

VICTIMOLOGY

The Families' Life Sentence
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Building a future of enhanced supports and rights for victims of crime.

“It’s been a few months... you must be over it by now”

How long is too long?

- There's never enough money in the budget.
- Having feelings of delayed trauma after the system has determined that “you should be over it by now”, there's no official place for you in the process.

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Author and grief coach, Angela Miller, says “We are often criticized and pathologized for grieving (for remembering our child). People erroneously think we are stuck, depressed and/or clinically-something, if we still cry, ache, and miss our child; if we still remember them:

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if we continue speaking their name and grieving for them – especially if the grieving has been going on “too long”. Too long could mean 3 months, 6 months, a year – a decade or longer. It couldn't possibly be healthy to grieve THAT long, right?

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Victimization is a life sentence. One that does not offer Parole.

Closure is a myth! What is closure and how could it possibly apply to the life long experience of victimization?

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Getting over it is a myth! Do you get over the fact that your loved one no longer visits with you, love you, hug you, laugh with you, cry with you? So, what is IT exactly that our families should get over?

Grieving too long is a myth! How long is too long?

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Although the death is a finite incident. The **loss** is **not** finite. The **love** is **not** finite. So, the presumption that since the homicide occurred 10, 15 or 30 years ago and we should be over it, is erroneous.

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Homicide changes families, whether good or bad.

Looking for an end date

Victim centered justice should not conclude support because the trial is over. For many families, this is just the beginning.



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Our victimized families have no end date where we are free of the memories, heartache and pain associated with a violent crime.

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- Trauma is a lifetime of recovery yet many families struggle alone.

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- Those most impacted by criminality are the least addressed in the process of justice and rehabilitation.

Compassion, Fairness and Respect

PBC, “it is committed to ensuring that victims receive all legislated information they are entitled to and that information from victims forms an integral part of decision-making.”

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CSC website, “We seek to provide victims of federal offenders with timely information about the offender who harmed them.”



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CSC website, “We strive to provide victims with the information they need to have an effective voice in the federal correctional system. We want to make sure that victims are treated with compassion, fairness, and respect.”

Jenny would have loved them...

These little babies would be calling Jenny auntie. They'll never know the joy:

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