

Boone County

Attorney Resource & Education Center

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Navigating the legal process can be daunting for even the most experienced. The mission of the Boone County Attorney's Office is to provide experienced, compassionate service to the community to address these complexities in the process. In furtherance of its mission, the Boone County Attorney's Office has launched the County Attorney Resource & Education Center (the "CARE Center").

The **CARE Center** is a free service to the community, to better serve and provide guidance to those who need it most. Located in rooms 228 and 229 of the Boone County Justice Center, the **CARE Center** is open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday. The center prioritizes victim's services and operates as a point of first contact for those seeking assistance from the justice system.*

Since launching last fall, the **CARE Center** has served numerous residents in violent situations by providing information regarding Emergency Protective Orders. If granted by the Court, these orders can provide protection against further violence and allow law enforcement to intervene in abusive situations.

While the **CARE Center** primarily serves victims of domestic and interpersonal violence, advocates in the **CARE Center** are ready to guide citizens through the legal process for numerous issues. Advocates can help with Emergency Custody Orders, Guardianship petitions, Casey's Law petitions for involuntary drug treatment, and Mental Health petitions for involuntary mental health treatment. Visitors to the **CARE Center** can speak to a victim's advocate who will provide personalized assistance and identify resources which may prove beneficial.

The **CARE Center** is a collaborative effort between the Boone County Attorney's Office, the Boone County Circuit Court



Victims advocate Shelby Looper



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Clerk's Office, and the Ion Center, a nonprofit that provides services to victims of personal violence.

For more information regarding the CARE Center, please contact the Boone County Attorney's Office at 859-334-3200 or email slooper@boonecountky.org. For more information about the Boone County Circuit Court Clerk, please call 859-448-2900. For more information about the Ion Center, please call (859) 491-3335.

*If a victim is in immediate danger, call 911. If a victim is not in immediate danger, he/she should take urgent action by visiting the Boone County Circuit Court Clerk, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, 1st floor of the Boone County Justice Center, to file for a protective order. For after-hours non-emergencies, victims should call law enforcement immediately.