

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The goals & objectives of VWLP regarding victims and witnesses of crime are to:

- Ensure immediate needs are met following an incident where harm is done.
- Assist with safety planning.
- Educate on court procedures and what to expect as matters proceed.
- Provide accompaniment and support during court preparations and proceedings.
- Coordinate meetings with the Crown Attorney.
- Provide updates on court dates, dispositions, and case status.
- Assist in preparing a Victim Impact Statement (VIS).
- Provide information on community resources such as counselling agencies or shelters that could provide additional support.
- Act as a liaison between the victims and witnesses and other parties such as community members, service providers, schools, police, justice personnel, and Chief & Council.
- Inform victims about their rights and obligations.
- Work collaboratively with other service providers to enhance the provision of services to victims and witnesses from Nishnawbe-Aski.
- Build bridges with justice and police partners.

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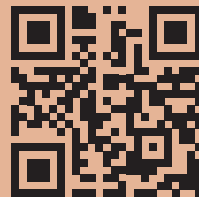
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VICTIM WITNESS LIAISON PROGRAM

The mandate of the Victim Witness Liaison Program (VWLP) is to provide service to victims and witnesses of crime. We listen, encourage and empower clients in a non intrusive manner. We offer:

- Support
- Information
- Referrals
- Liaison

SUPPORT

Support from VWLP for victims and witnesses includes:

- Practical and emotional support before, during, and after court trials.
- Court accompaniment
- Assistance for those who wish to disclose historical harm



INFORMATION

VWLP can provide information on the following to victims and witnesses:

- The victim's rights and responsibilities
- Community and outside resources with a focus on indigenous supports.
- Victim Impact Statements (VIS) and Community Impact Statements
- Statements of Restitution
- Court system processes
- Court case results
- Police file information for victims.
- Court appearance dates
- The Victim Quick Response Program

REFERRALS

Referrals can come from a number of sources including:

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

LAISON

The VWLP provides liaison services between victims and witnesses and other parties including:

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