

NAVIGATING THE LEGAL SYSTEM CAN BE TOUGH. BUT JCADA CAN HELP!

Individuals can receive JCADA's legal services in addition to - or separately from - JCADA's clinical services. These services are offered **free of charge** and given to all residents of the Greater Washington DC community 14 years of age and older without regard to race, national origin, ability, background, faith, gender or sexual orientation.

To get more information or speak with a member of the JCADA Legal Staff, call 1-877-88-JCADA (52232) or email legal@jcada.org.

DIRECT LEGAL SERVICES

JCADA is able to provide victims of power-based violence direct legal representation in the following instances:

- Protective Orders*
- Peace Orders
- Crime Victims' Rights

Protective and peace orders are civil restraining orders. Depending on your relationship with the abuser, you may also be entitled to other relief such as emergency family maintenance, temporary custody of children, or possession of a home. If you are unsure if you qualify for an order, JCADA's Legal Program Staff is available to answer your questions and guide you through the process.

Crime victims' rights are specific rights that are protected under the constitutions of Maryland and Virginia, and the statutes of the District of Columbia. Crime victims' rights include the right to be treated with fairness and dignity, the right to have your interests as a victim considered in a criminal case, the right to seek restitution, and the right to deliver a victim impact statement, among others. These rights do differ based on jurisdiction, but JCADA's Legal Program Staff is available to walk you through the process and ensure your unique rights are protected regardless of where your case is taking place.

LEGAL ACCESS: INFORMATION AND REFERRALS**

JCADA recognizes that power-based violence can affect many areas of a victim's life, including family law, disability benefits, bankruptcy, tax status, immigration status, and more. In these cases, JCADA works to empower victims by:

- Providing legal information, education, and resources;
- Referring individuals to legal services or an attorney who may be able to offer free consultations, pro-bono or low-bono assistance, depending on the case and the individual's income;
- Hosting legal seminars for victims and the community on a variety of topics relating to power-based violence.

**Language is not the same in different jurisdictions, but the ability to get a civil restraining order is available in each jurisdiction.*

***NOTE: JCADA is not able to provide representation except as described above. JCADA is not able to guarantee representation to any one person, but will try to refer you to an appropriate attorney.*

