

**VICTIM RIGHTS EVENT**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2009**  
**Massachusetts State House**

*The Victim Rights Movement: Resilience, Adaptability & Hope*

- 9:30-9:35 Welcome and Call to Order: District Attorney Timothy Cruz
- 9:35-9:50 Opening Remarks: Janet Fine
- 9:50-10:15 Keynote Speakers & Special Recognition Awards for Activism:  
Ms. Cherie Jimenez (video)  
Ms. Debra Lemieux
- 10:15-10:45 *Reflections on the History and Growth of the Victim Rights Movement*
- Janet Yassen, Crisis Services Coordinator, Cambridge Health Alliance & Co-Founder of Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
  - Yoko Kato, VWA Board Member & Homicide Survivor
  - Elizabeth Keegan, Director, Victim Witness Assistance Program, Berkshire County District Attorney's Office
- 10:45-10:55 Break
- 11:00-11:10 Proclamation of Victim Rights Month:  
Lt. Governor Timothy P. Murray
- 11:10-11:30 *Collaborating with Policy Makers to Effect Change*
- ♦ District Attorney of Plymouth County, Timothy Cruz
  - ♦ Secretary of EOPSS, Kevin Burke
  - ♦ AGO Chief of Victim Witness Services, Liam Lowney
- 11:30-11:40 Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award presented to:  
Kevin Burke, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety & Security
- 11:40-11:55 Length of Service Awards for Victim Advocates dedicated to fulfilling the mandate of the Victim Bill of Rights
- 30 Years:** Gayle Beaudoin, Alberta DePesa
- 25 Years:** Debbie Chieco, Susan O'Leary, Bonnie Press, Patricia B. Turner
- 20 Years:** Beth Brooks, Maura Cashman, Marnie Edwards, Kathleen Finnegan, Kathleen O'Connor
- 15 Years:** Maria Arroyo-Long, Helena Clarke, Christopher J. Daly, Marie-Elena Edwards, John P. Giracca, Jennifer S. MacDonald, Deborah McCoy-Brennan, Kimberly Pierce, Lucy Soto-Abbe
- 10 Years:** Lynne Cipullo, Virginia Dixon, Anne Garlington, Phillip Harrison, Danielle Hultgren, Shawn MacMaster, Teri J. McMahon, Heather Neumann, Lori Riccio, Katia Santiago-Taylor

- 11:55-12:05 National Center for Victims of Crime Video  
 “25 years of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)”
- 12:05-12:25 Honoring Massachusetts’ longest funded VOCA Programs
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**  
 – Rape Crisis Service Program
- Cambridge Health Alliance**  
 – Victim Advocacy & Support Program
- Children's Hospital**  
 – AWAKE Program
- Finex House**  
 – Crisis Intervention Trauma Support Program
- HarborCov**  
 – Direct Services Program
- Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)**  
 – Legal Advocacy & Counseling Program
- The Women's Center**  
 – Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
- Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center**  
 – Victims of Violence Services Program
- Saint Anne's Hospital**  
 – Youth Trauma Center Program
- Health & Education Services**  
 – Victims of Crime and Loss (VOCAL) Program
- 12:25-12:30 Transition to Afternoon
- 12:30-1:45 Lunch, Networking, Violence Transformed Video, Exhibits
- 1:45-2:15 "Resilience in the Shadow of Trauma: Individual, Organizational and Social Perspectives"- Guy Sapirstein, Ph.D,  
 Senior Partner, Organizational Resilience International
- 2:15-2:50 Panel: *Looking Ahead in the Victim Rights Movement*
- Moderator: Guy Sapirstein, Ph.D.
  - Curt Rogers, Gay Men’s Domestic Violence Project
  - Lysetta Hurge- Putnam, Independence House
  - Lisa McCue, Hampden County District Attorney’s Office
  - Cheryl Watson, Essex County District Attorney’s Office
- 2:50-3:00 Expressions of Hope from Survivors and Providers for the Next 25 Years