

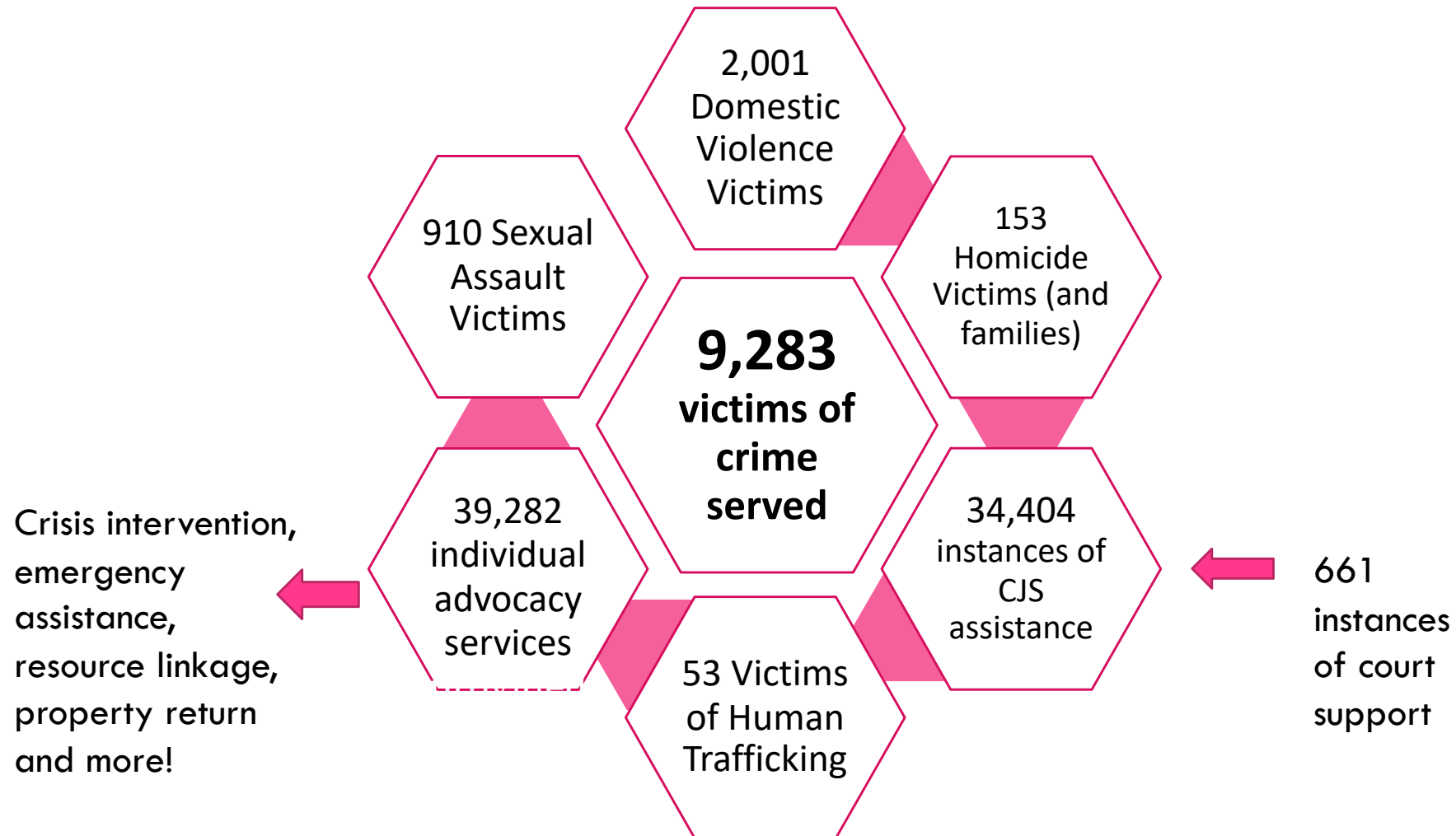
Services for HT survivors

District Attorney's Office, Victim Services Division

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WHO DO WE SERVE?

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020



Mandated Services

Per penal code 13835.5

Services unrelated to CJS

- **Crisis Intervention**
- Emergency Assistance
- **Resource Linkage**
- Property Return
- Creditor and Employer Intervention
- Funeral Arrangements
- Assistance with CalVCB

Services related to the CJS

- **Education and information about the CJS**
- Criminal Case Updates
- **Court Escort & Testimony Support**
- Victim Impact Statements
- Restitution Assistance

Services continued...

- In-person response/home visits
- Peer counseling
- Linkage to other providers/CBO's
- Assist in locating safe housing (shelter)
- Inform victims of public benefits
- Register victims for *Safe at Home*
- Inform victims how to obtain a criminal and/or civil RO
- Serve as liaison between victim, DDA, Probation and law enforcement officials
- Assist with Victim Impact Statement preparation
- **Safety planning**
- **Court tours**
- Conduct outreach

Marsy's Law

Victims' Bill of Rights Act

Enacted in 2008, this amendment to the California Constitution broadened a victim's right to equal treatment under the law.

Upon request, victims are entitled to:

- Refuse an interview request by defendant's attorney or any other person acting on behalf of defendant
- Reasonable notice of and to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency
- Be notified of and informed before any pretrial disposition of the case
- Reasonable notice of all public proceedings
- Be heard at any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue

California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)

Funded through fines, fees and restitution orders of persons convicted of crimes, CalVCB assists victims of violent crimes pay for *unreimbursed* crime related expenses.

Who is Eligible for CalVCB?

Anyone who has been a victim of a crime. There is no income or immigration requirements to apply for CalVCB assistance.

Primary Victim

- Someone who sustains physical injury, threat of physical injury, or death as a result of a qualifying crime

Derivative Victim

- Parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse, child, or grandchild of the victim
- Someone living in the household of the victim

Good Samaritan

- A person who witnessed the crime and came to the aid of a victim and/or aided in the prosecution of a criminal case

What does CalVCB cover?

Qualifying Crimes

- Assault
- Child abuse (physical and sexual)
- Domestic Violence
- Rape and Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Elder Abuse
- Robbery
- Murder
- DUI, Hit and Run, Vehicular Manslaughter

Covered Losses

- Medical/ Dental
- Mental Health Services
- Income Loss
- Relocation
- Security Upgrades
- Funeral/ Burial
- Crime Scene Clean-up
- Loss of Support for dependents, if a victim is killed or disabled as a result of the crime

COVID-19 & Updates

Remained open to the public



Majority of the staff
is working from home

How are victims referred to VSD?

Victims can be referred to our office during any point in a case

Calls, Walk-Ins and Emails

- A victim calls VSD and is routed to an Advocate who will assist them with their immediate concerns and remain assigned to the case to provide additional follow-up services as needed.

Agency Referrals

- The VSD receives referrals from law enforcement, county agencies (Keller Center, Probation, Social Services, etc.) and other CBO's.

Direct Referrals

- Call/email Elisa

(650) 599-7473 or victimservices@smcgov.org

400 County Center, 3rd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
650-599-7479
victimservices@smcgov.org

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South San Francisco, CA 94080
650-877-5454

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