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Supporting Survivors Summit

October 23, 2026



The Start Anew Clinic



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The Start Anew Project provides survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual abuse with the opportunity to move forward and begin again.



THE START ANEW CLINIC: SERVICE MODEL



The Start Anew Project holds one-day clinics offering services designed to promote financial and job stability across the country.



The goal is to connect survivors with service providers who can meet their immediate needs and help them move forward.



The clinics also provide opportunities to strengthen ties within the nonprofit community to facilitate warm hand-offs in the future.

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THE START ANEW CLINIC: LOCATIONS

- 2024: 5 Clinics
- 2025: 12 Clinics
- 2026: 12 U.S. Clinics & London Clinic

Atlanta	Boston	Chicago	Columbus
Dallas	Houston	Los Angeles	Minneapolis
New York	Pittsburgh	Tampa	Washington, D.C.

THE START ANEW CLINIC: CORE COMPETENCIES OF PITTSBURGH

Housing Resources

Financial Literacy

Mental Health and Wellness

Workforce Development

Legal Assistance

THE START ANEW CLINIC: PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE



9:30 am - 10:00 am	**Registration | Light Breakfast Available**
10:00 am - 10:20 am	**Welcome and Overview**
10:25 am - 10:55 am	**How to Find a Job: Keys to Effective Resumes and Interviews** Presented by CareerLink and PA Women Work
11:00 am - 11:30 am	**Housing Resources and Best Practices** Presented by The Salvation Army Light Project
11:35 am - 12:05 pm	**Managing Your Money, Credit, and Debt** Presented by the Allegheny County Financial Empowerment Center
12:05 pm - 12:15 pm	**Break to Pick Up Boxed Lunches**
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	**Clearing a Criminal Record: Vacatur, Sealing, and Expungement** Presented by The Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Neighborhood Legal Services, and The Allegheny County Public Defender's Office
12:50 pm - 1:05 pm	**Now That You're Employed: What Are Your Rights?** Presented by Justice At Work
1:05 pm - 3:00 pm	**Individual Consultations Available** Professionals from the presenting organizations, as well as pro bono legal service providers, will be available on-site to meet with interested attendees on an individual basis.

THE START ANEW CLINIC: IMPACT

- Pittsburgh (2025)
  - 28 survivors
  - 21 nonprofit organizations
  - 80+ volunteers

- Nationwide (2025)
  - 457 survivors
  - 150 nonprofit organizations
  - 900+ volunteers

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: BACKGROUND

- Under federal law, “child pornography” is defined as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor.
- Federal law prohibits production, distribution, importation, receipt, or possession of child pornography.
- Outside of the legal system, such files are often referred to as “CSAM,” which stands for child sexual abuse material.

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: BACKGROUND

- Under the Mandatory Restitution for Sexual Exploitation of Children Act, CSAM survivors may seek restitution payments from criminal defendants who possess their images.
- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (“NCMEC”) has found that survivors suffer re-victimization each time the images of their abuse are viewed.
- Seeking restitution allows survivors to recover from the continuing harms caused by the sharing of CSAM.

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: 18 U.S.C. § 2259(B)(2)

Restitution for trafficking in child pornography.— If the defendant was convicted of trafficking in child pornography, the court **shall order restitution** under this section in an amount to be determined by the court as follows:

(A) Determining the full amount of a victim's losses.—

The court shall determine **the full amount of the victim's losses** that were incurred or are reasonably projected to be incurred by the victim as a result of the trafficking in child pornography depicting the victim.

(B) Determining a restitution amount.—

After completing the determination required under subparagraph (A), the court shall order restitution in an amount that reflects the defendant's relative role in the causal process that underlies the victim's losses, but which is **no less than $3,000.**

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: 18 U.S.C. § 2259(C)(2)

Full amount of the victim's losses.—For purposes of this subsection, the term "full amount of the victim's losses" includes any costs incurred, or that are reasonably projected to be incurred in the future, by the victim, as a proximate result of the offenses involving the victim, and in the case of trafficking in child pornography offenses, as a proximate result of all trafficking in child pornography offenses involving the same victim, including—

(A) medical services relating to physical, psychiatric, or psychological care;

(B) physical and occupational therapy or rehabilitation;

(C) necessary transportation, temporary housing, and child care expenses;

(D) lost income;

(E) reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as other costs incurred; and

(F) any other relevant losses incurred by the victim.

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: 18 U.S.C. § 2259(B)(4)

Order mandatory.—

(A) The issuance of a restitution order under this section is **mandatory.**

(B) A court may not decline to issue an order under this section because of—

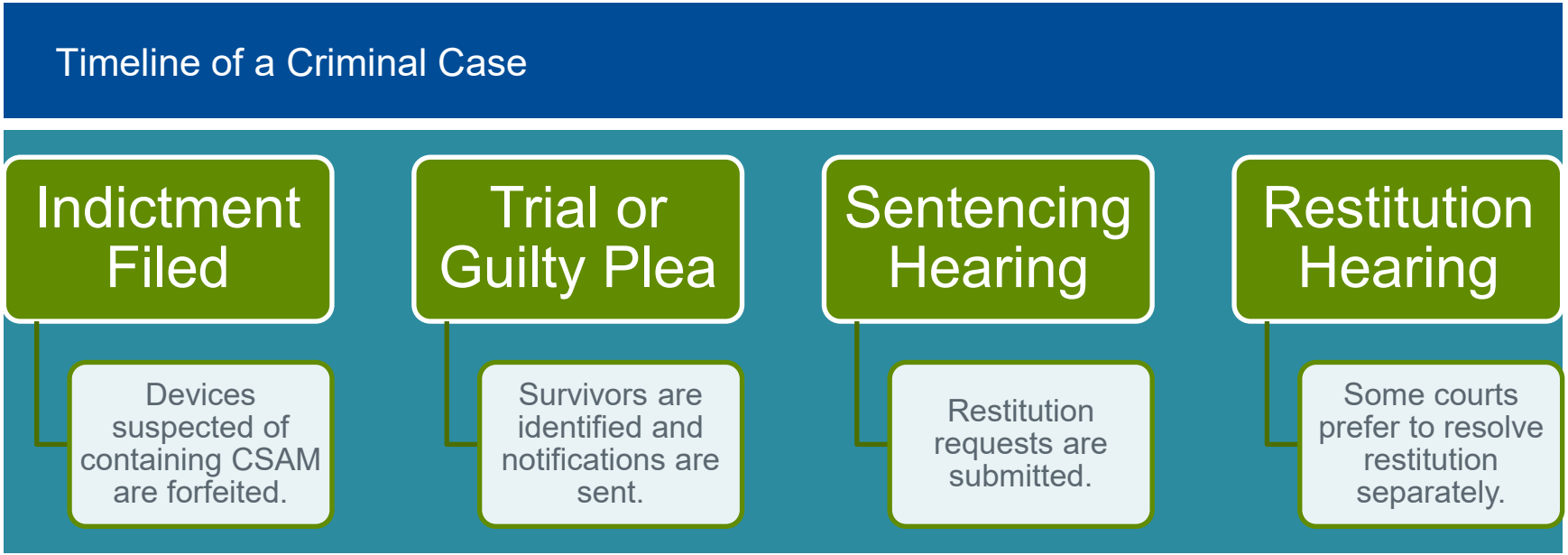
(i) the economic circumstances of the defendant; or

(ii) the fact that a victim has, or is entitled to, receive compensation for his or her injuries from the proceeds of insurance or any other source.

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: SURVIVOR IDENTIFICATION

- NCMEC is the leading nonprofit organization and the nation's congressionally designated clearinghouse for missing-and-exploited-children issues.
- Through the Child Victim Identification Program, NCMEC helps to identify child survivors and verify when CSAM images of an identified survivor are distributed so that the survivors and their legal counsel have the necessary information to pursue restitution.
- Since the program's inception in 2002, NCMEC has identified more than 19,100 children.
- Survivors and their legal counsel receive information on federal criminal cases involving their CSAM images through the Department of Justice's Victim Notification System.

RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: TIMING OF THE REQUEST



RESTITUTION FOR CSAM SURVIVORS: ELEMENTS OF THE REQUEST

Requested Amount	• For conduct charged after December 2018, Congress has set $3,000 as the minimum amount.
Victim Impact Statement	• This is the opportunity for the survivor to share their story, in their own words, with the Court, the prosecutor, and the criminal defendant.
Supporting Documentation	• These documents support the survivors' losses and can include expert psychological evaluations to quantify lifetime losses.

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