



## Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs June through September 2005

### I. Committee Updates

- A. **Victim Support Sub-Committee.** [Sandie Pierce, Facilitator] This Sub-Committee is chaired by Barbara McKenzie.

The Victim Support Sub-Committee met twice times during the quarter: June 22 and July 20, 2005. The Victim Services Listing was finalized and copies were ordered in September. Both the Monroe County Sheriff Department and City of Monroe Police

Department have agreed to distribute them through their law officers at the scenes. The order is expected back from the printer (American Speedy Print) by the end of next week. Follow-up is occurring regarding the Century Council grant to produce the Woy-lott story.

A Retail Fraud Impact Panel was held on Friday, July 15, 2005. Eight youth and one parent attended. They heard a message from Prosecutor Bill Nichols regarding the court process and impact on their lives and future. (Through some miscommunication, the retailers who were to present did not attend.) The next step is to meet with the Retailers' Association to request their assistance in collaborating with us to accomplish regularly scheduled panels.

Six people attended the 40-hour mediation training conducted by Ron Brooks and from the Southeast Michigan Dispute Resolution Center on August 11-12, 18-19, and 24 and 26, 2005. The trainees are in the process of completing 10 hours each of observation and will then be able to serve as mediators for the County. The goal is for increased use of mediation in Monroe County. Our goal is for the trainees to participate in victim-offender mediation training.

On September 9, 2005, Cheryl Beck and Sandie Pierce attended the State Victim Services Advisory Committee meeting in Lansing. Information was shared among those present regarding what services are being provided. A challenge for all of the groups is the recruitment / involvement of victims. This has been a challenge for us, as well, and brainstorming will occur over the next several meetings to see how we can get victims involved.