

Annual Report 2016

RESILIENCE AND HOPE



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RESILIENCE AND HOPE

At times, I am stunned by the sheer weight of the tragedies our clients face. Resilience is what lets them adapt in the face of adversity. At Crime Victim Center, our clients must overcome trauma, loss, pain, and significant sources of stress in order to face their futures with hope. Being resilient does not mean that clients don't face challenges or experience setbacks. Instead, we work with them to develop skills to address these issues and handle them in constructive ways. Emotional pain and sadness are common after adversity or trauma. In fact, the road to resilience frequently involves considerable emotional distress. Helping clients develop action plans and use self-direction gives them hope that they can move past trauma into a brighter future.

In 2016, CVC worked to build new connections with members of the Erie community in order to help clients. We continued prevention education outreach through our annual Victims' Rights Conference. We were delighted to work with the Abram Sorek Memorial Race to help people recognize the impact of all types of crime and to work toward resolving the issues that lead to crimes across Erie County. We even took time out for some fun at Moonlight on the Bay and with Bourbon Barrel at our first-ever Downtown Partnership Block Party! We are so grateful for the community support that allows us to provide counseling, advocacy, and prevention education to children, men, and women. Thank you for helping us build resilience and hope throughout Erie County!

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CRISIS, INDIVIDUAL, AND GROUP COUNSELING

Trauma-informed counseling by trained professionals is the foundation of everything we do at CVC. From rape, physical assault, and homicide to cyber attacks and elder abuse, crime hurts. Our counselors provide hospital accompaniment and help survivors and family members around the clock, seven days a week.

“THE COUNSELOR WAS PATIENT AND KIND AND HAS HELPED ME TO REALIZE NO CHILD SHOULD GO THROUGH WHAT I WENT THROUGH.”

COURT ADVOCACY, RESTITUTION, AND VICTIMS COMPENSATION

Crime victims have rights guaranteed by federal and state law, but accessing those rights is often confusing. That's where our court, restitution, and compensation advocates come in. They help victims navigate the court system and ensure that they are registered with the proper authorities so their voices are heard.

“I’VE BEEN WORKING WITH ERIN IN VICTIMS COMPENSATION AND I’M VERY THANKFUL FOR ALL OF HER HELP. IT FEELS LIKE I CAN FINALLY START TO GET MY LIFE ON TRACK.”



First to 11 rocks the packed crowd at the Bourbon Barrel Block Party.



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Counselors Kayla (left) and Chrissy (right) help raise awareness and funds at the Bourbon Barrel Block Party benefiting CVC.

STATISTICS

In 2016, CVC counselors, court advocates, and compensation/restitution advocates served the following:

Sexual Assault

458 Adults

241 Children

233 Significant Others

TOTAL: 932

Other Crimes

3,146 Victims

535 Witnesses and Significant Others

TOTAL: 3,681

4,613 Total Agency Counseling Services

\$114,121.91 in Crime Victims

Compensation for 50 claims.

WHO WE TEACH

PREVENTION EDUCATION

Schools and Students

687 Presentations

16,439 Students

College Students

38 Presentations

1,567 Students

Community

106 Presentations

1,653 Adults/Professionals

50 Community-Wide Events

TOTAL:

831 Presentations

19,659 Participants

WHAT WE TEACH

Reporting Child Abuse

Cyber Bullying

Human Trafficking

Bystander Empowerment

Good Secrets; Bad Secrets

Boundaries

Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships

Home and Community Safety

Identity Theft

Internet Safety

Personal Trauma

Sexual Assault

Teen Empowerment

PREVENTION EDUCATION

It is not enough to serve the victims of crime. CVC's specialists work to prevent future crime through education and outreach. Age-appropriate programs teach children crucial information and inform adults of warning signs for abuse.

“I JUST HAD TO TELL YOU THAT PREVENTION EDUCATION CAME FOR A PROGRAM AT MY SON'S SCHOOL A COUPLE DAYS AGO, AND HE LOVED IT. HE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT EVERYTHING HE LEARNED SINCE. I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU ALL DO. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!”



COLLABORATION WITH CARING PARTNERS

Community support and collaboration with partners throughout Erie County is more important than ever as we work to build a resilient community that helps all residents toward a safer, more promising future.

CARING PARTNERS

Crime Victim Center has a long history of collaboration. Since the agency's inception over 40 years ago, staff members have been working in conjunction with the District Attorney's office and law enforcement to provide services and justice for victims.

We are so grateful to the organizations that work alongside of us to create a safer, better community where everyone has a voice.

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WQLN



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The generosity of our donors and community partners enables us to keep our doors open to all victims of crime. We are so grateful for their kindness! While we do our best to acknowledge each one, please inform us if we have omitted or erred in our listing!

Jennifer Dennehy, founder and lead performer with Lake Effect Hoop Troop, performs a hoop dance solo.



Joshua Martin from Funky Love Squad (left) looks on as an audience member joins in the performance.



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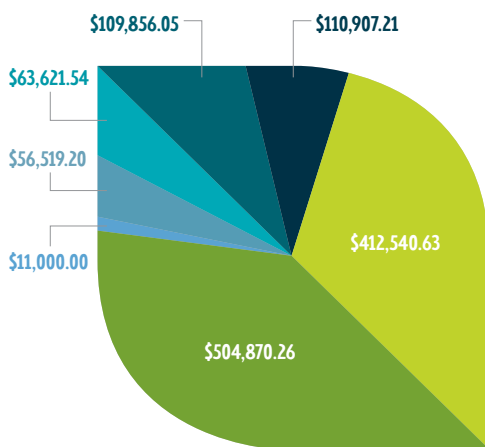
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MID DAY DANCE BREAK

Mid Day DANCE Break is a collaboration between CVC and Jennifer Dennehy, sponsored for the past three years by a grant through Erie Arts and Culture. These weekly sessions feature a local dance artist performance, interactive dance workshop, as well as a visual artist on-hand to create a piece of art. These pieces are later shown at CVC in gallery format and in conjunction with Erie Art Museum’s Gallery Night, where the project culminates with a reception at Crime Victim Center, featuring photographs and video from the weekly performances and the art produced by the visual artists. Support for this program was provided in part from an Erie Arts & Culture Project Grant, made possible by community contributions to the Combined Arts & Cultural Campaign and the Erie Arts Endowment.

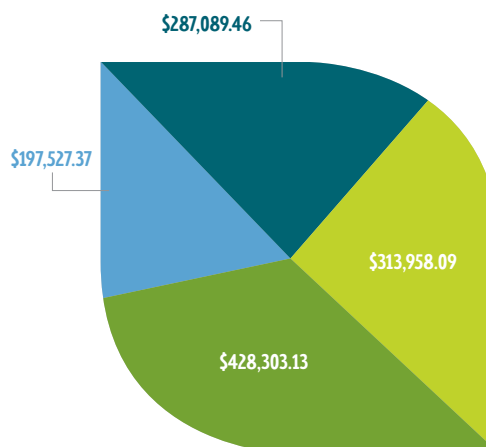
2016 FUNDING

Because all of our services are provided free of charge, we rely on funding sources and donors to continue our work in Erie County. We thank our funding resources for allowing us to provide very specific and much-needed services to victims of crime in Erie County.



INCOMING*

PCCD.....	\$504,870.26
PCAR.....	\$412,540.63
MH/ID.....	\$110,907.21
Donations/Fundraisers/Bingo.....	\$109,856.05
United Way.....	\$63,621.54
Other Grants/Contracts.....	\$56,519.20
United Fund of Corry.....	\$11,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,269,314.89



OUTGOING

Counseling and Crisis Intervention Services.....	\$428,303.13
Victim Witness Services.....	\$313,958.09
Support Services.....	\$287,089.46
Prevention Education.....	\$197,527.37
TOTAL.....	\$1,226,878.05

*CVC's counseling and court advocacy services are funded in part by competitive and noncompetitive grants from Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), and Erie County Office of Mental Health & Intellectual Disabilities (MH/ID). Both PCAR and PCCD receive federal funding from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

If you are a victim of crime in Pennsylvania, you have the right to be told ...

- about basic services available to you in your county
- about certain court events, including information on bail, escape of an offender, or release of an offender
- about the details of the final disposition of a case

You have the right to receive ...

- notice of the arrest of the offender
- information about restitution and assistance with compensation
- accompaniment to all criminal proceedings by a family member, a victim advocate, or a support person

You have the right to provide input ...

- into the sentencing decision and to receive help in preparing an oral and/or written victim impact statement
- into postsentencing decisions

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ERIE GIVES DAY AUGUST 8, 2017



Erie Community Foundation hosted the largest single-day fundraising event in the history of Erie last year. Our amazing donors raised over \$15,000 for Crime Victim Center on Erie Gives Day 2016.

This special day of giving maximizes your gift by offering matching dollars from a prorated pool for every gift over \$25. The bottom line is that your **\$25, \$50 or \$100 gift will make a big impact when you give on August 8th between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.** at www.eriegives.org. This is the perfect opportunity to show your support for the thousands of people we serve every year at the CVC and ensure our services remain freely available to all who need them.



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MOONLIGHT ON THE BAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

CVC will host its 6th annual Moonlight on the Bay gala on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Perry Monument in Presque Isle State Park. Guests will enjoy lavish hors d'oeuvres, live music, sangria, local wines and beers.

Moonlight on the Bay is our signature gala and major fundraiser for the year. Funding from the event will directly benefit children throughout Erie County through our Prevention Education and Counseling programs. Tickets are reduced this year to \$100 per person and are available through the CVC website: www.cvcerie.org. Tables, individual, and corporate sponsorships are also available. For more information, call Angie Devine at 455-9414 or visit www.cvcerie.org. Don't miss a fantastic event!

