

## Crime Victims' Rights in Connecticut

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**Learning Objectives:** *As a result of participating in this Live Internet Activity, participants should be able to:*

- *Describe Crime Victims' Rights in Connecticut.*
- *Discover entities that play an important role in ensuring that crime victims' rights are enforced.*
- *Identify state and non-profit agencies that provide direct services for crime victims.*

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