

# Selenia Mezei

Victim Advocate

## Profile

Dedicated Victim Advocate with 1 year of experience providing comprehensive support and assistance to individuals affected by crime. Proficient in crisis intervention, case management, and community resources coordination. Strong communicator with exceptional interpersonal skills and a deep understanding of victim rights and needs. Committed to promoting healing and justice for clients through empathy, advocacy, and collaboration.

## Employment History

### Victim Advocate at Ohio Victim Witness Association, OH

Feb 2023 - Present

- Successfully assisted over 200 victims of crime in navigating the criminal justice system, ensuring their rights were protected and their voices heard throughout the process.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive training program for 50 new Victim Advocates, resulting in a 30% increase in efficiency and effectiveness in providing support to crime victims within the organization.
- Secured \$100,000 in grant funding for the expansion of victim services, allowing for the hiring of additional staff and the development of new programs to better serve the community.
- Collaborated with local law enforcement, courts, and community organizations to create a coordinated response to domestic violence, resulting in a 25% reduction in repeat offenses and improved outcomes for survivors.

### Victim Advocate Coordinator at Cuyahoga County Victim Witness Assistance Program, OH

Aug 2022 - Jan 2023

- Successfully assisted over 500 victims of crime in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by providing them with comprehensive support services, including crisis intervention, emotional support, and information on victims' rights and compensation programs.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive training program for 50 new volunteer victim advocates, resulting in a 25% increase in volunteer retention rates and improved service delivery to clients.
- Established partnerships with local law enforcement agencies and community organizations, leading to a 30% increase in victim referrals and improved access to critical resources and support services for crime victims.

## Education

### Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminology at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Aug 2017 - May 2022

Relevant Coursework: Psychology of Criminal Behavior, Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Criminological Theory, Juvenile Delinquency, Research Methods in Psychology and Criminology, and Victimization.

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## Skills

Empathy

Active Listening

Crisis Intervention

Trauma-Informed Care

Confidentiality

Resource Navigation

Cultural Competency

## Languages

English

Arabic

## Hobbies

Support group facilitation

Art therapy

Volunteering at a local non-profit organization