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My advocate is:



#### Collaborative Partners

#### Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence

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#### Center for the Treatment of Problem Sexual Behaviors

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#### **Court Support Services Division**

455 Winding Brook Drive Glastonbury, CT 06033 (860) 368-3800 Court Support Services Division is a Division of The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch

#### **Parole Special Management Unit**

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# What about me?

Free and Confidential Post-Conviction Services for Victims

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### What are Post-Conviction Services?

Post-conviction services provide support and resources to victims of sexual violence as those who have caused harm are released back into the community on parole and probation supervision units.

## What does a victim advocate do?

Your victim advocate supports and represents your interests. Your conversations with your advocate are confidential.

## Your victim advocate can help you by...

- Discussing your concerns and fears
- Helping you cope with the person who caused harm being in the community
- Bringing your concerns to the team's attention
- Giving you information regarding the probation conditions of the person who caused harm
- Providing referrals to and working collaboratively with The Alliance's network of community-based sexual assault services centers

# What is the Sex Offender Probation and Parole Team?

This is a collaborative approach to the community supervision of convicted sex offenders. The team consists of probation officers, sex offender treatment providers, and victim advocates.

The team supervises sex offenders in order to keep victims and the community safe. The probation officers in the unit are specially trained and the sex offender treatment providers use a treatment model that holds those who have caused harm accountable. They do not allow for victim blaming or making excuses for their behavior.

### How do I contact my victim advocate?

Your victim advocate's contact information is included with this brochure. Please feel free to contact your advocate directly. You can do this now or at any time in the future.

## What information can be shared with me?

If you choose, your victim advocate will keep you updated on any legal changes after conviction, including rearrest, violation of probation, and requests to change or terminate probation. Your victim advocate can also address your concerns or arrange support in the event that you are asked to attend, or want to attend, any type of court hearing.

## What can I do if I'm in danger?

If you feel you are in danger, contact the police immediately. If someone is attempting to contact you or you feel your immediate safety is at risk, the police can respond more quickly than any members of the team.

#### When calling the police:

- 1. Let them know the individual trying to contact you is a convicted sex offender who has been instructed not to have contact with you.
- 2. Reference the attached letter and give the police officer the probation officer's name. After you have contacted the police, you can follow up with your victim advocate.