

Now that the Juvenile Offender has been Sentenced, You will be Automatically Enrolled in the Division of Youth Services and Juvenile Parole Board Victim Notification Programs

Now that the juvenile offender in your case has been adjudicated (found guilty) of a crime and sentenced to the Division of Youth Services (DYS), and as a victim of a case that falls under the Victim Rights Act, you will be automatically enrolled in the Division of Youth Services Victim Services Program if your current contact information is available. However, it is helpful to fill out a DYS enrollment form so that DYS victim services staff can make sure that they have current contact information for you. Your enrollment status and contact information will not be shared with the offender and the offender will NOT be informed that you have enrolled in the Victim Notification Program.

Notification is a very important service that is provided by DYS because it gives you the opportunity to stay informed as to the juvenile's whereabouts and release date.

As part of the DYS Victim Notification Program you will be notified of the following information:

- Any victim/public safety issues
- Notification as to the institution in which the juvenile offender is being held
- Notification of the projected date of the juvenile's release from confinement and the projected date of the juvenile's expiration of sentence
- Notification upon release or discharge from any facility
- Change in institution where the juvenile is being held, including when the juvenile is permanently moved to a less secure facility
- When the supervision of the juvenile is transferred to another region or the juvenile is residing out of state
- When it is determined that a juvenile is eligible for unsupervised off-campus activities that involve community interaction such as work release, home visits, etc.
- A Community Review Board Hearing – you will be provided with the date of the hearing and the name and contact number of the Community Review Board in the appropriate judicial district
- Notification as to whether the juvenile was approved or not approved for a community placement
- If the juvenile is accepted into a community placement, you will receive a written letter which will include the city in which the juvenile is living
- Any reconsideration hearing or any other court hearing pertinent to the case including any modification of the original sentence
- Any commitment extension hearing
- Any conditions attached to any release from confinement
- Death of the juvenile while in custody of DYS
- Notifications of movement among facilities
- Status changes of the juvenile offender
- Escape or absconding from secure facility or community placement & the return to custody
- Sentence modification actions
- Release requests
- When the offender is transferred to a U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility
- Any scheduled hearing and any changes to the date/time of the hearing, if known in advance
- Eligibility for unsupervised outings
- Any scheduled Discharge hearing and the results of that hearing

Additional Information you should know

Victims of a juvenile offender may submit a written statement to detail the impact of the criminal act and to provide suggestions and/or recommendations regarding issues to be addressed during the juvenile offender's commitment. (All victim identifying information is redacted.) A victim may request that the victim input statement be provided to the Juvenile Parole Board and any applicable Community Review Board.

Victim initiated restorative community justice practices, including Victim Offender Dialogue (VOD) are a possibility and are contingent upon the availability of appropriate services, and resources and are assessed on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration safety and best practices.

The DYS Victim Notification Program will also be able to provide you with resource referrals and general questions you may have about the DYS program.

Juvenile Parole

After serving at least the minimum required length of their court imposed sentence, all juveniles committed to the Division of Youth Services, who are under 21 years of age, must serve a minimum of 6 months under parole supervision. The Juvenile Parole Board Victim Services staff will notify you of the following stages as it relates to the parole process:

- Any parole related hearings including schedule changes or cancellations
- Parole related hearing results
- Placement changes while on parole
- Absconding from parole supervision and returning to DYS custody or parole status
- Jail and release from jail while on parole
- Discharge from parole

The Juvenile Parole Board Victim Services staff can facilitate your participation at a parole hearing and act as a liaison between you and DYS while the juvenile is on parole. The Victim Services staff can also assist you with referrals to community services, information about protection orders and information regarding restorative justice options.

For questions, please contact Spiro Koinis, Victim Services/Restorative Justice Coordinator at the Division of Youth Services at 303-866-7852. For questions about The Juvenile Parole Board, please contact Louanne Griffith Swanson at 303-866-4975.