

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU:

- Confidential, non-judgmental, supportive environment
- Advocacy and/or accompaniment to courts, police, or other crime related appointments
- Information and updates on the status of the criminal proceedings
- Assistance, information and referrals relating to the effects of violence and abuse whether or not you choose to report it to the police
- Assist with completing forms and paperwork related to the crime, such as; Crime Victim Assistance Program applications and Victim Impact Statements
- Resources and education about abuse, violence and power based crimes
- Our support is based on what **you** want to do. We will provide options that are available to you in your situation and support you to make your own choices.
- We will listen to you and believe you.

THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT PROVIDES VICTIMS WITH THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- To be treated with courtesy and respect by all justice personnel, without discrimination
- To receive information on the justice system, victim services and related legislation
- To receive, on request, certain case-specific information regarding police investigation, prosecution, sentencing and release of the offender
- To be given a reasonable opportunity to provide victim impact information for presentation to the court before sentencing of the offender
- To receive independent legal representation, provided free of charge where they cannot afford it, if an application has been made for disclosure of their personal records

Nelson Area Specialized Victim Services and The Advocacy Centre are funded and supported by:



Nelson Area Specialized Victim Services

*Free, Confidential, Community-
Based Support for Victims of
Family and Sexual Violence*



The Advocacy Centre

250-352-5777

RESOURCES

Aimee Beaulieu Transition House
250-354-4357

West Kootenay Crisis Line
1-888-353-2273

Child Helpline
310-1234

Family Justice Services
250-354-6433

Kootenay Lake District Hospital
250-352-3111

Adult Mental Health & Addictions
250-505-7248; 250-354-6488

Nelson Community Services Centre
250-352-3504

- STV Counsellor (women only)
- Children Who Witness Abuse Counsellor
- Women's Outreach

Police 911

- RCMP (non-emergency)
250-352-2156
- RCM Police Victim Services
250-354-5196
- Nelson Police (non-emerg)
250-354-3919
- Nelson Police Victim Services
250-505-5657

Victimlink
1-800-563-0808

Women's Centre
(250) 352-9916

Ministry for Children and Family
Development - Nelson
(250)354-6480

Family Law Information Centre
250-352-2708

Family Law Advice Line
1-866-577-2525

B.C. Families in Transition
1-866-386-4333

Ministry of Housing and Social
Development
1-866-866-0800

INTERNET RESOURCES

Domestic Violence B.C.
<http://www.domesticviolencebc.ca>

Family Law in BC
www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca

Ending Violence Association of B.C.
www.endingviolence.org

The Advocacy Centre
www.advocacycentre.org

Nelson Community Services Society
www.servicesfyi.ca

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

If you or someone close to you has been the victim of violence in a relationship, sexual assault, criminal harassment or child abuse (both physical and sexual, including historical), please contact us for support.

We specialize in providing **free, confidential**, emotional and practical **support**, information, referrals, legal system support, for adult, youth and child survivors of abuse (female, male and child).

CONFIDENTIALITY

All matters are confidential and will be handled discreetly.