

VICTIMS SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Blair County

Blair County included 1.5% of the participants of the state. One (1) victims participated in the survey, and 12 service providers participated in the survey. This means that victims from Blair County represent 0.4% of the total state victim participant sample, and service providers from Philadelphia County represent 2.0% of the total state service provider participant sample.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM VICTIMS

(Based on a 1-5 Scale or percentage of all responses)

Summary of Victim Responses Related to Services

- The top **barriers** (mean > 2.50) among those who **needed and/or sought services, but did not receive them** are:
 - N/A
- The top **needed, but not sought, nor received** services are:
 - N/A
- The top **needed and sought, but not received** services are:
 - N/A
- The most **received** service is:
 - Counseling, Therapy, or Mental Health Services [100.0%]
- The **highest rated** services received (in terms of quality) is:
 - Counseling, Therapy, or Mental Health Services [100.0%]
- ***Ratings of most received** services are:
 - Counseling, Therapy, or Mental Health Services [$M = 2.50$]
- **Most cited sources of how victims received information on victims' services** are:
 - Victim advocate/Victim service agency/Not-for profit org [100%]

Summary of Victim Responses Related to Victimization

- For this sample, the **most frequently reported** crimes are:
 - Harassment/Bullying [100%]
 - Rape/Sexual assault [100%]
 - Child Physical Abuse [100%]
- The **most impactful** crime reported is:
 - Rape/Sexual
- The average number of crimes reported per person directly impacted by crime is 3 ($M = 3.00$)
- 100.0% of the "most impactful" crimes are violent.
- Among the respondent who reported being directly impacted by **more than one crime**, Rape/sexual assault ($M = 1.00$), is ranked as having the **most impact**, followed by Child Physical Abuse ($M = 2.00$) and Harassment/Bullying ($M = 3.00$).
- **Among the respondent who did not report the crime to the police, the highest ranked barriers to contacting the police** are "Did not think the police could/would do anything to help" ($M = 5.00$)," "Caretaker was/is offender ($M = 2.00$)," and "Reported to someone else (e.g., credit card company, clergy, physician) ($M = 2.00$)"

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM STAKEHOLDERS

(Based on a 1-5 Scale or percentage of all responses)

Summary of Service Provider Responses Related to Service Barriers, Needs, and Underserved Victimization Types and Populations

- Based on a 1-5 scale rating, the **most significant barriers to accessing services** are:
 - Ashamed/Embarrassed about victimization [$M = 3.50$]
 - Substance abuse addictions [$M = 3.33$]
 - Caretaker was/is offender [$M = 3.25$]
 - Victim changed mind [$M = 3.08$]
 - Fear of losing housing [$M = 3.00$]
 - Competing needs of household [$M = 3.00$]
 - Victim was a child/too young [$M = 3.00$]
- The **greatest needs** based on “available but does not meet need” or “not available but needed” responses are:
 - Long-term Housing [91.7%]
 - Relocation Services [75.0%]
 - Emergency Financial Assistance [66.7%]
 - Emergency Shelter and/or Emergency Short-term Housing [66.7%]
 - Counseling, Therapy, or Mental Health Services [66.7%]
- The most **unserved/underserved** populations by **victimization type** based on “underserved” and “unserved” responses are:
 - Harassment/Bullying [63.6%]
 - Human Trafficking (Sex/Labor) [54.5%]
 - Physical Assault or Domestic Violence Against an Older Adult/Senior [45.5%]
 - Identity Theft/Financial Abuse/Scam [36.4%]
 - Stalking [30.0%]
- The most **unserved/underserved** populations by **population type** based on “underserved” and “unserved” responses are:
 - Homeless [50.0%]
 - Non-native speakers (e.g., limited English proficiency) [50.0%]
 - Elderly/Seniors (age 65+) [41.7%]
 - Incarcerated [41.7%]
 - Individuals with intellectual/emotional disabilities [41.7%]
 - Veterans [41.7%]

Summary of Service Provider Responses Related to Services Meeting Needs and Adequately Served Victimization Types and Populations

- The most **currently met needs** based on “available and meets need” or “not needed” responses are:
 - Child Advocacy Center services (including forensic interviews for child victims) [100.0%]
 - Court Accompaniment and/or assistance in court system procedures [91.7%]
 - Coordination of victim services [83.3%]
 - Legal immigration services related to a crime [81.8%]
 - Victim/Witness Protection [81.8%]
- The most **adequately served** populations by **victimization type** based on “adequately served” responses are:
 - Child Physical Abuse [81.8%]
 - Child Sexual Abuse/Assault [81.8%]

- Burglary [72.7%]
- Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence [72.7%]
- Larceny/theft [72.7%]
- Physical Assault [72.7%]
- Rape/sexual assault [72.7%]
- The most **adequately served** populations by **population type** based on “adequately served” responses are:
 - White [100.0%]
 - Adults (age 26-64) [91.7%]
 - Women [91.7%]
 - Men [90.9%]
 - Children (age 12 and younger) [83.3%]
 - Families of homicide victims [83.3%]
 - Young Adults (age 18-25) [83.3%]

Summary of Service Provider Responses Related to Stakeholder Training and Infrastructure/Support Needs

- Based on a 1-4 scale rating, the top **stakeholder training needs** are:
 - Topic-specific Training (e.g., human trafficking, stalking, dating violence, etc.) [$M = 3.08$]
 - Advanced Victim Advocate training [$M = 2.75$]
 - Trauma Informed/Sensitive Services and Support [$M = 2.75$]
 - Therapeutic Counseling training [$M = 2.42$]
 - Pennsylvania Laws (Victims' Rights, DV, SA, etc.) [$M = 2.33$]
 - Comprehensive information about victims' services and other programs available locally and statewide [$M = 2.33$]
- Based on a 1-4 scale rating, the top **infrastructure/support needs** are:
 - Increased pay/benefits for staff [$M = 3.30$]
 - Regional cross-training initiatives [$M = 2.56$]
 - Technical assistance/visits [$M = 2.50$]
 - Security systems [$M = 2.38$]
 - Statewide comprehensive victim service hotline [$M = 2.33$]
 - Remote training access [$M = 2.33$]

Stakeholder Survey Respondent Demographics

- 50.0% of respondents reported that they work for a criminal/juvenile justice agency. 33.3% of respondents reported that they work/volunteer for a Victim Services Provider - Nonprofit. 8.3% of respondents reported that they work/volunteer for a private, nonprofit organization or program not affiliated with a victim service provider (e.g., religious, cultural, social, community service, etc.) that encounters victims of crime or work for another government agency (e.g., Housing, Aging, Human Services, MHMR, CYS, Homeland Security, Health, DCED/HUD, Welfare, School District, etc.).
- 50.0% of respondents reported that they encounter victims/survivors of crime a few times per month. 16.7% of respondents reported that they encounter victims/survivors of crime a few times per week or monthly. 8.3% of respondents reported that they encounter victims/survivors of crime daily or have no direct contact with victims/survivors of crime.

- 33.3% of respondents reported working with victims/survivors of crime for 1-5 years. 16.7% of respondents reported working with victims/survivors of crime for 6-10 years, 11-15 years, or 20+ years. 8.3% of respondents reported working with victims/survivors of crime for 16-19 years or less than a year.
- The median number of people working for a respondent's organization is 20, with a median estimated yearly budget of \$200,000.
- 16.7% of respondents reported receiving pass-through funding from a government entity in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 8.0% of organizational budgets.
- 25.0% of respondents reported receiving pass-through funding from coalition in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 27.5% of organizational budgets.
- 50.0% of respondents reported receiving PCCD/OVS Grant funding in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 50.0% of organizational budgets.
- 8.3% of respondents reported receiving direct grant funding from a federal agency in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 50.0% of organizational budgets.
- 41.7% of respondents reported receiving local/community funding in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 25.0% of organizational budgets.
- 25.0% of respondents reported receiving private funding in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 5.0% of organizational budgets.
- 41.7% of respondents reported receiving state funding in the past three years, and among those receiving this funding, it makes up a median of 65.0% of organizational budgets.