

DIALOGUE

VICTIMS OF CRIME CHOOSING TO MEET WITH THE OFFENDER

EMPOWERMENT

STRENGTH

RECOVERY



Crime victims and survivors often experience stages of grief and recovery. As time passes, some people may seek an opportunity to meet with their offender.

They may want to talk about the harm caused, get answers to questions, or express their feelings and concerns about the victimizing behavior (crime). For some, this meeting can be helpful in their journey toward recovery.



Upon request of crime victims or survivors in New Hampshire, our Victim Services Office will help prepare you for a facilitated dialogue which is appropriate and safe.

Victim-Offender Dialogue IS ...

A conversation between a person harmed and person responsible for the crime;

Victim-requested,
Victim-sensitive,
Victim-driven;

Empowering for victims and survivors who choose to personally address the impacts of crime with the offender;

Voluntary by each party;

Supported by trained facilitators from NH Department of Corrections and the community;

Well prepared to promote the physical and emotional safety of the parties.

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Victim-Offender Dialogue is ...

NOT appropriate for everyone;

NOT counseling or therapy;

NOT a quick fix or "cure" for all problems related to a crime;

To learn more about the Victim-Offender Dialogue service, please contact our Victim Services Office, NH Dept. of Corrections, P.O. Box 1806, Concord, NH 03302-1806. Telephone (603) 271-1937 or (603) 271-7351

Some people want formal counseling to help deal with the trauma and grief caused by crime. If you so choose, please consider seeking support from an individual therapist or a group counselor available in your community.