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Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission

Victim/Survivor Survey

The Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission (VREAC) is seeking your help! Please take a few moments to complete this voluntary survey to assist the VREAC in determining the state of victims' rights in Connecticut. If you need assistance completing the survey, please contact the Office of the Victim Advocate. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Please submit your completed survey by November 28, 2014 to The Office of the Victim Advocate:

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1. I am a Victim /Survivor of a crime or Family Member of a homicide victim.
2. The type of crime committed against me and/or my family member was _____, and happened in the year _____.
3. Did your case result in an investigation by the police? (Choose one) Yes / No If not, please briefly explain: _____ _____ _____ a. Did you receive a victim information card from the police? (Choose one) Yes / No b. Did the police refer you to the Office of Victim Services? (Choose one) Yes / No c. What police department assisted you? _____
4. Although my case has not resulted in an arrest, the police periodically keep me informed of the status of the investigation. (Choose one) Yes / No
5. Although my case has not resulted in an arrest, I was able to utilize a victim support service. (e.g. OVS, CONNSACS, CCADV, MADD, Survivors of Homicide). (Choose one) Yes / No
6. Were you informed about the criminal injury compensation program through The Office of Victim Services? (Choose one) Yes / No a. If yes, by who: _____ b. Did you make an application for compensation? (Choose one) Yes / No
7. After an arrest was made, I was notified and understood when the first court date was scheduled and of my right to attend court. (Choose one) Yes / No
8. Which court was your case heard in? _____
9. Once the case was in court, I was referred to an advocate for assistance. Yes / No
10. I was able to meet and speak with a court victim advocate who provided me with adequate information regarding my case, available services, and my legal rights as a crime victim. (Choose one) Yes / No

11. The court house that my case is/was in does not have a victim advocate to assist me. (Choose one) Yes / No / Unknown
12. I was informed of my right to speak to the prosecutor about my case. (Choose one) Yes / No If yes, by whom? _____
13. I was given the opportunity to meet and speak with a prosecutor regarding my case. (Choose one) Yes / No
14. The prosecutor was respectful and provided me with adequate information regarding my case, available services, and my legal rights as a crime victim. (Choose one) Yes / No
15. My case involved restitution. (Choose one) Yes / No If yes, a Written Order of Restitution was entered by the court. (Choose one) Yes / No
16. I was informed of my right to request the terms of the plea bargain. (Choose one) Yes / No
17. I was informed of the terms of the plea bargain. (Choose one) Yes / No By whom? _____
18. I was informed of my right to object to or support the plea agreement. (Choose one) Yes / No
19. I was informed of my right to speak at the plea hearing. (Choose one) Yes / No
20. I was given the opportunity to speak at the plea hearing. (Choose one) Yes / No
21. I was informed of my right to speak at the sentencing hearing. (Choose one) Yes / No
22. I was given the opportunity to speak at the sentencing hearing. (Choose one) Yes / No

Please use the following space to give us notes or express your suggestions regarding your experience with the criminal justice system. (Where it could improve, what you appreciated, what you didn't, etc.)

To better capture demographic information regarding crime victims in Connecticut please take a moment to complete this section. (Optional)

Name:	
City/Town of Residence:	
City/Town where crime occurred:	
Age:	(Circle one) 18-25 26-39 40-55 56-69 70+
Gender:	(Circle one) Male Female Other
Race:	