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Liam T. Lowney
Executive Director

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Liam T. Lowney began working in the field of Victim Services in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in 1998 as a Victim Witness Advocate advocating for the rights and services for individual crime victims. In January of 2007, Liam was appointed as the Chief of Victim and Witness Services by the Massachusetts Attorney General overseeing the office's services to crime victims and the Massachusetts Victim Compensation Program.

Throughout his career Liam has advocated for policy changes that impact crime victims including gun safety legislation, updates to the victim compensation and assistance statute, and Massachusetts' first Human Trafficking Law. Upon passage of the Human Trafficking law the Attorney General appointed Liam as the Director of the Human Trafficking Interagency Task Force where he led efforts to meet the needs of survivors.

In September 2012, Liam was appointed by the Victim and Witness Assistance Board to lead the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) as the Executive Director. In this role he leads the state agency's administration of state and federal funding, training for service professionals, and policy efforts on behalf of crime victims. In April 2013, he led MOVA's response to the needs of those impacted by the Boston Marathon Bombings and surrounding events.

In 1994, Liam's sister Shannon Lowney was murdered while working at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Brookline, MA. Since that time, Liam has served as a survivor advocate and spokesman to addressing violence, training professionals and empowering survivors.