Guiding Principles of Parallel Justice

- Justice requires helping victims of crime rebuild their lives.
- All victims deserve justice.
- All victims should be presumed credible unless there is reason to believe otherwise.
- Victims’ safety should be a top priority.
- Victims should experience no further harm.
- Victims’ rights should be implemented and enforced.
- Victims should have opportunities to talk about their experiences and their needs.
- Victims should be told that what happened to them was wrong, and that every effort will be made to help them rebuild their lives.
- Victims’ needs should be addressed through a comprehensive, coordinated communal response.
- Decisions about how to address victims’ needs should be based on sound information and research.