

New Hampshire Crime Victims Get On-line Help

UNH's Justiceworks hosts support Web site

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Victims of crime in the Granite State can access a full array of support services online thanks to the Victims Services Directory, a collaborative effort of the state Department of Justice, Justiceworks at the University of New Hampshire and the victims assistance community. This new Web site is available at www.justiceworks.unh.edu.

"Crime victims are traumatized by criminal offense," says John T. Kirkpatrick, director of Justiceworks at UNH. "This new Web site makes getting the support they need to deal with the trauma a little easier."

The Web site offers victims a variety of ways to access services. Directory support services are cataloged by county, type of crime and agency. According to Sandra Matheson, director of the state Office of Victim and Witness Assistance in the N.H. Attorney General's Office, "this Web site provides an innovative way for victims of crime to access much needed community resources and services in an effort to minimize the impact of their victimization."

"This is a wonderful tool for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence," adds Grace Mattern, director of the N.H. Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. "We are using the Internet to make information and options available to victims, allowing them to choose how to best address the difficult crimes they have experienced."

For more information, call Justiceworks at 603-862-1957.

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