

CRIME SURVIVORS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE PRESENTS

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# SPEAK

FLORIDA | 2023

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Dear Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice Leaders,

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

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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.

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Sincerely,

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## ABOUT Survivors Speak Florida 2023

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## Survivors Speak Florida 2023 AT A GLANCE

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### **ACTION 1: January - April 2023**

#### **Social media actions using: #SurvivorsSpeak**

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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](http://www.cssj.org) and our social media platforms for more information.



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### **ACTION 2: January - March 2023**

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#### **Travel from Near and Far to Tallahassee**

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

### **ACTION 4: March 21, 2023**

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

**Location: Florida State Capitol Building 4th Floor Rotunda, 400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399**

Our convening will start with a Welcome Press Conference on the 4th Floor Rotunda in the Florida Statehouse, followed by a powerful Healing Vigil. We will be joined by crime survivors, community leaders, legislators, and the media.

### **ACTION 5: March 21, 2023**

#### **Healing Festival & Resource Fair | 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

The Survivors Speak Florida 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 2:30 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](http://WWW.CSSJ.ORG)

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