

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES**

### ***Sexual Abuse Response Center (Rape Crisis Center)***

337-269-1557

Services for adult/child victims of sexual abuse/assault

### ***Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA)***

225-372-8995

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**

### ***Faith House***

337-232-8954

Shelter for battered women & their minor children

### ***Family Justice Center of Acadiana***

337-210-5986

Single location providing multiple services

### ***Chez Hope***

337-828-4200

Shelter for battered women & their minor children

### ***Family Violence Intervention Program***

337-232-2440

Intervention program for batterers

## **ELDERLY SERVICES**

### ***Adult Protective Services***

1-800-898-4910

To make a report regarding abuse (anonymous reporting allowed)

### ***Lafayette Parish Council on Aging***

337-262-5990

### ***Cajun Area Agency on Aging***

337-572-8940

### ***Alzheimer's Association Hotline***

1-800-272-3900

## **GRIEF SERVICES**

### ***Healing House***

337-234-0443

Services for children (ages 4 – 17)  
who have lost a parent or sibling

### ***Hospice of Acadiana***

337-232-1234

Comprehensive bereavement program for family members after the death of their loved one.

## **HOMELESS SHELTERS**

### **For Women:**

#### ***Lighthouse New Life Center***

337-289-9141

337-948-3161

### **For Men:**

#### ***St. Joseph's Shelter***

#### ***Salvation Army***

337-233-6816

337-234-2407

### **For Married Couples w/Children:**

#### ***Family Promise Shelter***

337-233-3447

Any victim or witness who is being threatened or intimidated by a suspect, an acquaintance of a suspect, or a family member of a suspect should contact their local law enforcement agency or dial 911 if they feel they are in immediate danger.

**The Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office:**  
**"Serving the community with courtesy,  
professionalism and respect."**



# **VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM**

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**316 WEST MAIN ST, LAFAYETTE, LA 70501**  
**337-232-9211**

## LOUISIANA CRIME VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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- Under Louisiana's Crime Victim Bill of Rights, victims have the right to the following:
- The right to reasonable notice and to be present and heard during all critical stages of pre-conviction and post-conviction proceedings.
- The right to be informed of any changes in the custody status of the accused or the offender (ex: bond, escape, transfer to another facility, etc.)
- The right to confer with the prosecution prior to the final disposition of the case.
- The right to refuse to be interviewed by the accused or a representative of the accused.
- The right to review and comment upon the pre-sentence report prior to the imposition of sentencing.
- The right to seek restitution.
- The right to reasonably prompt conclusion of their case.

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LAFAYETTE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

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- Ensuring victims receive prompt emergency, social, and medical services
- Distributing the Victim Notice and Registration Form to victims who are eligible for registration
- Providing private settings for the interviewing of victims
- Notifying properly registered victims of the release of those accused or convicted from custody
- Informing employers that victim cooperation in investigations may require them to miss work

- Maintaining the confidentiality of all victims
- Assisting in the return of any stolen or other personal property to victims or their families when it is no longer needed as evidence
- Referring victims to local service organizations for counseling and financial services

It is important to inform the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office of any changes in your address and/or telephone number.

## LAVNS (Louisiana Automated Victim Notification System)

A free & anonymous victim notification system

1-866-528-6748  
[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

Victims can register online or through an operator to be notified of changes in an offender's custody status

## CRIME VICTIM REPARATIONS PROGRAM

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The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Program was established as a possible source of financial assistance for certain out-of-pocket expenses victims incur as a direct result of certain crimes (ex: medical expenses, funeral expenses, mental health expenses, lost wages, etc.).

Victims can only request assistance with out-of-pocket expenses not reimbursable through any other source (ex: insurance, restitution, civil suits, etc.).

You may be eligible to apply for victim compensation if you are the victim of a violent crime or the person responsible for the victim's expenses or the victim's dependent. In order to be eligible to file a claim, the victim must report the crime to law enforcement and cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of the crime.

It is NOT required that the offender be arrested and/or convicted.

You must apply for Crime Victim Reparations through the Sheriff's Office in the parish where the crime occurred.

For a complete list of CVR Claims Investigators throughout the state, go to [www.lcle.la.gov](http://www.lcle.la.gov) or call 225-342-7756.

## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

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**Hearts of Hope**  
(Children's Advocacy Center)  
337-269-1557

For child victims of severe physical and/or sexual abuse

**Department of Child & Family Services (DCFS)**  
337-262-5901  
Investigates reports of child abuse & neglect

**Prevent Child Abuse - Louisiana**  
1-800-244-5373  
Anonymous & confidential; offers information & resources

**Families in Need of Services (FINS)**  
337-269-4663  
Designed to reduce formal juvenile court involvement while generating appropriate community services to benefit the child and improve family relations

**Eckerd Kids**  
337-678-3536  
Nonprofit child & family services; offers child welfare, juvenile justice & behavioral health programs

**AVEC LES ENFANT**  
337-237-2090  
Supervised visitation center

