



VICTIMS OF CRIME ADVOCACY PROGRAM

ABOUT US

KWA's Victims of Crime Advocacy Program (VOCA) provides culturally sensitive and trauma-informed supportive services to Asian adults regardless of their residency status.

The Korean Women's Association has been supporting the community since 1972.



THE STATISTICS....

One in five Asian Americans has experienced a hate incident the past year, including verbal harassment, shunning, and physical assault.

From March 19, 2020 to December 31, 2021, a total of 10,905 hate incidents against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) persons were reported to Stop AAPI Hate.

Anti-Asian hate crimes increased 339% nationwide in 2021.



Crime is more common in Washington State than the national average.

Homicides remained the same year over year, with 31 both in 2020 and 2021.

However, the city saw a 15% increase in vandalism and property destruction, a nearly 20% increase in assaults, a 66% increase in motor vehicle theft and an 85% increase in arson, according to city data.

The most dangerous city in the state is Tacoma.

**The highest violent crime rate in Washington, at 845 per 100,000 residents,
more than two and a half times the statewide rate.**

**The city with the highest total crime rate in Washington is Tukwila, with a crime rate of
17,163 per 100,000 residents.**



**CONFIDENTIAL
ADVOCACY
SERVICES**

**OPEN 8:30 AM TO
5:00 PM MONDAY–
FRIDAY**

**ELIGIBLE TO ASIAN
VICTIMS OF CRIME
AGES 18 AND UP**



BILINGUAL VICTIM ADVOCATES AVAILABLE

Our advocates speak Korean, Khmer, and Vietnamese, but we serve Asian people from any country.

PHONE NUMBER

253.441.4066 – Korean Speaking Advocate

253.441.4065 – Vietnamese Speaking Advocate

253.441.4064 – Cambodian Speaking Advocate

LOCATION

**125 East 96th Street. Tacoma,
Washington 98445**

CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Clients participate in confidential, voluntary supportive services, regardless of receiving financial assistance. However, the client must meet the eligibility criteria.



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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years old
 - Identify as Asian
 - Must believe that they are a victim of crime.
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TYPES OF CRIMES WE SUPPORT

- Vehicular Assault
- DUI/DWI Accidents
- Harassment
- Bullying
- Hate Crimes
- Homicide

TYPES OF CRIMES THAT TARGET THE ELDERLY

- Cyber Crimes
- Identity Theft
- Fraud
- Theft
- Burglary
- Property Crimes

TYPES OF CRIMES THAT REQUIRE MANDATORY REPORTING IF THE VICTIM IS A VULNERABLE ADULT

- **Physical Abuse**
- **Sexual Abuse**
- **Emotional Abuse**
- **Financial Exploitation**
- **Neglect**
- **Abandonment**

WHO IS A VULNERABLE ADULT?

- 60 years of age or older with a functional, physical or mental inability to care for themselves; or
- 18 years of age or older who:
 - Have certain developmental disabilities;
 - Have a guardian as per chapter 11.88 RCW;
 - Live in a nursing home, boarding home (assisted living facility), adult family home or soldier's home;
 - Receive in-home services through a licensed health care agency, hospice or individual provider; and
 - Self-direct their own care (criteria outlined in RCW 74.39.050).

MANDATORY REPORTING

Reporters are encouraged to make a report online. The benefits of online reporting include a confirmation number and 24-hour availability to reporters, seven days a week. You may also report by:

Phone: 1-877-734-6277

Email: apscentralintake@dshs.wa.gov

Fax: 1-833-866-5590

TTY: 1-833-866-5595



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Crisis Intervention
- Safety planning
- Discussion of options and next steps
- Legal advocacy and court support



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Benefit enrollment assistance
- Crime Victims' Compensation application assistance
- Connections to resources to meet their needs
- Financial Assistance up to \$1500 per participant.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All Client Financial Assistance Request Forms must be approved by the Korean Women's Association Victims of Crime Advocacy Program Manager.

Checks are never given to clients, only service providers.

Program advocates obtain a client signature and acknowledgement that the victim has no other financial resource to pay the expense and that the need is connected to the crime that occurred.





TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Transportation Assistance
- Food Assistance
- Legal Fees
- Personal Identification Documents
- Moving Costs



TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **Rental and Housing Assistance:** may include first and last month's rent, and up to 3 months of rental assistance.
- **Utility Payments:** one-time assistance for utility deposit or payment
- **Hotel/Motel Stay:** up to 30 nights of hotel/motel assistance may be provided
- **Other Costs:** any costs related to increasing the safety and economic stability, such as changing locks, car repairs, purchasing medications, hygiene products, clothing, etc.

SO WHY US?

It may be difficult for victims to reach out for help, but by contacting our agency for victim services they will find that our advocates can offer them information, support, and access to helpful services that they may not know about.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Victims of crime may have many barriers to disclosing abuse, such as shame, guilt, and fear.

Talk to the person you are concerned about.

- Let them know you believe them. The abuse is not their fault.
- Acknowledge that these are difficult decisions; respect what the victim decides.

If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.

If not, have them reach out to Victims Services Coordinator, Andrew Nguyen

ANguyen@kwacares.org or 253.441.4065



Q&A AND CLOSING

