IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Dial 911

Vermillion County Sheriff's Dept. 765-492-3737 (Non-Emergency)

Clinton City Police Department 765-832-3232

CODA

812-232-1736 1-800-566-CODA

FSA Counseling Center 812-232-4349

Hamilton Center 765-832-2436

Valley Professionals 765-492-9042 (Cayuga) 765-828-1003 (Clinton)

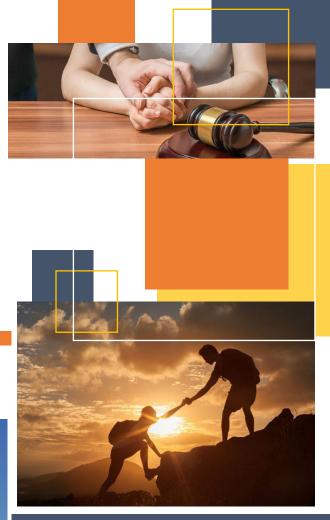
Two Roads Wellness Clinic 217-651-6801

CONTACT INFORMATION

Vermillion County Victim Assistance 255 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor PO Box 249 Newport, IN 47966 765-492-5379 www.VermCoVA.com

Vermillion County Prosecutor Bruce D. Aukerman 255 S. Main Street, 1st Floor PO Box 249 Newport, IN 47966 765-492-5370





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Your Rights as a Victim

As a victim or victims' representative of a crime:

- -you have the right to be notified of and attend public court hearings involving the criminal case.
- -you have the right to make an oral or written statement at the sentencing hearing.
- -you have the right to pursue restitution and other civil remedies.
- -you have the right to review the plea agreement and discuss that with the Prosecutor's Office.

There may be a No-Contact Order for you and any act of the Defendant that violates that may result in new charges.

Our Victim Assistance Program is here to assist you with this. YOUR responsibilities are to let us know what, if any of these rights you want to exercise and to keep the Victim Advocate informed of your current address and telephone number.

What happens next in the criminal system?

- Criminal Charges are filed

This is the stage where a No-Contact is entered (if applicable) in the case.

- Initial Hearing is held.

If the Defendant cannot provide legal counsel one can be provided for them.

- Pre-trial Conference

This is typically a meeting between legal counsel and the Prosecutor. A proposed Plea Agreement is given to the Defendant, if that is offered. Dates are set and the plea, if offered, is discussed and negotiated.



"Have courage, be kind."

Final Disposition of a Case

This can be done a few different ways.

-Plea to Court

The Plea is agreed on by all parties and given to the Judge to give the finally approval. The Judge can reject plea offers. If the offer is accepted the case can move to Sentencing.

-Trial

The Defendant has a right to a trial by Jury. If this takes place our Victim Advocate will work closely with you to schedule your required appearances.

-Sentencing

The Sentencing is where the defendant pleads guilty and as a victim you have the right to testify or have a written statement read on your behalf. This is also where restitution is ordered by the Judge.