

*You have the right to know...*

- Basic services available to you in your county.
- Certain court events, including information on bail, escape of offender, release of an offender.
- The details of the final disposition of a case.

*You have the right to receive...*

- Notice of the arrest of the offender
- Information about restitution and assistance with compensation
- Accompaniment to all criminal proceedings by a family member, a victim advocate or a support person

You have the right to provide input into...

- The sentencing decision and to receive help in preparing an oral and/or written victim impact statement
- Post-sentencing decisions

*Contact us:*

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# Philadelphia CARES

*Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement  
for Survivors of Homicide*

*A program of the  
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office*



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## About Philadelphia CARES

CARES provides peer support and other services for individuals/families during the immediate aftermath of a homicide.

After a family receives notification of the tragic and sudden death of a loved one, a team of Peer Crisis Responders will contact the survivor families and provide peer support and advocacy services as needed and requested by the family.

Through collaborations with the Philadelphia Police Department's Homicide unit, the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, survivor-led and community-based organizations and other city agencies and groups, Philadelphia CARES is able to respond within days of a homicide to families. The teams offer continued support for several weeks until specific needs are identified and the families can be referred to the appropriate organizations who can better serve them with long term assistance.

## Philadelphia CARES Peer Crisis Responders are available to...

- \* provide trauma-informed peer support, supportive counseling, and advocacy services to you and your family
- \* stay with you or your family to help explain police protocol and to interact with police investigations
- \* secure interpretation or translation services for non-English speaking survivors
- \* navigate communication with the media
- \* help contact family and friends;
- \* provide referrals for appropriate services
- \* provide information about Victims Compensation Assistance Program
- \* facilitate ongoing communication with the District Attorney's Office and Philadelphia Police Department
- \* address other needs where appropriate.

## YOUR PEER CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS

Today you have met with your team of Peer Crisis Responders:

We are here to provide you with support to assist you through this very difficult time.

Listed below is your team's contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

