

Donna R. Gore, M.A.

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Donna R. Gore's experience in crime victim advocacy began with the 1981 murder of her father. Her personal experience through the judicial system inspires her to reach out to others in similar situations. She continues to transform a negative situation into a positive approach to life through personal consultations with other victims and assists them through their own traumas. She specializes in development of support resources, escorts victims to trials, and educates the public through utilization of several media outlets.

To assist victims, Gore pursues her passion by participation in several victim assistance organizations, including **Survivors of Homicide, Inc.** and the **National Organization of Victim Assistance (NOVA)**. In this capacity, she is able to facilitate support groups as well as perform as the director of fundraisers, sponsor programs, and coordination of events.

Donna R. Gore participates in the creation and proposal of legislation benefitting those with medical health care and disabilities in the State of Connecticut. With over 20 years of clinical experience in diagnosis and treatment of adults with disabilities and eldercare priorities, Gore dedicates herself to the human spirit and the ability to overcome.

She is a highly skilled speech-language pathologist whose focus is on adults with severe cognitive disorders within institutional settings, and is employed as a Human Services Advocate/Case Manager at the Connecticut Services for the Blind. She commits herself to her clients and is resourceful at finding services to meet their needs.

Utilizing her skills, experience and education, she is capable in a position as Project or Program Management in Healthcare, Crime Victim Advocacy, Higher Education, and Government. Donna R. Gore is a noted national speaker and presenter who shares her expertise at conferences and presentations.

Crime Victim Advocacy, Project Management, Legislative Consultant

Survivors of Homicide, Inc.

Board Member and Officer

Facilitator: Support Group for surviving family members of homicide victims

Project Management: Major fund raising events and golf tournaments

Editor/Writer of newsletter

Connecticut Commission on Victim Services

Consultant: "Services to Families of Homicide Survivors" victimization report

Upward Bound Residential Program, San Diego-Imperial Valley

Motivational and educational presenter for the 2009 Summer Residential Program

Execution of multi modality presentation to Imperial Valley/San Diego Upward Bound students. Topic range includes personal experiences of education and job discrimination, discussion of several minority affiliations and tolerance issues. Solicitation of educational materials and domestic need donations as a supporter of program. Voluntary consultant, writer/editor of materials for Program Director.

National Organization of Victim Assistance (NOVA)

Guest Speaker at National Conference

Connecticut National Crime Victims Rights Week

Participation in sponsoring events and rallies at Connecticut State Capitol and other venues annually for National awareness program

PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays)

Board member of Hartford, CT chapter

CUE Center for Missing Persons National Conference

Guest Speaker at National Conference, "Shattered Lives: How to Overcome"

Founder & President, Students for Handicapped Concerns, Kansas State University

Lecturer and Trainer for Numerous in-service Trainings on Speech Language Topics

Legislative Projects

Testimony with Attorney General Blumenthal, February 2007, Real Estate & Insurance Committee; Bill 7055, concerning standardizing definition of "Medical Necessity" and re-assigning decision making power to physicians; invited to Bill Signing by Governor M. Jodi Rell.

Creation and proposal of Legislation; Connecticut General Assembly, October 2002

Legislative Presenter, 2002, 2007 CT General Assembly Legislative Session

Testimony to increase physical therapy insurance coverage to adults with selected chronic disabilities; criteria-based system to prevent premature decrease in mobility and admission to care facilities such as cerebral palsy.

Specialized Training

Completion of "Complaint Officer Position" Exam, April 2008 (Score 93-Passing 70); State of Connecticut, Executive Branch, Office of the Victim Advocate, Outcome: Governor froze all positions prior to hiring.

Completion of First Course on Advanced Victimology taught by Crime Victim Expert, Mario Gabourey, J.D., Ph.D. professor at the University of New Haven.

Training participant sponsored by Parents of Murdered Children Organization (POMC), Greater Boston, MA; Training sessions led by Nancy K. Ruhe, Executive Director, National Offices of POMC.

Media and Communications

Numerous appearances on local television, newspapers and radio to increase public awareness of crime victim issues.

Host of **Shattered Lives**, an internet broadcast radio talk show devoted to featuring crime victims and helpful resources for the listening audience.

Contributor to popular social issue and victim rights oriented sites, Time's Up and Here Women Talk, as well as relative articles for her personal website.

Research and communications assistance for ImaginePublicity, a Social Media Marketing company located in Myrtle Beach, SC since October 2010.