

PARTNERSHIP WITH LOUISIANA VICTIMS OUTREACH

The ACLU of Louisiana understands that the harm inflicted by racist policing and misconduct is not merely physical and it does not end after the incident. Survivors of police misconduct may suffer from the effects of such a traumatic event for years, and seeking justice often requires reliving that trauma.¹ **The ACLU of Louisiana seeks to provide directly-impacted people with resources to help cope with both the emotional burden of the initial encounter and continued interaction with the legal system.**

To best serve the needs of the community, ACLU of Louisiana has partnered with the Louisiana Victims Outreach Program (LAVO), an organization that seeks to address the needs of victims of violent crime as they navigate the criminal legal system. LAVO provides an array of free services that aim to inform victims about the criminal legal system, facilitate healing on an individual level, and build a supportive community of victims, advocates, and service providers.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

Any person who has been directly impacted by police violence is eligible to partake in the program.

HOW CAN I RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROGRAM?

Additional information about the services that LAVO provides can be found at their [website](#), and on the attached fact sheet.

For any additional information regarding Justice Lab's partnership specifically, please visit our [website](#), call us at **504-350-0100**, or e-mail justicelab@laaclu.org.

SERVICES THAT LAVO PROVIDES INCLUDE:

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Healing activities like meditation and expressive art
- Educational resources about the criminal legal system
- Referrals to additional resources

¹ Lena J. Jaggi, et al., *The Relationship between Trauma, Arrest, and Incarceration History among Black Americans: Findings from the National Survey of American Life*, 6(3) *Society and Mental Health* 187 (Nov. 2016)