

## Crime Survivor Project

Over 26 percent of Oregonians report having a disability. People with disabilities experience violent crimes at a rate two to three times higher than people without disabilities. When seeking justice, individuals with disabilities who are victims of crimes are more likely to have their constitutional victims' rights violated. Crimes committed against individuals with disabilities are:

- » underreported;
- » underinvestigated; and
- » underprosecuted—less than one percent of reported cases result in conviction.

### Who we help

We help Oregonians of all ages with disabilities who have experienced crime—including sexual assault, physical assault, and financial abuse—even if the crime has not been reported.

### How we help

Advocates and attorneys from Disability Rights Oregon's Crime Survivor Project help to ensure crime survivors with disabilities receive the information and support, advocacy, and legal services they need to move forward, find justice, and obtain safety and stability. The project can assist clients with:

- » obtaining protection orders;
- » applications for the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund;
- » conferring with police or the District Attorney's office;
- » representation in the criminal trial;

- » assertion and enforcement of constitutional and statutory victims' rights, including the right to be present at the trial, the right to be heard, the right to restitution, and the right to have a support person present;
- » obtaining needed accommodations in the criminal justice process; and
- » other support to help survivors stabilize their lives.

## How you can help

We must increase awareness among survivors of the support services and legal services available to them. We must also work to ensure those services are accessible. You can help by:

- » continuing to advocate for and support survivors;
- » considering unique the needs of survivors with disabilities;
- » sharing information about DRO's Crime Survivor Project with survivors; and
- » referring survivors with disabilities to the Crime Survivor Project.

## How to request help

Individuals may request help directly from the Crime Survivor Project by:

Calling us at 503-243-2081 or 1-800-452-1694 ext. 243, sending us an email at [csp@droregon.org](mailto:csp@droregon.org), or sending us a letter at Disability Rights Oregon 511 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 200 Portland, Oregon 97205

## Civil rights statement

Disability Rights Oregon operates its program, services, and activities in compliance with federal nondiscrimination laws.

For more information about our Crime Survivor Project, visit [droregon.org/survivor](http://droregon.org/survivor)

