having an EVACP team member attend your staff meeting or network please contact Maureen on 0409 021 055

Referrals

Referrals can be made by:

- The person affected by the crime
- Parents of children under 18
- Police
- Community Organisations
- Refuges
- General Practitioners
- Family and Friends
- Solicitors

A support worker will be the initial point of contact and they will talk to the person affected by the crime (or their parent/ representative) to assess eligibility, identify the immediate needs and where necessary make an appointment to follow up with ongoing support.

Interpreters

Interpreters can be arranged for people who do not speak English as a first language as well as Auslan Interpreters for people who use sign language to communicate.

Please let the support worker know if an interpreter is required.

What if someone is not eligible for assistance?

Where someone contacts the service but is ineligible, the support worker will attempt to refer the person to appropriate community support agencies.

Contact us

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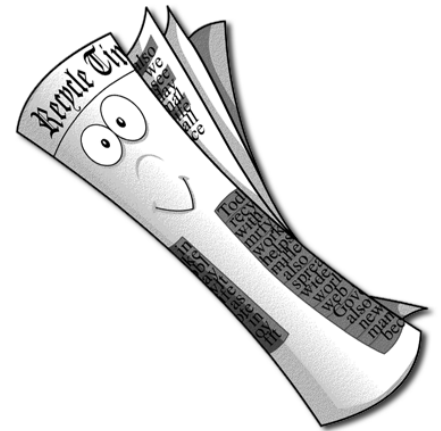


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