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### **State Attorney Aronberg Announces Opening Ceremony of National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

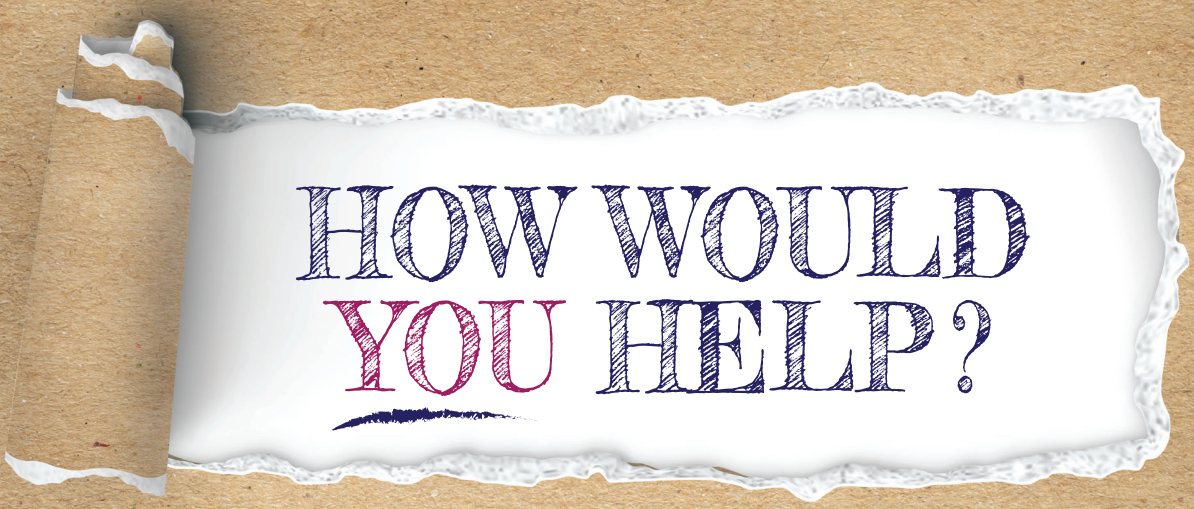
State Attorney Dave Aronberg will be a guest speaker on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the first of a series of local observances for National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The opening ceremony will held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, 2100 N. Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach.

This year's theme is "How would you help? Options, services, and hope for crime survivors." Organizers say the idea is for society "to commit to creating safe environments for crime victims to share what happened to them. By doing so, we're able to offer support, options for life-saving services, and, most importantly, hope."

Attached is the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition brochure detailing area events for the week, and a flyer for Monday's program.

**Options, services  
and hope  
for crime survivors.**



**HOW WOULD  
YOU HELP?**

**Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.**

**Week-At-A-Glance**

**National Crime Victims'  
Rights Week**

**April 21-27,  
2024**

**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

**MEET & GREET**

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**

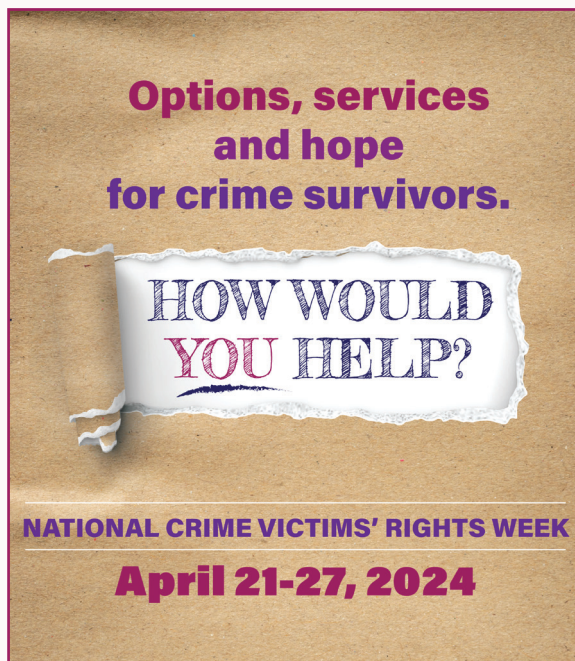
## **OPENING CEREMONY PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Location:** Palm Beach Police Benevolent Association  
2100 N. Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

**Presenter:** Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

**Description:** Please join us for the Opening Ceremony Press Conference. The North Palm Beach Police Chief, the Office of the State Attorney, US Representative's Office, Palm Beach County Commissioner, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been invited to give briefings and open the 2024 National Crime Victims' Rights Week for Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center's *Officer of the Year Award* will take place at the Opening Ceremony to illustrate the hard work and commitment of law enforcement in our community.

**Contact:** Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or [cgale@pbcgov.org](mailto:cgale@pbcgov.org)



## **INFO AND REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS**

Battered Women's Justice Project Legal Helpline  
**800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711**

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country  
Child Abuse Hotline  
**800-633-5155**

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
**800-THE-LOST®**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration Helpline  
**800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889**

VictimConnect Resource Center  
**855-4-VICTIM**

Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement  
(VOICE)  
**855-48-VOICE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**

## **“CEREMONY IN THE GARDEN”**

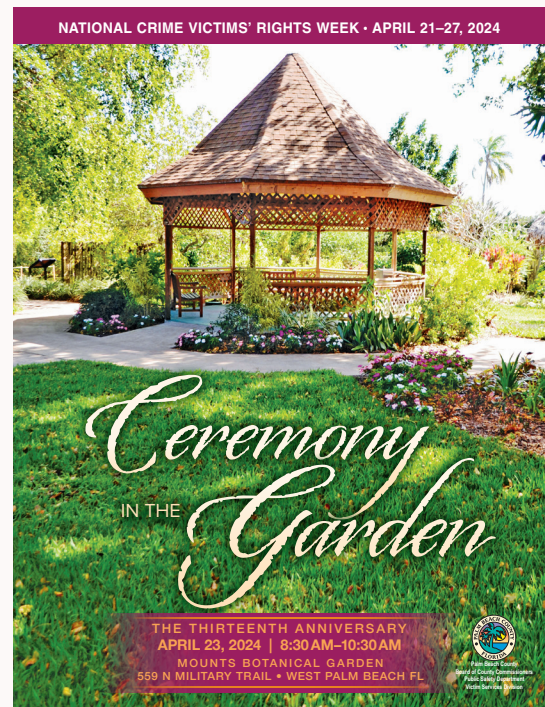
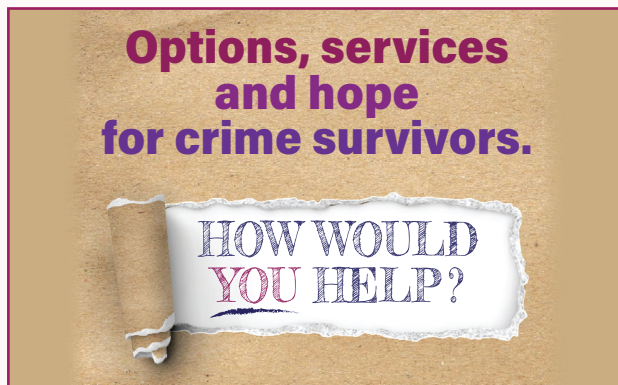
### ***Honoring All Crime Victims in Palm Beach County***

**Location:** Mounts Botanical Garden  
& Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center  
559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415  
*(Enter at Golf Street from Military Trail; drive to end of street and turn left into Clayton Hutcheson Complex. Follow the red, white and blue balloons for directions.)*

**Presenter:** Palm Beach County Victim Services  
& Certified Rape Crisis Center

**Description:** Join Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center, Palm Beach County Victims’ Rights Coalition members, invited dignitaries, members of the community, victim advocates, crime victims, and surviving family members for the **13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ceremony in the Garden**. We will honor all crime victims in Palm Beach County by highlighting and engaging in healing activities to include their personal stories, and the presence of Therapy Dogs. Join us for a continental breakfast before the event. Your presence will be our honor and very much appreciated.

**Contact:** Jannifer Diaz at 561-625-2568



**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**

## **COALITION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OPTIONS PRESENTS, “SPEAK”**

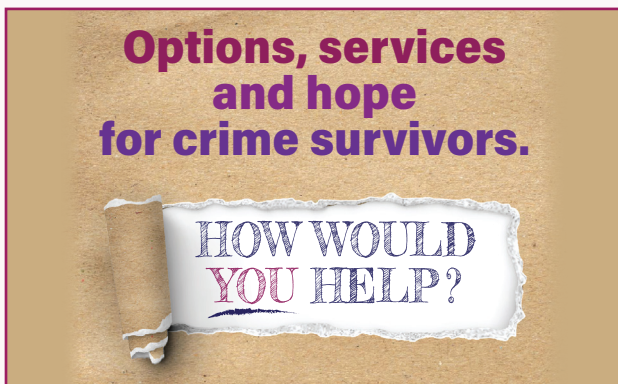
**Location:** Zoom

**Presenter:** Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

**Description:** CILO invites you to attend Don't Forget Me!, an annual event in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. To celebrate this year's theme, How Would You Help? Options, services and hope for Crime Survivors. Don't Forget Me! will feature three guest speakers centering around a disability centered response to mass violence who will share their experiences along with what it takes for survivors to feel heard, confident, and supported.

**Registration:** Register now at [Don't Forget Me! A Disability Centered Response to Mass Violence \[docs.google.com\]](https://docs.google.com)

**Contact:** Libby Snider at 561-966-4288, ext. 110  
lsnider@cilo.org



In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2024, CILO invites you to attend a virtual webinar about centering Disability in response to mass violence.

**Date:** April 23, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00-2:30 PM ET  
**Location:** Zoom



[Registration](#)

### **FT. GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Jeff Goldberg, Walton County Emergency Manager
- Ramona Schaefer, Program Services Supervisor
- Michele Sanz, Crime Victim Advocate

For accommodations, please contact Libby Snider at least five days prior to the event.

Libby Snider  
lsnider@cilo.org  
(561) 966- 4288 ext. 110

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

**6:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**

## **RAD (RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE) OVERVIEW**

**Location:** Delray Beach Police Department Training Center  
2350 Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33444

**Presenter:** Delray Beach Police Department RAD Instructors

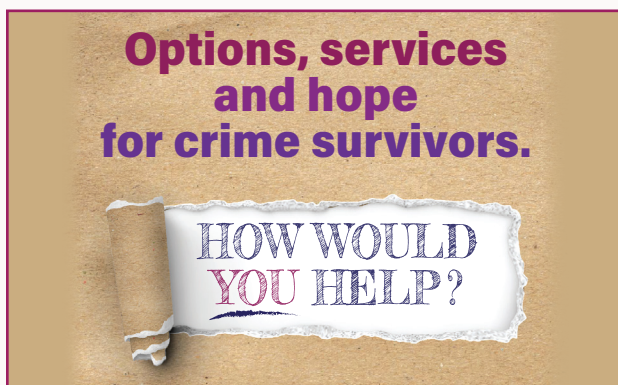
**Description:** RAD is a nationally renowned self-defense course for women. This presentation is to promote awareness and minimize the opportunity of women becoming victims of crime. It will include an overview of techniques that can be used to equip women with the skills that will help to develop and enhance the options of self-defense.

There is an added opportunity to use this class as #1 of 4. After attending this overview, you can then attend the next three hands-on classes (at no cost), to include drills to practice and implement the techniques taught. Upon completion of all four classes, a R.A.D. certificate will be issued. Dates for additional three classes will be announced at the overview.

\*Light Refreshments will be served.

**Note:** *This presentation is for women only, Class is limited to 30 women.*

**Registration:** Contact Dawn Terrizzi, 561-243-7858 or [terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com), to sign up.



**Free Training**

**DELRAY BEACH POLICE**

**WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE**

Hosted by the Delray Beach Police Department & the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

April 23, 2024

6:30-9:00 PM

Seacrest Training Center  
2350 Seacrest Blvd.  
Delray Beach

**R.A.D. RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE SYSTEMS**

**VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

**Limited to 30 women**

Could you effectively defend yourself if attacked?  
Sign up for this fun, informative 2.5-hour overview taught by R.A.D.-certified DBPD officers.  
\*Attend 3 additional free classes to obtain your R.A.D. certificate

**Register Now** Email your name and contact number to Dawn Terrizzi at [terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com) or call 561-243-7858

**Does your organization provide services or support to victims of crime?**

**Do you work directly with victims of crime?**

**Would you like to be more involved with improving services, community awareness and honoring of crime victims?**

**If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above,  
we would love for you to be a part of the**

## **Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition**

**Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

*The Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition's mission is to:  
Increase public awareness about victims' rights;  
Improve service delivery to victims of crime in Palm Beach County; and  
Honor victims and survivors as well as professionals providing services to victims.*

**The coalition hosts several events throughout the year including  
National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, Holiday Gift Giving  
Project and National Crime Victims' Rights Week.**

**If you would like more information and to be added to  
the email distribution list, please reach out to  
Carrie Gale, Chair of PBC Victims' Rights Coalition, at [CGale@pbc.gov](mailto:CGale@pbc.gov)**



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024**

**2:00P PM – 4:00 PM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**

## **DENIM DAY 2024**

**Location:** South County Courthouse, 200 W Atlantic Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

**Presenter:** Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center Therapists.

**Description:** In honor of Denim Day 2024, this info session and panel discussion with professionals in the community is focusing on the purpose of Denim Day and the topic of consent.

**Contact:** Jannifer Diaz at [jdiaz2@pbcgov.org](mailto:jdiaz2@pbcgov.org)

### **BY WEARING JEANS ON DENIM DAY, YOU**

- *Send a message to survivors that you support them in their healing*
- *Commit to become more educated*
- *Break the silence surrounding sexual violence*




*Palm Beach County Victim Services*


## **DENIM DAY**

You are invited to celebrate Denim Day with us by working on an exhibit together to help bring awareness to sexual assault and combat victim blaming during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Together we will be painting and decorating worn jeans and learning more about the meaning of this day!

 South County Courthouse  
200 W Atlantic Ave,  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

 April 24th, 2024

 2:00pm-4:00pm

 **What to Bring?**  
A pair of old jeans.

 Jannifer Diaz, LMHC  
[jdiaz2@pbc.gov](mailto:jdiaz2@pbc.gov)  
(561) 625-2535

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**HOW WOULD  
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024**



**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION**

**11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**



Scan QR Code  
to register

## **42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**Location:** Hilton Palm Beach Airport  
150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**Presenter:** Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

**Description:** We will feature Keynote Speaker

The Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition hosts the 42nd Annual Awards Luncheon to honor and celebrate victim advocates, law enforcement and community partners who work tirelessly to leave a positive impact on crime survivors. During the luncheon we will showcase outstanding members of the advocacy community and our annual ticket auction fundraiser to benefit victims of crimes in Palm Beach County.

**Contact:** Carissa Vaccaro at 561-966-4288, ext. 111 or cvaccaro@cilo.org

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person before April 18, 2024

- Please register by April 18, 2024 online at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/42nd-annual-victims-rights-awards-luncheon-tickets-807243756807?aff=oddtcreator>
- Or send check payable to:  
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition  
Attn: Carrie Gale  
P.O. Box 893  
West Palm Beach, FL 33402  
(Please write "**VRC Luncheon**" in the memo portion)
- No tickets will be sold at the door.
- We will also have fabulous prizes for our ticket auction. Proceeds from our auction are used to fund our annual events supporting crime victims, their rights and their families!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

**8:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

**REGISTRATION**

**8:30 AM**

**PROGRAM EVENT**

## **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

*In Memory of Annette Andre, Special Victims' Advocate*

**Location:** Town of Palm Beach Shores  
90 Edwards Lane, Palm Beach Shores, FL 33404

**Registration:** To register for the walk, please visit [www.sa15.org](http://www.sa15.org)

**Contact:** Ellen Mark at 561-355-7278 or [emark@sa15.org](mailto:emark@sa15.org)  
Kathy Aguirre at 561-355-7192 or [kaguirre@sa15.org](mailto:kaguirre@sa15.org)

### **THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

*12th Annual*  
**WALK FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS**  
*In Memory Of Annette Andre – Special Victims' Advocate*



### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Victims' Rights**

- **When:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.  
Registration is FREE and begins at 8:00 a.m.  
*To pre-register for the walk, please visit [www.sa15.org](http://www.sa15.org)*
- **Where:** Palm Beach Shores Community Center  
90 Edwards Lane, Palm Beach Shores
- **Contact:** Ellen Mark 561-355-7278 or [emark@sa15.org](mailto:emark@sa15.org)  
Kathy Aguirre 561-355-7192 or [kaguirre@sa15.org](mailto:kaguirre@sa15.org)

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# 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Kathy Fish

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024**  
**11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Hilton Palm Beach Airport**  
150 Australian Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**Registration is \$40.00 per person**  
**through April 18, 2024.**

**Limited seating**  
**No tickets sold at the door.**

## MENU

*Please select  
one meal choice per registrant:*

**Chicken Marsala**

*-or-*

**Honey Ginger Salmon**

*-or-*

**Vegetarian Option**

*Includes: Salad, Chef's Choice of Rice or Potatoes,  
Fresh Vegetable Medley and Chef's Dessert*

**TICKET AUCTION: Ticket(s): 1 for \$1.00 • 6 for \$5.00 • 13 for \$10.00 • 30 for \$20.00**

**SPECIAL TICKET AUCTION: Ticket(s): 1 for \$5.00 • 3 for \$10.00**

## REGISTRATION FORM

List below the individual(s) who will be attending from your agency, **and** their meal selection from the Menu Selection above:

**1)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Agency Meal*

**2)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Agency Meal*

**3)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Agency Meal*

**4)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Agency Meal*

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**8)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**9)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**10)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name Agency Meal*

**Please register and pay online** at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/42nd-annual-victims-rights-awards-luncheon-tickets-807243756807>

**Or, make checks payable to Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition** and write **"VRC Luncheon"** in the memo portion. Mail registrations and checks to Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition, P.O. Box 893, West Palm Beach, FL 33402. For additional luncheon information, please contact Carissa Vaccaro at 561-966-4288, ext. 111 or [cvaccaro@cilo.org](mailto:cvaccaro@cilo.org)

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**Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)  
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Delray Beach Police Department  
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YWCA of Palm Beach County**



**On behalf of the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition Members,  
Thank You for Supporting National Crime Victims' Rights Week!**



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week • APRIL 21–27, 2024

## OPENING CEREMONY PRESS CONFERENCE

APRIL 22, 2024 • 8:30AM – 11:00AM

*Enjoy the Meet and Greet and Continental Breakfast from 8:30–9:00 A.M.*

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<b>Welcome</b>	Winston Reid Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Danielle Ouellette Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition
<b>Emcee</b>	Danielle Ouellette Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition
<b>Proclamation</b>	Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
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<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Shavontana Davis
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Bianca Gentile Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition



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