



# Office of Victim Services

The following is a **Broadcast Email** to all OVS Funded Victim Assistance Programs:

## [NY Crime Victims Legal Help](#) [INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO](#)

### NY Crime Victims LEGAL HELP

Connecting Crime Victims with Civil Legal Assistance

Dear Colleague,

[NY Crime Victims Legal Help](#) is an online resource that connects crime victims with legal help on issues related to housing, family, employment, finances, and more. In the past year, over 6,000 people used the site and were connected to legal assistance through the [Legal Help Directory](#).



**To better understand if crime victims using the site are contacting Victim Assistance Programs and/or partner civil legal organizations, we need your help!**

Please watch the [Instructional Video](#), with an introduction from Elizabeth Cronin, Director of NYS Office of Victim Services, to learn why it's important to add NY Crime Victims Legal Help as a referral source on your intake forms and case management systems. The video can be found in the [Advocate Gateway's Library](#).

[The Advocate Gateway](#), a feature on the NY Crime Victims Legal Help website, is an online hub designed for attorneys, advocates, social workers, counselors, and case managers who work with victims of crime and are assisting them with their legal and non-legal needs. All OVS-funded organizations are Crime Victims Legal Network partners and can become members of the Advocate Gateway.

If you have any questions, please contact Crime Victims Legal Network Project Leader, Remla Parthasarathy at [rparthasarathy@empirejustice.org](mailto:rparthasarathy@empirejustice.org).

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