

Children's Center

A place where healing begins

Compensation for Crime Victims

Every year thousands of people are victimized as a result of violent crime, including child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. The State of Oregon has recognized the needs of victims and their families. In 1977, the Oregon Crime Victims' Compensation Program was enacted. This law provides a way to ease the financial losses of the victim and the victim's family as a result of violent crimes.

Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) can help pay for medical and counseling needs as a result of a violent crime. If a report has been made regarding your child to police or child welfare, your child may be eligible for CVC. It is a grant program, not an entitlement, so whether or not CVC awards the grant is based upon the evidence provided by investigators. CVC is a payer of last resort; they require that families use available insurance first. However, they can reimburse families for out-of-pocket expenses such as co-payments. If a child has no insurance, CVC works like an insurance program to assist with medical and counseling needs as a result of the crime. If the family has no insurance, the program will cover a child abuse assessment at Children's Center, regardless of whether or not there are findings of abuse.

Applications may be obtained from and filed with:

Crime Victims' Compensation Program

Department of Justice

1162 Court Street, NE

Salem, OR 97301

503-378-5348

1-800-503-7983

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You can also contact the Children's Center for a brochure and application. Another resource is your local District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program. Applications can be downloaded from <http://www.doj.state.or.us/crimev/comp.shtml>. If you or your child was a victim of a crime outside of Oregon, the above website has a link for obtaining applications from other states.

Crime Victims' Leave Law

In 2003, the Oregon legislature passed a victims' rights law. The law, which became effective on January 1, 2004, grants certain crime victims and immediate family members the right to protected leave from work to attend criminal proceedings. For more information

http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/TA/T_FAQ_Crimevictims.shtml.