

The Community Based Victim Services Worker works out of the Counselling and Support Centre at 4838 Lazelle Ave in Terrace.



She practices with a feminist and trauma informed lens to support folks who have been victims of sexual assault or domestic violence, harassment, and sex trafficking. She offers services to adults (women, men, two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, plus, and gender diverse individuals) and children/youth.

She assists with Third Party Reports, which is reporting a sexual assault, anonymously. There are strict guidelines to a 3rd Party Report, which is why only CBVS workers are trained to support folks with this reporting option. She educates folks on all their reporting options.

CBVS assist and supports folks with RCMP interactions, Crime Victim Assistance Program applications, Victim Safety Unit Applications, Victim Impact forms, Family Justice Center referrals, Foundry, Probation, Parole, Crown Counsel, and often Family Law. She does NOT offer Legal Advice.

She actively supports victims of domestic violence who are at risk of serious bodily harm or death through the Interagency Case Assessment Team (ICAT) also known as or HRDV (High risk domestic violence committee).

CBVS monitors reports as they wait for a decision from the crown office and keeps clients updated and supported through to trial or plea, as needed.

CBVS assist with Peace Bonds and Family Protection Orders, whether it's supporting the client while they talk with RCMP or walking them through the application process.

She is also on the Ksan lead, Sexual Assault Response team, and may attend the hospital, support victims/survivors during the exam, and make sure clients know their rights.

Most importantly, she is passionate that she does not judge, nor does she suggest what a client should do. Her trauma informed practice leads her to meet the client where they are at, whether it be a domestic violence victim/survivor fleeing or trying to stay safe while they remain in the home or a sexual assault victim who must see their abuser at work or school. She assists clients to feel heard, prepared, and empowered.

CBVS support folks in Terrace and Kitimat along with surrounding areas. She often works with clients from the Nass to Telegraph Creek. She won't turn anyone away; if she can't help, she will find someone who can.

CBVS can be contacted by calling her directly at 250.635.2373 ext 30; by email <u>cbvs@ksansociety.ca</u> or by a link on our website under the program description.

Referrals are accepted but not required, and this is a free, confidential service, funded by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Crime Prevention Division and supported by the Ending Violence Association of BC (EVABC).