

Victim Assistance Unit

Community Education and Awareness Program

The Victim Assistance Unit (VAU) in the Johnson County District Attorney's Office was established in 1978 so that the criminal justice system would be more responsive to the needs of crime victims. The VAU staff acts as a liaison for the assistant district attorneys, responding to the needs of each victim. Through the VAU, victims are given an avenue to express their views via caring advocates that provide support, information and referrals.

It is the intent of the VAU Community Education program to enlighten the public on the role of the VAU within the Criminal Justice System and services available, as well as providing presentations to schools, civic organizations, corporations, and religious groups that both educate the public and provide avenues for assistance.

The members of the VAU would like to share their areas of expertise with your organization. Possible topics include:

- Sexual Assault
- General Court Information
- Domestic Violence
- Protection from Abuse and Protection from Stalking Orders
- Unit Statistics
- Bullying and repercussion in the courts
- Abuse of elderly
- Property crime/restitution
- Victim Assistance Unit Services
- Economic Crimes
- Advocacy for Children
- Volunteer Program Opportunities
- Juvenile Justice System
- DUI Impact Panel
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If you are interested in having someone from the Victim Assistance Unit speak with your group/organization please complete and return the enclosed form or visit our website (<http://da.jocogov.org>) where the form may be printed and mailed. Someone from our office will contact you to schedule a visit.