

## IN ADDITION TO THE OFFER OF PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN CRIMINAL TRIALS OPFERHILFE SACHSEN E. V. OFFERS

- professional support for those affected by criminal offenses, their relatives and social environment, witnesses and institutions, who come into contact with victims on a voluntary or professional level
- free of charge, confidentially, anonymously
- regardless of age, gender, nationality, sexual or religious orientation, type of offense and reporting

### SUPPORT BY:

- Psychosocial counseling
- Provision of information
- Witness support / psychosocial support in court
- Public relations / networking

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## Psychosocial support in criminal trials



SUPPORT FOR INJURED AND PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE WITNESSES IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

The association's activities are co-financed by tax revenue on the basis of the budget approved by the members of the saxon state parliament.

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Please contact us first by phone or e-mail to arrange a consultation appointment: [opferhilfe-sachsen.de](mailto:opferhilfe-sachsen.de).

An initial consultation in English can be guaranteed - for all other languages, appointments can only be offered on site with language mediation.



## PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN CRIMINAL TRIALS

is a stabilizing accompaniment throughout the entire criminal proceedings - from the filing to the final judgment. It is provided by socio-educational specialists with criminal law experience. The aim is to reduce individual stress and avoid secondary traumatization. Discussions about the facts of the criminal proceedings are not part of the support.



## FOR WHOM?

Injured persons as witnesses in criminal proceedings, in particular

- children / adolescents as victims of serious violent or sexual offenses and
- particularly vulnerable adult injured persons:
  - after serious violent and sexual offenses
  - with a handicap or mental impairment
  - with serious consequences
  - survivors or co-survivors of homicide
  - as victims of human trafficking

## WHAT IS IT?

- information
  - on the investigation and criminal proceedings
  - about the role of the witness and the questioning of witnesses
  - about the procedures of a court hearing and about ways to protect victims
- strengthening the feeling of safety
- support in coping with individual burdens and fears
- explanation of legal terms and tasks of the parties involved in the proceedings
- information about the possibility of accessory prosecution and, if necessary, referral to specialized lawyers
- accompaniment to criminally relevant interrogations (police, public prosecutor's office, court)
- follow-up of the interrogation situation
- if necessary, referral to further services
- information on compensation for witnesses and help with the application process

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