

Crime Victims' Bill of Rights

As a victim of violent crime, as the guardian of a victim, or as the close relative of a deceased victim, you have certain rights in the Texas criminal justice system. Some of these rights include:

- The right to be protected from harm or threats.
- The right to have your safety and your family's safety taken into consideration when setting bail.
- The right to be informed about court proceedings, upon request.
- The right to complete a Victim Impact Statement.
- The right to receive information about the Texas Crime Victims' compensation fund and referrals to social service agencies.
- The right to have a safe waiting area before and during court proceedings.
- If you are a sexual assault victim, you have the right to have a properly trained advocate present during a forensic exam.

For more information see chapter 56 of the Texas Code of Criminal Proceedings: Rights of Crime Victims.

Our Funding Sources

- State & Federal Funds
- Erath County United Way
- Individual and Corporate Donations

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Services are provided by specially trained staff and volunteers.

Opening Hours

Monday-Friday
9 AM - 5PM

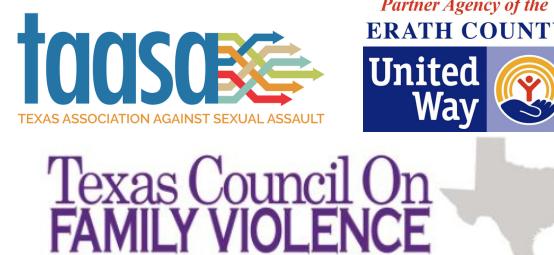
More Information

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A Victims' Service Agency

Offering free and confidential services in English and Spanish

Client Reference Guide

24-Hour Emergency Hotline:
1-(866)-934-4357

Our Services

- 24-Hour Crisis Hotline
- 24-Hour Victim Assistance and Crisis Counseling
- Safe Shelter for Victims of Violent Crime
- Counseling by a Licensed Professional
- Advocacy by Specially-Trained Professionals
- Criminal Justice Support and Advocacy
- Human Services Information and Referral
- Support and Therapeutic Groups
- Crime Victims Compensation Assistance
- Medical Accompaniments, Protective Order Assistance, and Safety Planning

Nondiscrimination Statement

Cross Timbers Family Services does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.



Facts About Abuse

- Mental and emotional abuse is no less damaging than physical abuse and the long-term effects may be greater.
- Family violence occurs among all races, ages, and religions. It happens to people of all educational and income levels.
- Being told repeatedly that we are worthless and undesirable can destroy self-esteem and cause a person to live up to the label.
- A battering incident is rarely an isolated occurrence. It usually recurs frequently and escalates in severity over time.
- Sexual assault to any child or adult is a crime.

Our Mission

Our mission is to enhance safety and justice by preventing domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes in our community through empowerment, advocacy, awareness, and action for social change.

Community Education

- Serving Erath and Surrounding counties
- Speakers provided at no charge
- Presentations and education to schools, civic organizations, and other groups
- Professional trainings available
- Volunteer opportunities available

You are not alone.

Cross Timbers Family Services cooperates fully and operates as part of a network with other community organizations.