

CRIME SURVIVORS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE PRESENTS

SURVIVORS SPEAK

MICHIGAN | 2023

WHEN SURVIVORS SPEAK, CHANGE HAPPENS

#SurvivorsSpeak



From Healing to Action.

Something special is happening across the state of Michigan.

Dear Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice Leaders,

Thank you for being at the core of the Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice movement!

Since the first Survivors Speak event ten years ago, we have made tremendous progress in our collective efforts to shape public safety. Our movement is growing—we are now more than 180,000 survivor members strong, with local chapters and leaders across the country.

By advocating for policies that reflect what crime survivors want, we have secured more investment in healing, prevention, and rehabilitation—instead of more spending on prisons. Together, we have helped increase the number of Trauma Recovery Centers across the country and have passed historic safety laws.

Our voices are being heard!

This year we are advocating for a series of bills that will improve the health, safety, and well-being of crime survivors and communities across the state by increasing access to and supports within Michigan's victim compensation system, securing funding for Trauma Recovery Centers, and supporting rehabilitation and efforts to reduce recidivism.

On **Thursday, April 27**, more than 200 Michigan crime survivors will travel to the state capitol in Lansing for Survivors Speak Michigan 2023—the second time Michiganders will be participating in this annual event.

Chapter leaders and members like you are essential to expanding our statewide Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice network. Your participation will strengthen local organizing efforts, rally supporters, and enrich the ongoing conversation about what a shared safety approach looks like when crime survivors set policy.

We must continue to grow our reach. Until all of our communities are safe from a cycle of repeated harm, and until all crime survivors have access to healing resources, our work is not done. By centering and focusing on the voices of survivors and turning healing into action, we can build safe and just communities for all.

Thank you, again, for your valuable partnership.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Bordayo

Michigan Statewide Manager



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ABOUT Survivors Speak Michigan 2023

On April 27, hundreds of crime survivors will join state and community leaders in the capital, Lansing. Michigan's first annual Survivors Speak convening will bring crime survivors together from across the state to share stories, honor loved ones, and advocate for smart safety policies.

Survivors Speak Michigan 2023 AT A GLANCE

Survivors Speak Michigan 2023 is more than one event. This year, we will highlight the movement's work and advance our long-term vision of safety and healing for our communities through various actions and events.

ACTION	2023 DATES	WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Digital actions using #SurvivorsSpeak	Ongoing from January - April	Crime survivors from different regions
Chapter Meetings & Advocacy Trainings	January - April	Crime survivors from different regions
Travel to Lansing for Survivors Speak Michigan 2023	April 27	All registered attendees
Welcome Press Conference and Healing Vigil at State Capitol Building	April 27	All registered attendees
Healing Festival & Resource Fair (Lunch Included)	April 27	All registered attendees
State Capitol Advocacy (Inside Building)	April 27	All registered attendees
Buses depart Phoenix to return to local communities	April 27	All registered attendees
Legislative Visits	April 27	Crime survivor leaders from key districts
National Crime Victims' Rights Week	April 23-29	Crime survivors from different regions
CSSJ National Healing Vigil Day of Action – Local Healing Vigil in all chapter regions	April 29	Crime survivors & allies nationwide



ACTION 1: January - April 2023

Social media actions using: #SurvivorsSpeak

Social media is like a giant megaphone, and when survivors speak through it, change happens! Join the growing movement of survivors amplifying their voices via social media. We will supply you with graphics, photos, videos, and social media training. Share your stories, articles, and experiences to let people know who crime survivors are and what we want. Stay tuned to www.cssj.org and our social media platforms for more information.



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ACTION 2: January - April 2023

Chapter Meetings & Advocacy Training

Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice's local chapter events and training are crucial for expanding the movement. Chapter meetings and advocacy workshops from January to April will provide opportunities to connect with local survivor communities, learn more about Survivors Speak Michigan 2023, and participate in free policy advocacy and communications training.

ACTION 3: April 27, 2023

Travel from Near and Far to Lansing

Keeping with the tradition of other power movements, attendees are boarding buses from their respective regions and traveling together to the state capitol in Phoenix.

ACTION 4: April 27, 2023

Welcome Press Conference & Healing Vigil | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Michigan State Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd St Lansing IL 62701

Our convening will start with a Welcome Press Conference in front of the Michigan State Capitol Building, followed by a powerful Healing Vigil. We will be joined by crime survivors, community leaders, legislators, and the media.

ACTION 5: April 27, 2023

Healing Festival & Resource Fair | 12:00 PM - 2:20 PM

The Survivors Speak Michigan Healing Festival offers resources and activities for healing and wellness. Crime survivors and community leaders can take advantage of healing activities such as counseling support, yoga, meditation, art therapy, Indigenous smudging tent, dance, and chair massages. We will have resources available on victim services, victim compensation, and other community services. Lunch will be provided to all attendees.

At 2:20 PM, attendees will depart for home.

Join Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice and be part of the movement.

Across the country, people are beginning to hear the voices of those who are most harmed by crime but, often, the least helped. Some have courageously and generously shared their survivor stories as part of our healing journeys. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to members of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice.

Learn more about our work and watch videos at WWW.CSSJ.ORG

Thank you for your time and dedication.

We look forward to seeing you at Survivors Speak Michigan 2023!

Please expect emails with tips and travel information, soon.

