

Resources and Information

Reaching and Serving Teen Victims

The National Center for Victims of Crime and the National Crime Prevention Council have just released a new resource for victim service providers on helping teen victims, *Reaching and Serving Teen Victims: A Practical Handbook*. The handbook discusses adolescent development; the unique impact of victimization on teens, strategies for assessing local teen victimization, creating effective outreach activities, making service environments teen-friendly and, interacting with teens in helpful and productive ways. The guide also includes guidance on parent and family involvement and mandatory reporting.

The handbook can be downloaded at <http://www.ncvc.org>. Free hard copies of the handbook may be ordered through the National Crime Prevention Council Fulfillment Center at 1-800-NCPC-911 or from the NCPC website at <http://www.mcgruffstore.org>.