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Connecting survivors of crime to legal and supportive service providers in Texas

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What is the Network?

The Texas Crime Victim Legal Assistance Network (“Network”) is a collaboration of service providers working together to ensure victims (survivors) of crime obtain the services they need to recover from their victimization through one central location.

The Network brings together a diverse range of providers who on their own cannot provide all services but who by working together can offer a broad spectrum of legal and non-legal support services that are essential to helping victims (survivors) recover.

The Network is a project working to reduce the burden on victims (survivors) by creating a one-stop shop to access all of the services they need to support the rebuilding of their lives.

How did the Network get started?

The Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) began the Vision 21 Initiative in an effort to assess how crime victim services are delivered across the United States with the goal of improving the methods we use. The Vision 21 Initiative provided recommendations on ways in which we can transform the methods used by providers to leverage the services available to better meet the needs of crime survivors. The Vision 21 assessment was used as support for the Wraparound Victim Legal Assistance Network (VLAN) project. The project's goal is to create networks of diverse victim service providers who will develop collaborative models for fully meeting the legal needs of victims that can be replicated in other jurisdictions of similar sizes around the country.

In 2012, Lone Star Legal Aid was one of six sites around the country granted a VLAN grant from OVC to create the Texas Crime Victim Legal Assistance Network. Our Network is a coalition of diverse legal and non-legal service providers working together to provide a one-stop shop where survivors of crime can access the various civil legal services they need to recover following victimization. For more information on other WLAN sites across the country, [click here](#).

Where does the Network operate?

The Network has started in and around the greater Houston area and will expand to include 72 Texas counties. For a list of all of our Texas counties, [click here](#).

Who we are?

Lone Star Legal Aid spear-headed the Network project with the invaluable input and support of its current and former Steering Committee members: the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Services, the Department of Public Safety Victim Services, Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Houston Mayor's Victim Service Office, Poverty Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Access to Justice Commission, Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Texas Legal Services Center, University of Houston Law Center's Civil Practice Clinic, and YMCA International Services.

How the Network works?

Our Network is group of service providers, that we like to call Partners, who recognize that alone we may not be able to meet every survivors' needs. But together, our Network serves as the one-stop shop for survivors of crime needing legal services. Survivors needing help can apply for services through any Network Partner and that application will serve as an application to all Network Partners. Once a Network application is made, Partners will have access to a service referral directory allowing them to see what resources are available within the Network and will make a referral to the matched Network Partner(s). To find a Network Partner in your area, [click here](#).

Can anyone search the directory?

Yes, anyone can search the Network directory. However, only Network Partners have access to full Partner Profiles which include direct referral contact information. If you are a service provider and would like full access to the directory, please join the Network so we can collaborate to assist victims of crime in our state. Search to see if your organization is listed in our directory. If it is, you can claim your organization's profile so you can update it. If your organization is not listed, please send us a request to join our network by [clicking here](#).

Is this a free service?

Yes. There is no fee for searching the directory and many of our Partners provide free services to eligible clients. Keep in mind some Partners may offer services with minimal fees to cover basic costs or those costs associated with court fees if they cannot be waived.

For Victims of Crime

If you are a victim of crime in Texas, search for providers who may be able to assist you.

Find Help

For Legal & Supportive Service Providers

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Add your organization

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