



**Independence House, Inc.**

*Cape Cod's leading resource,  
counseling and advocacy  
center to address and prevent  
domestic and sexual violence.*

*Promoting safe and healthy relationships.*

## Homicide Survivor Program

A homicide survivor is a person who is affected by the homicide of a family member, close friend, neighbor, schoolmate, or member of the community.

This program recognizes the traumatic impact of homicide on individuals and families and we help survivors to find a path to coping with their pain and eventually rebuild and find a 'new normal.'

Independence House offers individual counseling, advocacy and group counseling for homicide survivors. All of our activities are individualized to each person's unique circumstance.



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**Independence House offers survivor services to individuals affected by a homicide including vehicular homicide.**

### Services include:

- Supportive crisis counseling
- Individual counseling
- Support groups
- Accompaniment to provide emotional support to help navigate the legal system
- Advocacy
- Information and referral

### Independence House services help homicide survivors heal from the loss by:

- Assisting and empowering survivors to return to healthy patterns of thinking, feeling and acting.
- Helping survivors redefine their sense of self by adopting healthy lifestyle changes.
- Increasing awareness of services available to assist in alleviating the impact of the trauma.
- Assistance with victim's compensation

**All services are free and confidential and offered to individuals in Barnstable County at Independence House office locations as well as other safe locations.**

**Independence House operates offices in Hyannis, Falmouth, Orleans and Provincetown.**

### Independence House also offers

- Domestic Violence Services
- Sexual Violence Services
- Child Witness to Violence Services
- SAFEPLAN, Civil Legal Advocacy
- Teen Services
- Prevention and Education Activities
- Safe Home and Housing Services