



Victim Legal Assistance Network Development

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) collaborated with [Empire Justice Center \(EJC\)](#), and [Pro Bono Net \(PBN\)](#), on the Victim Legal Assistance Network Development, a grant funded by the New York State Office of Victim Services.

This project was a continuation of a federal grant from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. The goal of the federally funded project was to develop a comprehensive, collaborative network to meet the civil legal needs of crime victims in New York State, outside of New York City. This continuation sought to expand and enhance the information and resources available on the [New York Crime Victims Legal Help Network](#).

EVALUATION & RESEARCH

CHSR conducted the following evaluation activities to inform the development of the Legal Help Network:

- an analysis of data on crime and victim services;
- a review of existing programs and services across New York State;
- a survey of victims and service providers; and
- focus groups and interviews with crime victims, service providers, and civil legal attorneys.

CHSR then conducted a needs assessment of specific victim populations, obtained feedback about how victims and service providers used the Network, and analyzed data to inform modifications to the Network.