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Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services:

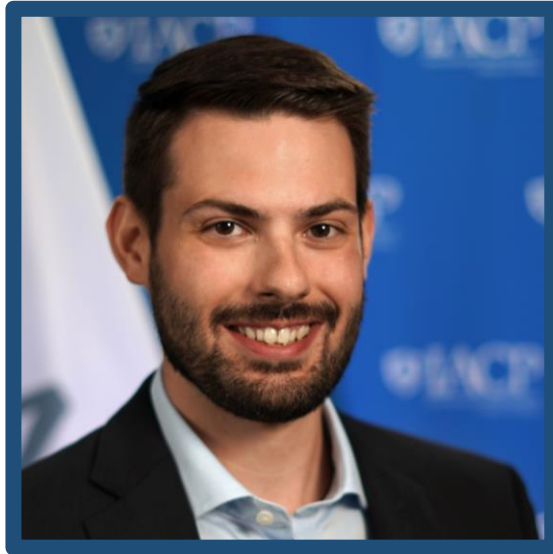
Innovative Responses and Practical Services During Critical Intersections

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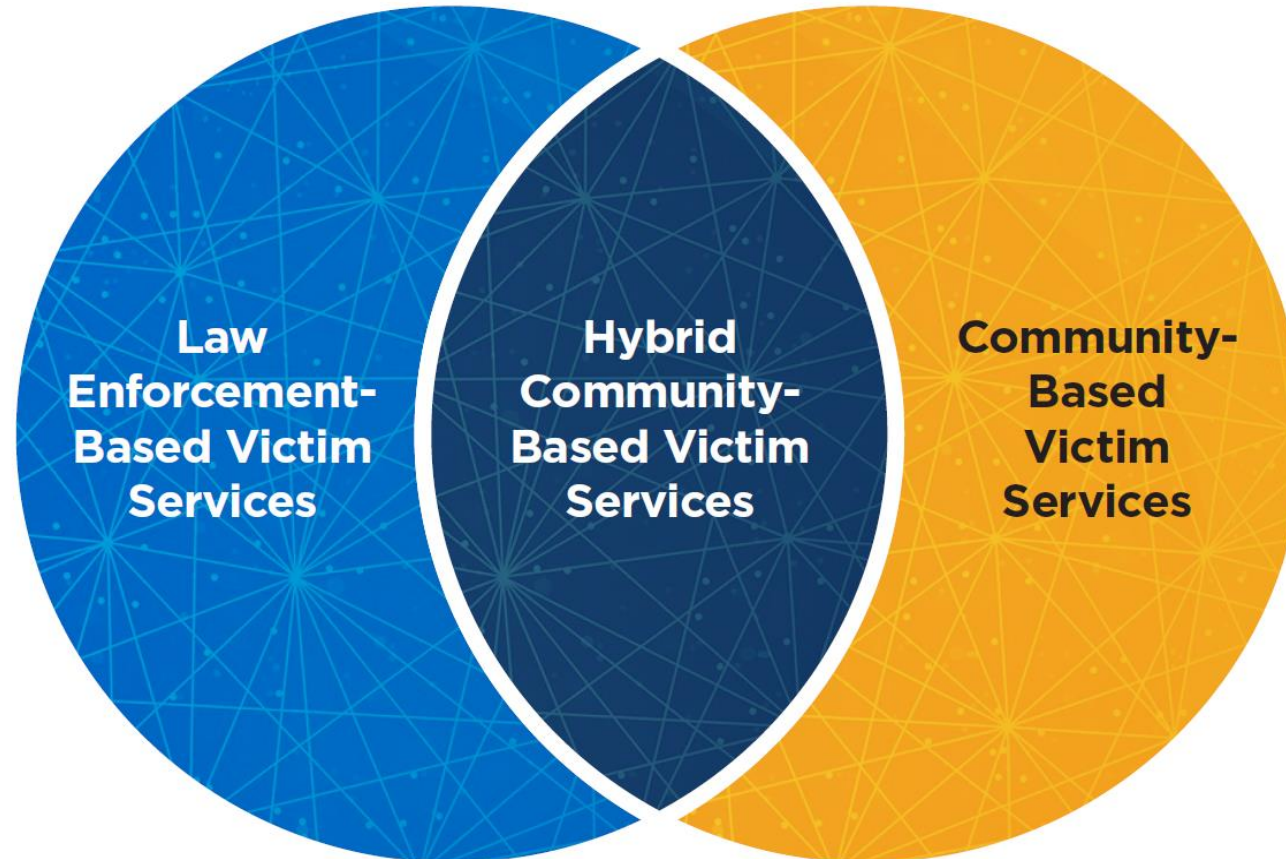
Role of Law Enforcement- Based Victim Services



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Models of Service Provision



Community-Based



Victim initiates services



Can provide holistic and confidential services



Lack of access to system records, outcomes, personnel



Can provide long-term services*



System-Based



Initial contact is typically NOT by victim's choice



Communication and documentation are generally NOT confidential



Access to system records, processes, and personnel



Services are limited to the duration of the criminal case



Is there a need for both?

Victims want privacy

Each type of advocate has different duties and protections

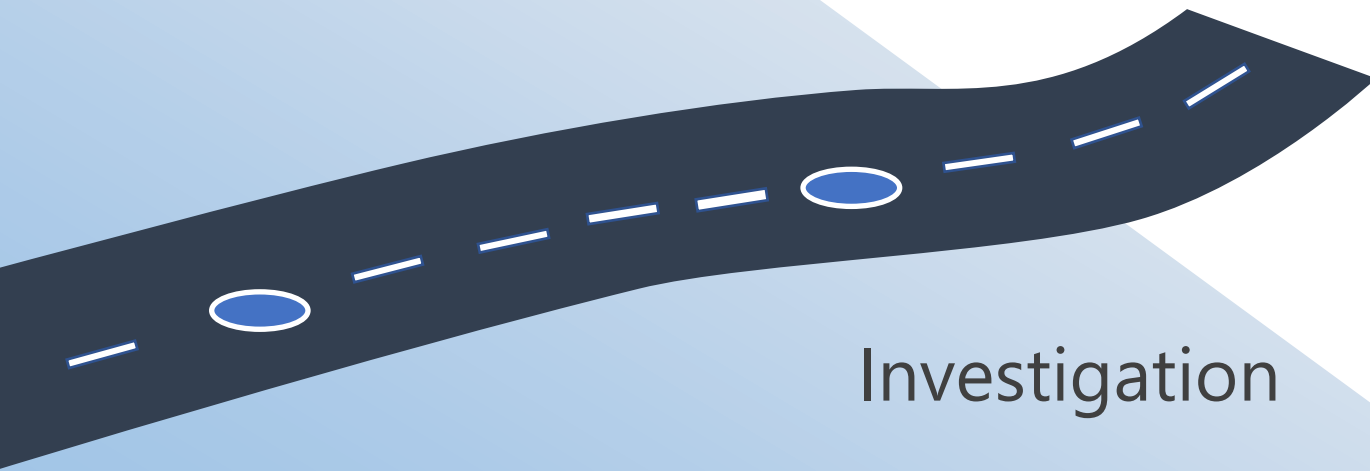
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Partnerships support meaningful victim choice

Victims can access holistic services



In many communities, a gap in system-based victim services still exists.



Victimization



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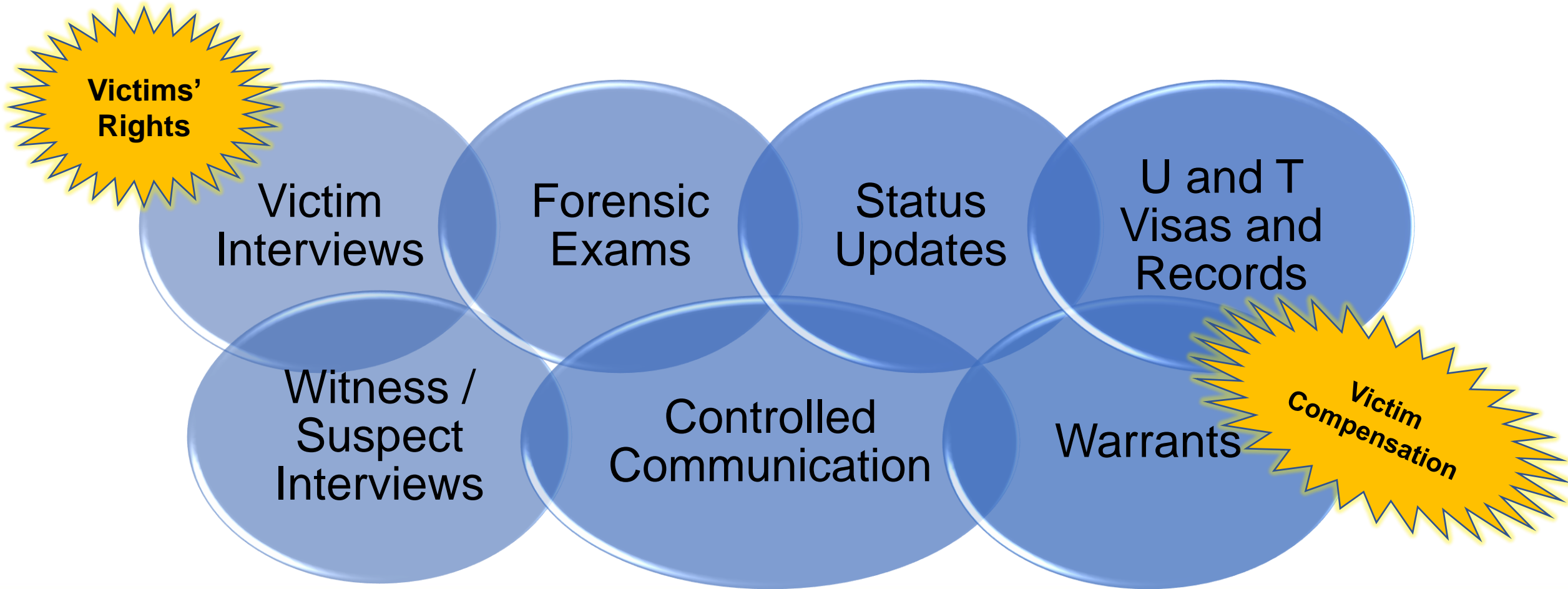
An advocate can help a person to speak up for themselves or give their views.



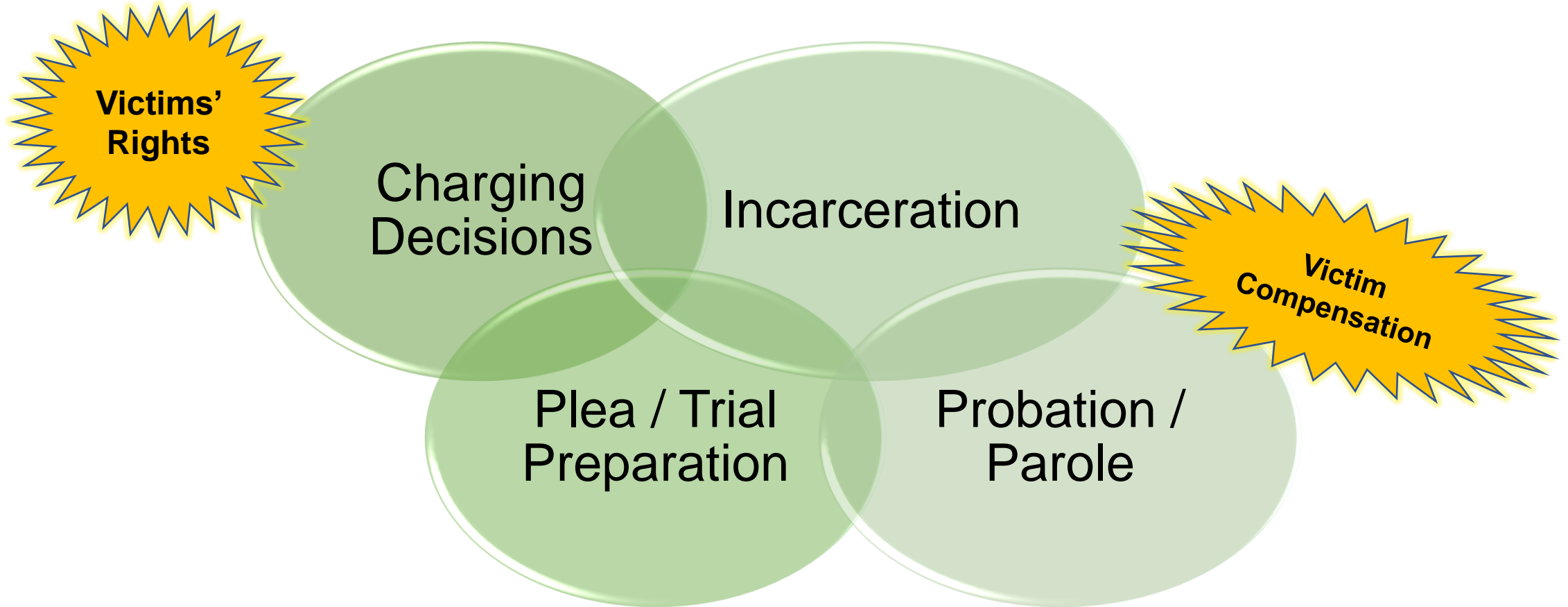
Actions of Law Enforcement- Based Victim Services



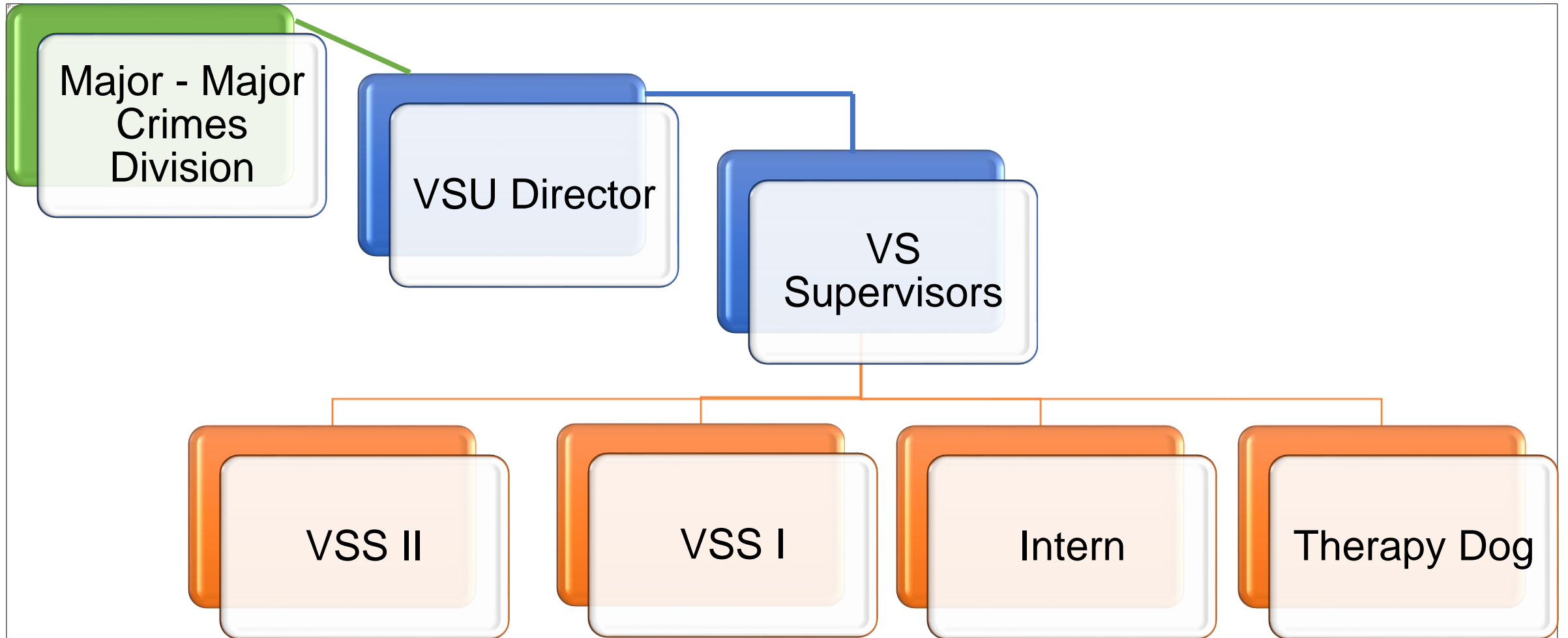
Victim Services During Investigations



Victim Services Beyond Investigations



LMPD Victim Services Unit



LMPD Service Provision



**Victimization
Types**



**On-Scene
Response**



Home Visits



Transportation





LMPD VSU Services

**Initial contact to
explain role**

Crisis intervention

Victims' Rights

**Victim
Compensation**

**Resources &
referrals**

**Explanation of
protective order,
criminal justice, and
court processes**

**Court
accompaniment**

**VINELink/release
notifications**

Safety planning

**Investigative
updates**

**Coordination of
interpretation &
translation services**

**Intervention with
employers,
landlords, academic
institutions,
creditors**

**Emergency shelter -
hotel & relocation
assistance**

**Expense fund & gift
cards**

Therapy dog

LMPD Victim Services Integration

- Enhanced victim engagement – education on processes, routine communication, case updates, transportation to court
- Be a main point of contact for questions
- Help keep victims' contact information up-to-date.
- Occasionally get new and important case information when talking with and assisting victims

Victim-Centered, Trauma-Informed Practices

- **Victim-centered:** victims' needs and desires must be considered in all processes
- **Trauma-informed:** knowledge of and effective response to victims' experiences of trauma is essential
- **Ways to incorporate victim-centered, trauma-informed practices:**
 - Personnel training
 - Policy revisions
 - Review of documentation practices
 - Inclusion of VSU – organizational chart, COMPStat, executive command



Funding Considerations for Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services



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Unique Challenges for LE Agencies Accessing VOCA

- Local government requirements
- Inexperience with grants
 - Application Challenges
 - Administrative Challenges
- Communications challenges between Programmatic, Administrative, and Financial subrecipient staff

Meaningful Access for Underserved Victimizations

- Community-based victim service providers have limited scope
- Prosecutor-based victim service projects have limited access during investigations
- Law enforcement agencies respond to every criminal victimization, including robberies, assaults, and homicides that typically don't have community-based services

Considerations for SAAs

- Reach out to other SAAs who have experience supporting LE-based victim services
- Consider providing pre-application technical assistance
 - Navigating the application process
 - Distilling the solicitation to essential elements
 - Make applicant aware of potential administrative and programmatic barriers
- Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!



Any Questions?

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