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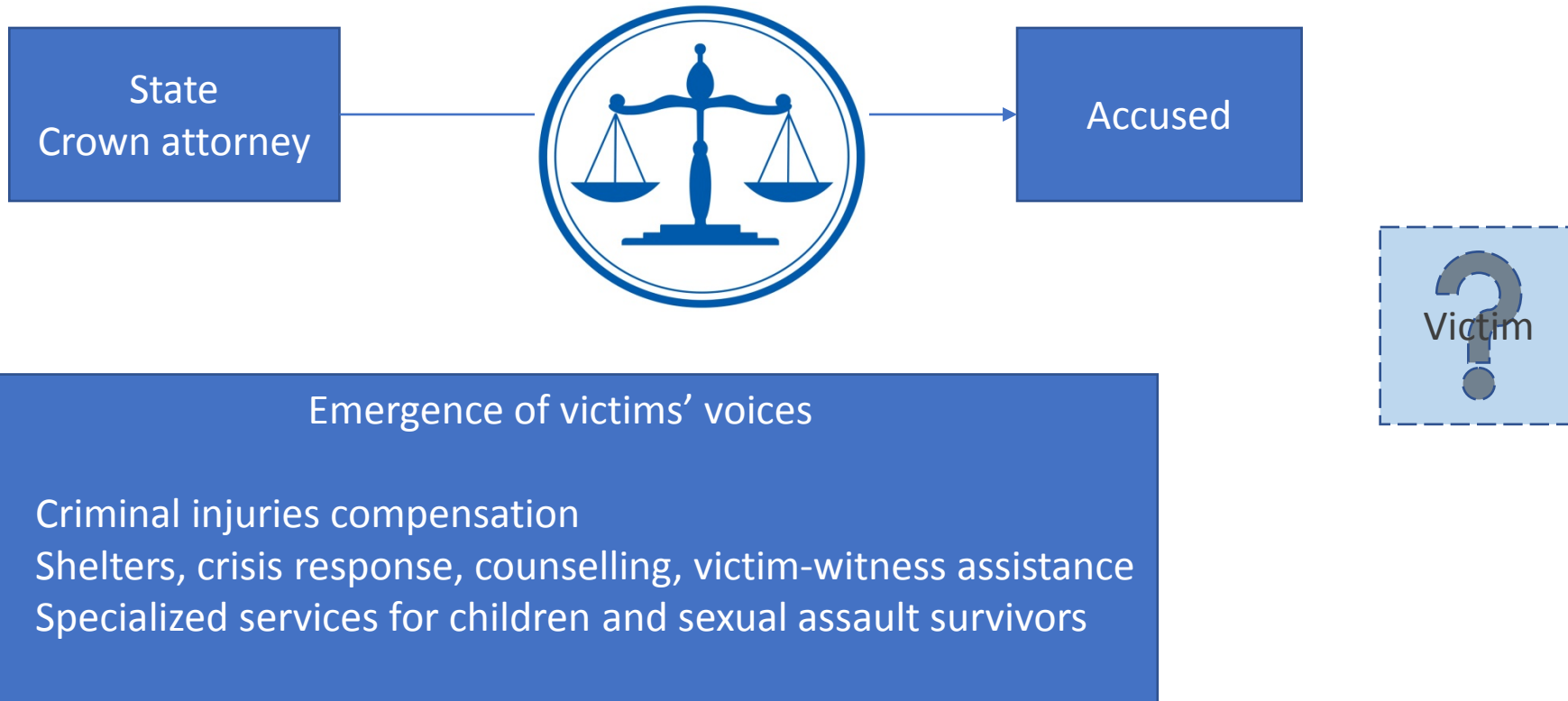
Information for Victims of Crime

Victims of Crime



Refuse
To Be A Victim.®

Role of the victim in the Criminal Justice System



Issues

- **Indigenous and certain racialized minorities less likely to report crime**
- **Some crimes less likely to be reported**
- **Interests of victims may not be the same as those of CJS**
- **Risk of re-victimization**
- **CJS needs support of victims**



THERE ARE 460,000 SEXUAL ASSAULTS in Canada every year



Source: Johnson, "Limits of a Criminal Justice Response: Trends in Police and Court Processing of Sexual Assault," in Sheehy, *Sexual Assault in Canada: Law, Legal Practice and Women's Activism*, 2012.

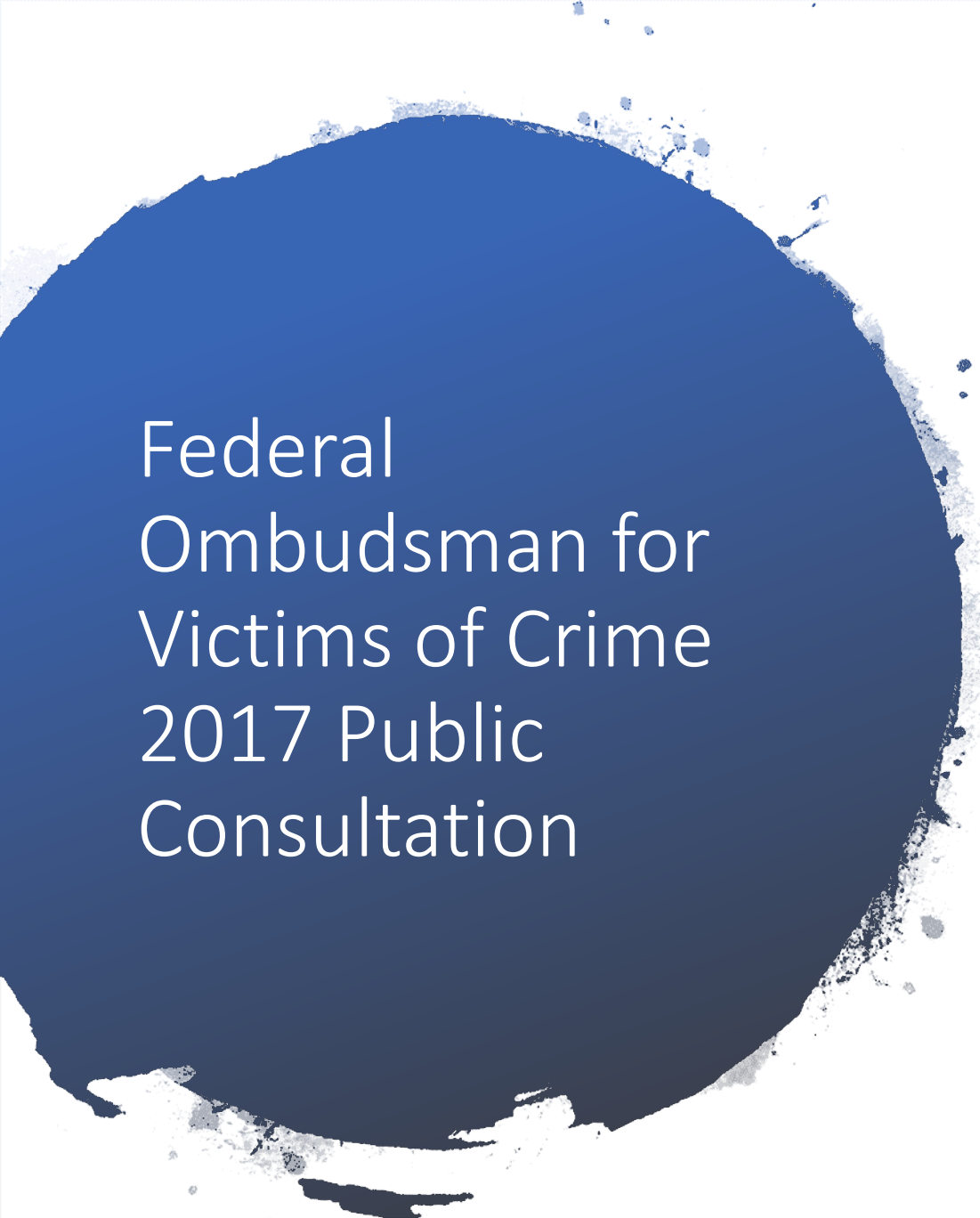


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Lack of trust

CJS designed to meet its own needs, not those of victims

Too complicated

Not enough resources to support victims

Insufficient emphasis on prevention

“Victims are attached in a permanent way to a system that is about **harm** and the person who harmed them – a system that is **not about recovery** and what supports they need. The current system is not about finding ways for victims to **move forward with their lives.**”

What do
victims want?



Safety



Access



Information



Support



Continuity



Voice

Canadian Victims Bill of Rights (2015)

Right to:

- Information
- Protection
- Participation
- Restitution

Concerns and limitations

Introduction of speakers

Halifax Regional Police
Dolly Mosher

RCMP
Julia Rustad

Provincial Victim Services
Dana Bowden

Parole Board of Canada
Daniel Saulnier

Correctional Service Canada
Ginette Gautreau-Leger