

IOVA

The Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance (IOVA) is a support organization for victims, survivors, witnesses, advocates, and professionals. IOVA's mission is to improve Iowa's responses to crime and victimization in every community.

Place of Reflection

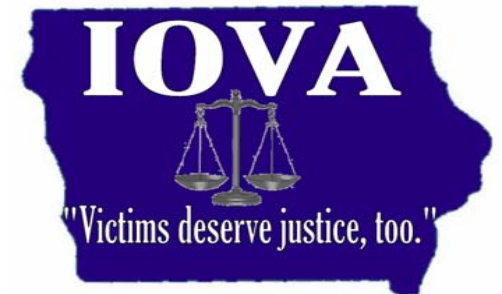
During National Crime Victim's Rights Week, April 2005, a place of reflection was dedicated to honor crime victims and individuals who serve crime victims. Located on the South side of the State Capital in Des Moines, Iowa, it sits across from the purple heart memorial on the Capital Grounds. This place of reflection was generously funded by the Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance (IOVA), Hy-Vee, Inc. and the John and Kay Egan memorial fund.



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The Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance (IOVA) was organized in 1983 to educate Iowans regarding victim rights issues. IOVA is an organization of survivors of crime, witnesses, victim advocates, concerned citizens, and related agencies and organizations. It is organized as a non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization.

IOVA pursues awareness of and support for crime victims rights in Iowa by:

- Advocating for short and long term changes in the criminal justice system to better meet the needs of victims and witnesses.
- Educating professionals to provide more sensitive services to victims and witnesses.
- Providing educational opportunities through the Iowa Victim Assistance Academy (IVAA) and bi-annual trainings.
- Advocating for quality victim services through the establishment of a professional certification program for victim service professionals in Iowa.
- Providing a forum for crime victims and witnesses to voice their concerns and grievances.

John and Kay Egan Award

John and Kay Egan were dedicated activists for the rights, needs and desires of victims of violent crime. In 1999, IOVA established an award to honor their commitment. The John and Kay Egan Award is presented annually to an Iowan whose outstanding service to crime victims reflects the Egans' dedication.



Certification Program (IOVA-CP)

Open to anyone providing direct services to crime victims, IOVA-CP was created to encourage training and networking and to set ethical standards for service providers. The mission is to assist victims of crime through quality services. Attendance of the Iowa Victim Assistance Academy (IVAA) fulfills the necessary requirements for becoming certified.

Meetings

IOVA holds meetings bi-monthly. Meetings are open to the public and anyone is encouraged to attend.

To find out the schedule of meetings, or more about IOVA and its' projects, please visit the website:

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