



From the Director of Victim Services

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is celebrated every year in April. This week is dedicated to learn about victimization, the ripple effect victimization has on individuals, families, friends, and the community, and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime.

NCVRW will be observed April 19th-25th, 2020 and the theme is Seek Justice— Ensure Victims' Rights— Inspire Hope. With the evolving situation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and following the recommendations of Centers of Disease Control which include limiting group gatherings and practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus; the planning committee believes that it is in the best interest of everyone involved to cancel the Crime Victims' Rights Week events for this year.

We want to thank everyone for the work and effort that you have put towards these events so far. It certainly does not go unnoticed.

Tamika Dobbins

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Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

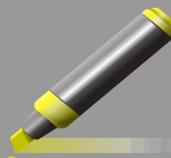
Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

Victims Services Highlights.....

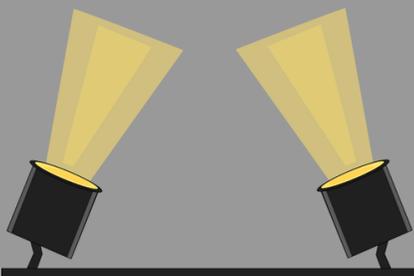


Cathy Blakely, was appointed as the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's first Victim Services Coordinator in 2015. She has more than 25 years of experience working with behavioral health care as a crisis intervention specialist, therapist, supervisor, and lastly as regional director. As a Regional Director for Centerstone, she provided administrative oversight of outpatient clinics in a multi-county region offering outpatient services, psychiatric services, specialized services for children, telemedicine for inmates, integrated medicine for pediatric services, intensive outpatient services,

substance abuse and AIDS/HIV outreach, and victims' services. Additional responsibilities included special assignments on internal committees such as Performance Improvement, Clinical Research, and Agency Accreditation. Her desire is to treat victims and their families with dignity and compassion, providing help and offering hope in some of life's most difficult moments.

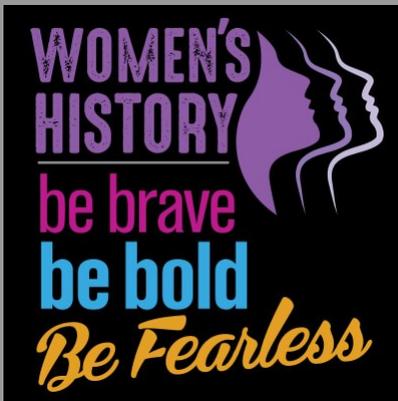
Other professional experiences included working with survivors of sexual assault, and coordinating in-home services for the elderly and disabled. In addition to direct service, Cathy has served on multiple state and local boards to address, develop, and support programing to meet the needs of the underserved and targeted populations. She is active in her community volunteering with public service organizations, her church, and a graduate of Leadership Clarksville.

She is a proud graduate of Ft. Campbell High School, Ft. Campbell, Ky., a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Welfare, and a graduate of Murray State University with a Master's Degree in Human Services. She has been married to husband Tony (a law enforcement officer) for 31 years, has 2 wonderful children, and 2 beautiful and phenomenal grandchildren.



Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. It is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history: to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in hopes that the day will soon come when it's impossible to teach or learn history without remembering these contributions. When we celebrate Women's History Month, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the barriers that women have overcome and to celebrate what they have accomplished throughout our nation's history. Our nation has come a long way since its founding when women were not allowed to own property or to vote.



TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls	February
Phone calls Received/Returned	110
Parties Registered for Notifications	112
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	5
Referrals	14
Release/Parole Inquiry	33
Other	60

Notifications	February
Registration	205
Movement	112
Advance Release	266
Final Release *	102
Death	8
Other	39

Announcements



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Registration Now Open!

May 31-June 5, 2020

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Applications available online at <https://www.tncoalition.org/events-trainings>

Applications are due April 2, 2020

Hurry! Space is limited.



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