

The **Post-Conviction Victim Advocacy Program** was developed in partnership between the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA) to provide direct services and support to victims during the parole process.



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MISSION

The mission of this program is to provide quality direct services, resources, education, and referrals to victims of crime during the parole process.

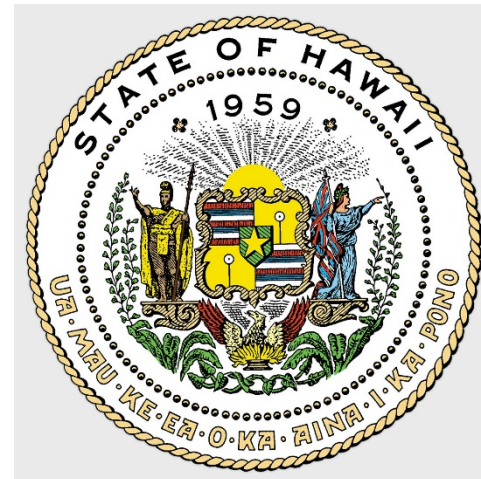
VISION

The program's vision is to ensure victims feel empowered and supported throughout the parole process to give victims a voice to assert their rights throughout the process and improve the services they receive.

PROGRAM SERVICES PROVIDED

- Education on victim rights' during the parole process
- Safety Planning and safety wraparound
- Register & update victim notifications through HI - SAVIN
- Aid in restitution collection, where applicable
- Information and referrals to community services

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VICTIMS RIGHTS DURING THE PAROLE PROCESS

Minimum Term Hearings: The hearing shall be open to the victims/designees/surviving immediate family members; they can provide written testimony or make verbal comments for the board to consider when rendering their decision regarding the setting of minimum term(s) of imprisonment.

Parole Consideration Hearings: Victims/designee/surviving family members may attend this hearing and provide written comments to the board to consider when rendering their decision on whether to grant parole.

Request for Reduction of Minimum (ROM) Term(s) of Imprisonment: 60 days' notice shall be given to the victim prior to the reduction of minimum term(s) of imprisonment by the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA). These victims must request to be notified about developments in the inmate's case. Victims will have the opportunity to submit written comments for the board to consider prior to their rendering a decision in the application for ROM.

Early Discharge Consideration: An early discharge is a final release, or discharge, from Parole prior to the scheduled supervision expiration date. The HPA can reduce previously established minimum

sentences provided that: 1) the inmate submits a written request; and 2) none of the conditions outlined by HPA are present.

Victim Impact Statements: A victim impact statement is a written or oral statement made as part of the judicial legal process; which allows crime victims the opportunity to speak during the sentencing of the convicted person or at subsequent parole hearings.

SAFETY PLANNING AND SAFETY WRAP AROUND SERVICES

Each victim's story is unique and, as such, each safety plan is tailored to meet individual needs. Safety Planning is a victim-centered plan developed with the victims' safety as the focus. The goal is to empower victims to make choices by providing information needed to make informed decisions. The plan is developed with the following in mind: safety & security, ventilation & validation, prediction & preparation, and education & information.

Wrap around services are used to enhance the safety planning process. It is a collaborative plan that involves planning with your advocate, law enforcement, family/supporters, parole officers, and other community resources.

HAWAI'I STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (HI - SAVIN)

HI - SAVIN offers victims and concerned citizens free, anonymous, and confidential access to timely information and notification 24-hours a day, 365 days a year on the custody and parole status of offenders under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawai'i, Department of Public Safety. Registered users will receive notification via email, text, and/or phone call.

The Post-Conviction Victim Advocate will help you sign-up or update your information so you will receive up-to-date notifications about offenders.

RESTITUTION COLLECTION

Restitution is an offender's monetary reimbursement to a crime victim for their crime-related losses. If the offender is court-ordered to pay restitution to a victim, then that victim is eligible for payment. A parole officer from HPA will supervise the offender and collect any court-ordered restitution available.

The Post-Conviction Victim Advocate will aid in this process and answer any questions.