VIP Services:
- 24-Hour Hotline
- Rape Crisis Services
- Individual Counseling and Support Groups
- Legal Advocacy and Representation
- Medical Advocacy and Accompaniment
- Crime Victims Compensation Assistance
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Housing Support Services
- Information and Referrals
- Prevention Education
- Criminal Justice Trainings
- Community Outreach

Services are available to any victim of crime. All services are free and confidential regardless of race, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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Violence Intervention Program
24-Hour Hotline (voice/TTY) 607.432.4855

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Domestic Violence Services, Rape Crisis Services, & Crime Victims Assistance

For more information contact OFO at:
607.433.8038 or 800.986.5463
Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
What is Domestic Violence?
Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner or family member. Abuse includes physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, or physically injure someone.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. It occurs between couples who are married, living together, or dating and between other family members. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

What is Sexual Assault?
Sexual assault occurs when a person purposefully touches another person in a sexual way without that person’s consent, or coerces or physically forces a person to engage in a sexual act against their will. Sexual assault is a general term that includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and indecent exposure. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of race, age, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

In most sexual assault cases, the abuser is not a stranger, but someone the victim knows well or can identify. In cases of child sexual assault, incidents are typically not a single occurrence, but part of an ongoing pattern of abuse.

If you are sexually assaulted:
• DO seek medical attention as soon as possible
• DO NOT shower, bathe, change clothes, or brush your teeth before going to the hospital
• DO NOT blame yourself or the victim

Crime Victims Compensation
If are an innocent victim of crime and have incurred lost earnings, medical expenses, loss or damage to personal property, or burial expenses you may be entitled to financial compensation. Contact the Violence Intervention Program for information and help in completing a compensation claim.

Advocacy
If you are the victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or the innocent victim of a crime, advocates from the Violence Intervention Program can help you understand your options and access the services and supports you need. Advocates also assist in navigating the criminal justice process, the court system, and the Department of Social Services (DSS) and are available to accompany you to court, hospitals, police stations, DSS and the Otsego County Child Advocacy Center. Advocates also provide support on the local college campuses for students, faculty, and staff impacted by interpersonal violence.

Community Education
Prevention education and general presentations on program services are available to community groups, businesses, churches, and colleges. Specialized training is available for law enforcement and court personnel.

School-age programs are available to students in all grades. Topics include healthy and unhealthy relationships, domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, bullying, bystander interventions, and internet safety. Programs can be modified to suit the needs and age of students.

What is Domestic Violence?

Your Safety is Our Priority
Safety planning is a key service that the Violence Intervention Program offers. If you are thinking about fleeing an abusive situation, consider pre-packing and storing the following items in a safe location:
• Identification: Driver’s license; Birth certificates; Social security cards; Passport; Work Permits/ Green Card/Visa
• Financial Information: Bank account information; Credit cards; Debit cards
• Legal Papers: Order of Protection, Divorce and custody papers; Marriage license
• Personal Records: Deed to your home or housing agreements; Car registration and insurance papers; Health and other insurance papers; Medical records; School records
• Other: Emergency money; Medications; Extra set of house and car keys; Address book, Pay-as-you-go cell phone; Valuables; Photos and sentimental items; Picture of abuser; Several changes of clothes for you and your children; Children’s favorite toy or blanket

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