**Faith-based Model 6**

**Mother Emanuel Empowerment Center**

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**About Them:**

The June 17, 2015, massacre at the Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. had a profound effect on the families of those who were killed, witnesses and survivors, the Mother Emanuel congregation, and many others. Nine partner organizations received funding from a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime designed to address the needs of those affected by this tragic event by providing a broad range of information and services. This website describes the project, the services it provides, and the organizations that are providing these services. The website also includes information that is useful to the broader community as well as those who have been directly affected by this tragedy.

Nine community partners provide grant-funded services in the Mother Emanuel Community Resiliency Project. These partners are in no particular order, as each is essential to the project. Below is a brief description of each community partner and key staff on the project at each site. For more information on each community partner, please visit their individual websites. In addition to these nine grant-funded partners, there are several other collaborating agencies that also provide valuable services.

Community Partners that Provide Grant-Funded Services

* [National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center (NCVC)](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#ncvc)
* [Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#ame)
* [City of Charleston Police Department](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#police)
* [Charleston County Coroner’s Office](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#coroner)
* [Charleston County Clerk of Court](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#clerk)
* [Charleston County Sheriff’s Office](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#sheriff)
* [The Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#solicitor)
* [Charleston-Dorchester Mental Health Center (CDMHC)](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#cdmhc)
* [Berkeley Community Mental Health Center (BCMHC)](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#bcmhc)

Other Community Partners

* [US Attorney’s Office – South Carolina District](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#attorney)
* [FBI Office of Victim Assistance](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#fbi)
* [South Carolina Office of Victim Assistance](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#victim)
* [South Carolina Department of Public Safety](http://motheremanuelsupport.org/partners.html#safety)

**Their Mission:**

The primary mission of the Mother Emanuel Community Resiliency Project is to provide access to specialized services for those who were directly affected by the Mother Emanuel AME Church Massacre.

A secondary mission is to provide helpful information to those who were indirectly affected by this tragedy as well as to the community at large.

**Who We Serve:**  
Many of the specialized services we provide are limited to direct victims of the Mother Emanuel AME Church Massacre who include:

* Family members of those who were killed
* Surviving witnesses and their family members
* Members of the Mother Emanuel AME church congregation

However, the informational services provided in this website are free to anyone in the community.

**Upcoming Events:**

Check out this website for most current opportunities.

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