



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services will provide a support and assessment program for police, community agencies and the general public to refer vulnerable individuals. The program will assess current needs and/or changing requirements and connect those individuals/families to community supports and services required in a timely manner. The program will assist with system navigation and follow-up to ensure the client's needs are met to the best of the community's ability and will advocate where gaps in service are identified.



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HOPE & HELP IS REAL

No one should have to go through a crisis alone.

24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

905-951-3838

CALEDON EAST

905-951-3838

1-888-743-6496

ORANGEVILLE

519-942-1452

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PROGRAM SERVICES

Services are short-term (one to three months) intensive assistance for vulnerable victims to assist in accessing services and overcoming barriers. The services are tailored to the unique needs of each individual and may include: emotional support, financial assistance (limited eligibility), safety planning, systems advocacy, accompaniment, resource information and assistance navigating the judicial, health and social services systems.

The program will seek to increase collaboration and coordination across the sector to ensure the most vulnerable members of our community have access to the supports and services when they are needed .



BACKGROUND

With the change in policing in Orangeville and Shelburne from municipal police services to Ontario Provincial Police, a decision has been made to move away from maintaining a local Vulnerable Persons Registry. Police and community agencies however, continue to encounter vulnerable individuals in need of additional support in our community.

Without additional support, COVID-19 and its aftermath will have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations who may be less able to deal with the health, social, and economic impacts of the pandemic. Risks of stress, mental health/isolation and abuse are expected to rise as people become unable to access the social and community supports on which they rely in their everyday lives.



POPULATION

Families and individuals caring for vulnerable seniors, those in mental health crisis & people with disabilities who may or may not have had contact with police. Vulnerabilities can include but are not limited to the following:

- Housing at risk
- Food insecurity
- Homelessness
- Physical health issues
- Mental health issues
- Financial issues
- Substance abuse
- Employment issues

