

## REFERRALS

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

## LIAISON

- Crown Attorney's Office
- Police / Justice Personnel
- Service Providers
- Community Resources
- Families
- Chief & Council
- Other victim service agencies

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## Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

## VICTIM WITNESS LIAISON

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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 intake - to determine their safety / security needs, counselling, court accompaniment and other assistance needs.
2. To educate victims and witnesses of crime about the court procedures and what to expect as their matter proceeds.

3. To provide victims with a culturally appropriate support mechanism, and act as 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 and Talking Together 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 work collaboratively with other service providers to enhance the provision of services to victims and witnesses from Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) territory.

## INFORMATION

- Victims rights and responsibilities
- Community and outside resources, with a focus on indigenous supports
- Victim Impact Statements (VIS) and Community Impact Statements, Statement of Restitution, etc.
- the court system process
- court case results
- police file information for victims
- court appearance dates
- Victim Quick Response Program Information

## SUPPORT

- Provide support and reassurance before and during court trials
- Court accompaniment, when available, as resources permit
- Know Your Rights; Victims have a right to: Information, participation, restitution, protection and to make a complaint