

Please join the state Office of Victim Services as we host a press conference to mark National Crime Victims' Rights Week in New York State. The event will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 11, in Room 118 at the Alfred E. Smith State Office Building in Albany.

Each year, OVS identifies a specific population to raise awareness about the services it – and victim assistance programs across the state – provide. This year's efforts focus on older adults and raising awareness of elder abuse, which continues to be a crime that largely goes unreported, often because of the relationship between offender and victim.

The event will feature remarks by Philip Marshall, who will share his personal story of advocating on behalf of his grandmother, New York City philanthropist and socialite Brooke Astor, who was neglected and victimized by her son – and Philip's father. Mr. Marshall has become an advocate for raising awareness of elder abuse as a result of his experience. Visit www.beyondbrooke.org to learn more.

The Smith building is located at 80 South Swan St., across from the New York State Capitol; Room 118 is off the lobby on the first floor. If your schedule allows you or a representative from your agency to attend, please RSVP to Jo-Ann Powell at jo-ann.powell@ovs.ny.gov or (518) 485-5719 by Friday, April 8.

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