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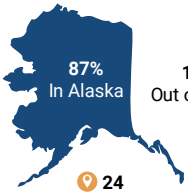
VFJ FAST FACTS

CLIENTS SERVED **233**

SERVICES PROVIDED **4,534**

$25,982.39 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

**Includes Mental Health Trust*



12% *
Out of Alaska

24
Communities Served

* What does 12% out of Alaska mean? While VFJ primarily provides services to victims of violent crime within Alaska, there are instances when victims or their surviving loved ones move or live outside the state. When the crime and court process take place in Alaska, we continue to offer services, no matter where they are located. VFJ has specialized knowledge of the Alaska court system, state and local resources, various law enforcement entities, and the unique geographical and historical nature of our state. If an Alaskan resident becomes a crime victim in another state, we do our best to refer them to an organization familiar with the legal process in that jurisdiction.

FEMALE **72%**

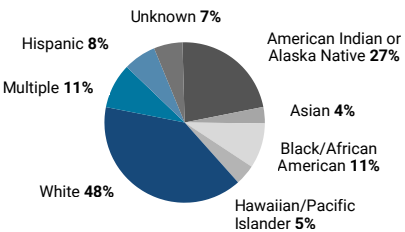
MALE **26%**



11 JOINED SUPPORT GROUP

816 HEARINGS ATTENDED

RACE/ETHNICITY



31 ASSISTED VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

LENGTH OF TIME SINCE STARTING SERVICES

47%
Receiving services for a year or less

55%
Receiving services for over a year

141 INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING PROVIDED

64 VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR ALASKANS AFFECTED BY VIOLENT CRIME

ABOUT US

Before the 1980's, victims did not have formal rights within the legal system. There was the defense, representing the accused, and the prosecution, representing the state. The victim was not seen as having a role in the process. In the mid-80's, a national movement began, with the objective of establishing constitutional victims' rights. Victims For Justice (VFJ) was part of this movement, working to secure these rights for all victims in Alaska.

VFJ was founded in 1985 after the loss of Janice Lienhart and Sharon Nahorney's parents and their aunt, brutally murdered during a home invasion. Following the murder, a hearing was held but was closed to the public, denying all rights of the family to defend their lost loved ones. Directly following the hearing, Lienhart and Nahorney aggressively fought in the victims' rights movement in Alaska. The two wanted to create a place where victims of violent crime could get professional assistance while also coping with their grief and trauma.

Today, VFJ specializes in assisting victims of violent crime navigate the court process by explaining what legal rights they have as victims, setting up notifications for trials dates, accompanying them to court hearings or attending on their behalf, writing meaningful victim impact statements, and being the liaison between the client, law enforcement and attorneys. VFJ also provides referrals and helps clients file claims with the Victims of Crime Compensation Board. These are some of the services we provide, please visit our website to view full list.

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