



It's Okay to Get Help!

February 17, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern: Reverend and Mrs. Donald Clawson

Re: VOCA Funding

The Mental Health Association again applauds the work that has been done by the Indian River County Sheriff's Office (IRCSO) to provide victim services in Indian River County. By working with the IRCSO, we have been able to help many victims work through their emotional uncertainties and reestablish their psychological equilibrium after having been victimized. The victim services staff who provide direct services to victims are a great asset to our community, and it is my pleasure to write in support of the Indian River County Sheriff's application for VOCA funding.

Because of these services, victims are able to seek help comfortably and begin the healing process. The countless hours and dedication of the victim services staff truly demonstrates a high level of commitment to the victims of crime in our community. For this we are truly grateful.

We look forward to our continued professional relationship with the IRCSO victim services staff.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Brugnoli, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



**Bruce H. Colton**  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The State Attorney's Office Victim Services Division has worked closely with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office since January, 1981, offering services to the victims of sexual assault, and that relationship has continued to this date. In 1991, the Sheriff's Office established a victim advocate position, and began providing direct service to all victims of crimes other than sexual assault. This service was provided from the time of the reporting of the offense until the time an arrest was made and the case presented to the State Attorney's Office. The Sheriff's advocate, at that point, introduces the victim to the State Attorney's advocate, who then assists the victim through the court system. This is truly a wonderful working relationship, and because of the care and concern of the individual advocates, all of the victims are assured the very best in continuity of care. The programs complement each other and thus avoid duplication of services.

It is my pleasure to write in support of the Sheriff's application for VOCA funding. The victims of Indian River County will benefit from both programs being able to continue offering increased levels of service.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. H. Colton".

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February 13, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program. We have had a close working relationship with this program since it was started in 1991. The advocates have been available to our department on a continual basis at anytime we call for their assistance. We are able to call on them for all of our victims, excluding the sexual assault victims, which are handled by the State Attorney's Office Victim Advocate Program.

I support any additional funding through the VOCA grant this program is requesting. It will benefit not only their agency, but also all law enforcement agencies in Indian River County. Therefore, it will extend service to all crime victims in Indian River County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Currey".

David E. Currey  
Chief of Police