

Anne Seymour

Anne Seymour has over 23 years of experience as a national victim advocate. She is a Co-founder of and Senior Advisor to the Washington, D.C.-based national non-profit Justice Solutions; and is Editor of *The Crime Victims' Report*. She began her career as the Director of Public Affairs for the National Office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and, from 1985 to 1993, as co-founder and Director of Communications of the National Victim Center (now National Center for Victims of Crime).

Seymour has developed and implemented training and technical assistance programs to strengthen victims' rights and services in law enforcement, prosecution, the judiciary, juvenile justice, and community and institutional corrections. Her extensive research includes co-authoring the landmark study *Rape in America: A Report to the Nation* in 1992; she is the principal author of the American Correctional Association's *Report and Recommendations on Victims of Juvenile Offenders* published in 1994, as well as of the Office for Victims of Crime *Special Report on Victims of Gang Violence*. Seymour is a principal author of the National Victim Assistance Academy text sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, as well as the NVAA's advanced offerings, including the "Ultimate Educator" Training-for-Trainers" text and the "Leadership in Victim Services" text.

She has authored or contributed to over 30 manuals and texts published by the Office for Victims of Crime since 1989, including "The Victim Role in Offender Reentry" and "Creating a Victim Focus: A Guide to Working with Victims During Offender Reentry" books. Seymour was also the Director of the OVC Strategic Planning Toolkit Project, and served as its principal author and editor, and coordinator of a national "training for planners" and Statewide Strategic Planning Conference for six states, both held in 2003. She is currently Project Director for OVC's Oral History Project, and its National Public Awareness and Education Campaign. Seymour is also a consultant and trainer for the U.S. Department of State to help improve services to American citizens who are victimized abroad, and is Co-investigator on the first project to determine mental health problems in Vietnam. She has appeared in virtually every news medium -- including all network morning shows and evening newscasts, *Nightline*, *Larry King Live*, *Crossfire*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and *Frontline* -- as an expert on crime victims' rights. She is currently the Project Director for the OVC Oral History Project, and the OVC National Public Awareness Campaign Project.

Seymour is a member of the U.S. Department of Justice Victims' Rights Roundtable and the U.S. Congress Victims' Rights Caucus Advisory Group; member of the Board of Directors of the National Victims' Constitutional Amendment Network; member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the International Association of Reentry; Vice-chair of the American Correctional Association Restorative Justice Committee; Board Member of the American Probation and Parole Association and past Chair and founding member of its Victim Issues Committee; Founding and Core Faculty Member of the National Victim Assistance Academy; a senior consultant to the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center; principal consultant to the Center for Sex Offender Management and a member of its National Working Group; a Senior Consultant to the national Balanced and Restorative Justice Project; training consultant to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; member of the faculty of The National Judicial College and the National College of District Attorneys; consultant to the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators; and a member of the District of Columbia Advisory Commission on Sentencing. In 2007, she will become the Editor of *The Crime Victims Report*.

Seymour has received numerous honors for her efforts, including the 1992 "Outstanding Service to Crime Victims" award from President Bush and the 2007 U.S. Congress Victim's Rights Caucus Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy. She graduated from California State University, Chico in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work/Corrections, and was valedictorian of her graduating class. Seymour completed her coursework in the CSU, Chico Masters of Public Administration program.

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