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# 2023 Crime Victims’ Rights Rally & Summit

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Contact [Melany.Nelson@phila.gov](mailto:Melany.Nelson@phila.gov) to reserve a free exhibit table – a limited number are available.

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# National Crime Victims Right Week Theme Videos

Use the 2023 NCVRW theme videos during NCVRW and throughout the year at public awareness, education, and training events in local communities to promote and advance the cause of justice for victims of crime.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/ncvrw2023/theme-videos?utm_campaign=ncvrw2023&utm_content=theme_videos_release&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to view.

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# PCCD Fiscal Training Video

This video was developed by the Office of Financial Management and Administration (OFMA) and offers tips for successfully managing grants and covers some frequently asked questions.

Please click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs2UqPM4n4U&feature=youtu.be) to view.

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# Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Stakeholder Feedback Survey

In June 2022, the federal Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 was enacted. The law included a number of provisions designed to address gun violence and improve responses to behavioral health crises, as well as authorized new funding streams.

The [**Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)**](https://prdpccd.pwpca.pa.gov/criminaljustice/GunViolence/Pages/Byrne-State-Crisis-Intervention-Program-(SCIP).aspx) was among those funding streams and provides formula funds to State Administering Agencies (SAAs) to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives.

As part of planning efforts, PCCD is interested in hearing from stakeholders to seek their input on issues related to gun violence, behavioral health, and crisis response.

To that end, PCCD has developed the [***Pennsylvania 2022-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program - Stakeholder Feedback Survey***](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ByrneSCIPFeedback). The survey is confidential. PCCD welcomes feedback from all stakeholders and intends to use the aggregate results of this survey to inform the work of the SCIP Advisory Board as they develop a program funding plan for use of SCIP funds.

The SCIP stakeholder feedback survey can be completed by accessing the link below:

[**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ByrneSCIPFeedback**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ByrneSCIPFeedback)

**Please provide responses to this short, confidential survey on or before Friday, May 5, 2023.** Please also feel free to forward this communication to any individuals or organizations you think would be interested in providing feedback.

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# RASA/VOJO In-Person Meetings

The Office of Victims Services (OVS) is excited to announce it will be hosting three (3) in-person regional meetings to discuss various topics related to RASA/VOJO funding. This will be a great opportunity to identify specific questions or topics you would like to learn more about, meet OVS staff, and network with other RASA/VOJO advocates. The meetings will be at these three (3) locations:

* Dauphin County – PCCD, 3101 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110   **May 12, 2023  10am – 1pm**
* Armstrong County – Belmont Complex, 415 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201 **June 9, 2023, 10am – 1pm**
* Montgomery County – Women’s Center of Montgomery County, 2506 North Board Street, Suite 203, Colmar, PA 18915-9439   **June 23, 2023, 10am – 1pm**

In order to register for a meeting, please click on the link below. Registration will be open until Friday, April 21, 2023. If you have any questions regarding the registration, please contact Maria Katulis at [mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:mkatulis@pa.gov).

[RASA/VOJO In-Person Meeting Registration](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQSgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3qqhfxc0L8dJr_W0QDKxno5UOUQ5TEZYQVBFU0Y1VTg3WDIyQ0JNSzZRMi4u)

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# Quarterly RASA/VOJO Program Reports Due April 20, 2023!

Important Message For All RASA and VOJO Programs - Quarterly Program Reports for the 2023-2024 RASA/VOJO Funding Cycle will cover the time period from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 and should be submitted in Egrants by no later than Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**IMPORTANT!  ONLY FOR THE FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORT OF EACH GRANT YEAR, ALL RASA AND VOJO VICTIMS SERVED ARE CONSIDERED NEW.**

**REMINDERS:**

Please select “No” when asked to make the report a Final Program Report.

You do not need to enter anything in the “Briefly List Activities Conducted During This Period” Section on the main page of the report.  You may simply enter “Not Applicable” in this section on the main page of the report and save it.

**It is very important to submit your program report in Egrants by the due date of April 20, 2023**. PCCD applies a risk level to each sub-grantee. One of the factors that impacts an agency’s risk level is delinquent quarterly reports. RASA and VOJO Reports submitted later than April 20, 2023 may adversely impact the agency’s risk level.  If, for any reason, you are unable to enter your report data and submit the report by the due date, please contact our office to let us know so we may instruct you on how to proceed in order to avoid your report being delinquent.

If you should have any questions or need assistance completing your quarterly program reports, please contact Maria Katulis at [mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:Mkatulis@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8741, or Heather Cureau at [hcureau@pa.gov](mailto:hcureau@pa.gov)  or (717) 265-8712.

Quarterly fiscal reports for RASA and VOJO grants will also be due in Egrants by April 20, 2023.  If you have any fiscal report questions, please contact the fiscal staff person listed on your grant for assistance.

If you need technical assistance with Egrants, you may contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887 or [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).

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# 2023 Pathfinder Awards Nominations Now Open!

Nominations for the 2023 Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards is now open!  Submitting a nomination is a great way to show respect and appreciation for the efforts made by our very own victim service advocates and allied professionals!

To submit a nomination, please use this link [2023 Governor's Pathfinder Award Nomination Form (office.com)](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQSgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3qqhfxc0L8dJr_W0QDKxno5UNFJTTUpSREdJVFFXV04ySFVVWlhVWjBRQy4u) to access the on line nomination form and  then email the additional required documents to [RA-CD-PATHFINDER@pa.gov](mailto:RA-CD-PATHFINDER@pa.gov).  Please review the [Pathfinder Criteria & Eligibility document](https://prdpccd.pwpca.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/Pathfinder%202023%20Criteria%20%20Eligibility.pdf) to determine the suitability of your potential nominee and examine the nomination requirements.

Deadline to submit nominations is Friday, April 28, 2023.  More information can be found on our website at  [Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards](https://prdpccd.pwpca.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/Governor's-Victim-Service-Pathfinder-Awards.aspx)

***2023 Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards will be presented at a special luncheon on Thursday, November 30th at the Pathways For Victims Services Conference.***

Pathfinder Award categories include:

* Survivor Activist Award – Those who have survived being a victim and have channeled that experience to make an impact within victim services.
* Outstanding Student Activist Award – Many students volunteer within their community and are dedicated to helping victims. Show them how much we appreciate their activism!
* Allied Professional Award – Look at the other individuals in your community that work as your partner to help crime victims.  Examples may include the police officer, district attorney or health care professional that goes above and beyond in the service to victims
* Individual Direct Services Award – To the person who simply believes they are just doing their job, but you know they are doing so much more. A counselor, advocate, victim/witness coordinator, etc. These are the professionals that touch the lives of victims daily and go out of their way to help assist and/or empower those in need.
* Individual Prevention, Education and Outreach Award – The victim service professional that has developed and provided educational programming with enthusiasm for meeting the needs of victims.
* Community Services Award – Given to a nominee that has made a visible contribution and impact upon victim services in their Pennsylvania community.
* Individual Organizational Capacity Building Award – To the individual at an organization that is committed to enhancing the capacity of their agency to better serve victims in their community.

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# Pediatric Trauma Surgeon Urges Public Health Focus On Gun Deaths

[Dr. Sathya](https://www.northwell.edu/chethan-sathya-md) is a powerful voice and advocate for firearm injury prevention. His role as a pediatric trauma surgeon in Chicago and New York has exposed him to the dramatic results of gun violence, which has fueled his passion to find solutions to the national issue.

Please click [here](https://www.vox.com/23662072/children-guns-mass-shootings-covenant) to read.

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# SurvivorSpace

SurvivorSpace is a new technology-based resource informed by survivors, for survivors. It offers a safe space where adult survivors and those who care about them can learn about child sexual abuse; focus on self-care and resiliency; view and read survivor stories; explore information about civil litigation; access national and institution-based resources; and connect with others to discuss a wide range of topics.

Please click [here](https://survivorspace.org/) to access.

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# Gun Violence Settlements Become Common As Policy Debate Goes On

As families of gun violence victims have been unable to get much new gun control, they are successful in court. Victims of the 2017 Sutherland Springs, Tx., shooting settled with the Department of Justice for $144.5 million on Wednesday. It was the latest multimillion-dollar settlement for families as mass shootings are increasing.

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/gun-violence-settlements-become-common-as-reform-debate-goes-on) to read.

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# One In Five Americans Have Been Personally Threatened With A Gun

According to a recent poll experiences with gun-related incidents are common among U.S. adults.

Please click [here](https://www.kff.org/other/poll-finding/americans-experiences-with-gun-related-violence-injuries-and-deaths/) to read.

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# MenCanStopViolence

“That Guy” was adapted by Futures Without Violence with support from the Allstate Foundation, Waitt Institute for Violence Prevention, and Kinder World Foundation. The PSA was originally developed by Police Scotland to engage men in helping to reduce rape, sexual assault, and harassment through frank conversations about male sexual entitlement and unhealthy masculinity.

Please click [here](https://mencanstopviolence.org/) to view.

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# Sexual Assault Awareness And Prevention Month Proclamation

The White House proclamation for the 2023 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month can be found [here](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/03/31/a-proclamation-on-national-sexual-assault-awareness-and-prevention-month-2023/).

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# National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

The White House proclamation for 2023 National Child Abuse Prevention Month can be found here.

Please click [here](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/03/31/a-proclamation-on-national-child-abuse-prevention-month-2023/#:~:text=A%20Proclamation%20on%20National%20Child%20Abuse%20Prevention%20Month%2C%202023,-Home&text=During%20National%20Child%20Abuse%20Prevention,your%20safety%20and%20well-being.) to read.

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# Female Murder Victims And Victim-Offender Relationship

This *Just the Stats* report presents findings on murder victims by victim sex and the relationship of the victim to the alleged offender. Estimates in the report are derived from data submitted by law enforcement agencies to the FBI’s National Incident-Based Reporting System in 2021

Please click [here](https://bjs.ojp.gov/female-murder-victims-and-victim-offender-relationship-2021?utm_content=default&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to read.

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# Emergency Department Visits Related To Mental Health Disorders Among Adults, By Race And Hispanic Ethnicity

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black Americans are nearly twice as likely as white Americans to go to hospital emergency departments for mental health care.

Please click [here](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr181.pdf) to read.

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# Substantiated Incidents of Sexual Victimization Reported by Juvenile Justice Authorities

Administrators in state juvenile systems and locally and privately operated juvenile facilities reported 1,263 substantiated incidents of sexual victimization perpetrated by youth and 499 perpetrated by staff over a six-year period of 2013–18.

Please click [here](https://bjs.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh236/files/media/document/sisvrjja1318.pdf) to read.

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# Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary & Trends Report: 2011-2021

The Centers for Disease Control recently released this report, which provides key 2021 and trend data on health behaviors and experiences among high school students in the United States.

Please click [here](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/yrbs_data_summary_and_trends.htm) to read.

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# National Crime Victims’ Rights Week

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This year, the [**Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)’s official NCVRW theme**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TwAR8u2YtZ5pNqUHd1yXqCCllNPFsV70GQTw9_m7NZPDDDIxV3W7c-pMZ3GlFv_I6aWTqFh4ALHL40MMeynoTt33FqT1eIeuhJlqGMsL-AZC1Yf-HSvimBGSAdMBgpMKbAcAaB8DNTgXR0h1qLQdoaj2RBo94d2ySRWC362bsdr3XQZ7TM3iy_MEOZ4iyXqGUKzp887plLQVTYG9tzbbnoiHKal6JJl3MZzRKFQA1bI=&c=89YIx-ZeqjGCP2nhfNIdhq0w4N_KmVr2ydejdwLeNn20Zyoil2rseA==&ch=4XRq9pL9Tfzff7jRNp6UqqYqWdiqM-XSPHqrvx3hOGmqveBZMUBFGg==) is [Survivor Voices: **Elevate. Engage. Effect Change**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001TwAR8u2YtZ5pNqUHd1yXqCCllNPFsV70GQTw9_m7NZPDDDIxV3W7c3deIkBsF_1IoHq4kbd1HIxMaRgFkQ30Og-hv_nHVQoQtE_oG99ikDQrLyLWHTLTb9-cB4sQr3xCIPk7QcRIev5JE8faI_GEfGUKw0tk0WCXrRrmMxyv-L4cUKRNzH9ekv__fwaHbK5_rsRx61mQQTBpI83PLTY0hw==&c=89YIx-ZeqjGCP2nhfNIdhq0w4N_KmVr2ydejdwLeNn20Zyoil2rseA==&ch=4XRq9pL9Tfzff7jRNp6UqqYqWdiqM-XSPHqrvx3hOGmqveBZMUBFGg==). This theme calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and create environments where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

Please click [here](https://www.trynova.org/ncvrw/) to view.

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# Supporting Survivors In Achieving Permanent, Safe, Accessible, And Affordable Housing

**Thursday, April 20, 2023, 02:00PM**

We are in one of the worst housing crises since the Great Depression. Across the country, housing inventory is low; development has not kept up with need; interest rates are high; and many rental units are unaffordable. Lavon Morris-Grant, Director of Community Engagement at NRCDV, and Andrea Miller, Housing Director at the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence, will have a candid conversation on the development of accessible, permanent, affordable, and safe housing for survivors of domestic and sexual violence during this webinar. They will present realistic strategies and outcomes from program implementation across the state of Kentucky.

Please click [here](https://vawnet.org/events/supporting-survivors-achieving-permanent-safe-accessible-and-affordable-housing) to register.

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# Sexual Assault Lunch & Learn Series

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| |  | | --- | | https://d31hzlhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20230214/03/2f/c0/10/97b4145353ae90df3371a4d9_626x626.jpg |  Sexual Assault Lunch & Learn Series These modules are designed to provide information and support for survivors of sexual assault. Survivors are welcome to register for all sessions or for individual sessions. Materials will be provided by mail, and a mailing address is requested at the time of registration.   Questions can be directed to 1-800-563-6399 or [RA-OVAinfo@pa.gov](mailto:mailto:RA-OVAinfo@pa.gov?subject=SA%20Lunch%20%26%20Learn%20Inquiry).   Please share this information with survivors in our area.  **Module 1: Understanding Sexual Assault Trials April 19 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm** [More info and registration here](https://t.e2ma.net/click/cg21sg/ss6d4z4/gnqcot).   **Module 2: Empowerment- a pathway to healing May 11 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm** [More info and registration here](https://t.e2ma.net/click/cg21sg/ss6d4z4/wfrcot). |

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# Let’s Talk About Sex: Exploring Black Sexual Liberation

**Thursday April 20, 2023 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Join Ujima Inc. for a casual conversation addressing sexual liberation for advocates. We'll talk through topics involving sex after harm, body positivity, and generational and secondary trauma. This session will include a guided grounding practice, where advocates will engage in a short meditation and explore how to release trauma through one's body.

Please click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscO-vpjIqG9CCcKx-19rAXGQAHa-j9i_y#/registration) to register.

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# Sexual Assault And Autistic Survivors

**Tuesday, April 25 2 pm to 3:30 pm**

Autistic people live in a society that was not designed for them: one in which they are often forced to conceal who they are and are unable to receive the accommodations they need. In many cases, autistic people don’t even find out that they are neurodivergent until they are adults. When autistic people also experience sexual violence, they are more likely to experience barriers to accessing services, stigma, and a fundamental misunderstanding of their needs from the systems set up for justice and healing.

This webinar, featuring Erica Blackwood of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Olga Trujillo of Activating Change, addresses the barriers autistic survivors face in seeking healing services following sexual violence and ways in which service providers can better meet their needs. This powerful webinar will explore the lived experience of an autistic survivor and offer participants guidance on what accommodations are helpful as well as things to consider for effective communication with autistic survivors.

Please click [here](https://activatingchange-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nt0MW2GnS5iYOCfaL3UXvw#/registration) to register.

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# WTF – Undeterred: Women Transforming Families (WTF)

**Wednesday April 26, 2023 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Undeterred highlights WTF women of color leaders working at the intersection of intimate partner violence and family involvement in the child welfare system.

The women portrayed in the film are fellows of the WTF Cohort sites in Austin and Houston, Texas; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Detroit, Michigan. The film provides a real-life glimpse into their lives and experiences as they focus on increasing awareness of system and community practices that contribute to disparate and disproportional surveillance rates and removal of Black, Native American, and Latinx children from their families.

Please click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vkoBhbLtQEanGX5JgQnijQ#/registration) to register.

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# Empower – Palooza

A FREE WELLNESS EVENT FOR FAMILIES

April 29, 2023  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
George Washington Carver Center  
249 Jacoby St.  
Norristown, PA, 19401

FEATURING 

Children's Story Time  
Healthy Relationship Trivia   
Art Workshops    
Vendors   
Community Groups   
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Apr 29, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

George Washington Carver Center, 249 Jacoby St, Norristown, PA 19401, USA

About The Event

Join us for a full day of food, family, fun, and focus on keeping kids safe and empowering them for the future. This event is free, but RSVP is requested for planning purposes. Questions?

Contact Kiley Addis, [Kiley-Addis@vscmontcopa.org](http://mailto:%20Kiley-Addis@vscmontcopa.org/), 610-277-0932 ext. 231.

Vendor and sponsorship information is available on our [website](https://www.victimservicescenter.org/).

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# Fair Housing Trainings

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# 2023 PLAN VOCA-Funded Attorney Training

Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. will be presenting the 2023 VOCA Grantee Mandatory Training virtually during the week of May 22, 2023. Ten workshop sessions will be presented each day via webinar beginning at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Eastern. Sessions will vary between 60 and 90 minutes.

Attendance at these workshops will satisfy the 10-hour mandatory training that PCCD requires of VOCA grantees in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit will also be offered for attorneys attending the workshop sessions.

The intended audience for these trainings is legal services programs, domestic violence programs and sexual assault programs who have VOCA grants. Others in these communities without VOCA grants are also welcome to attend.

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.**

Please click [here](https://palegalaid.net/events/2023-plan-voca-grantee-training) to register.

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# Issues In Forensic Nursing

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Topics and Speakers:

Suspect Exams: Sgt. Joanne Archambault, CEO, End Violence Against Women International

Sgt. Archambault notes that most law enforcement agencies and forensic nurse examiner

programs have not established appropriate policies and procedures for conducting comprehensive

forensic examinations for suspects. The purpose of this webinar is to make the case for the

importance of suspect examinations and the collection of evidence from the suspect’s body and

clothing, to explore some of the reasons and barriers as to why this is often not done, to

provide concrete recommendations for overcoming these barriers and using suspect examinations

effectively in your practice.

After Sexual Assault: The Role of the Primary Care Provider: Susan Chasson MSN, JD, SANE-A, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Manager for the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault Ms. Chasson’s presentation will allow SANEs to understand how to work with primary care providers to obtain follow-up care for sexual assault patients.

Sexual Assault Forensic Exams: Caring for Patients During Pregnancy, Postpartum, and Post-Abortion: Megan Crowe, MSN, RNC, SANE-A, Forensic Nursing Specialist IAFN

Ms. Crowe will discuss the prevalence and risk factors for violence during pregnancy and the postpartum period, best practices when providing care to these patients, and safe and effective medication options after a reported or suspected history of sexual violence.

**Cost:** **Free for PA IAFN Chapter members and Duquesne University Nursing Students, $5 for employees of a PA advocacy organization, $20 for all other participants**

Please click [here](https://pa-iafn.ticketleap.com/issues-in-forensic-nursing/) to register.

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# Training Series & Peer Support Cohort For Victim Advocates

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[June 2](https://penncac.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/437)

[June 9](https://penncac.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/438)

[June 16](https://penncac.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/439)

[June 23](https://penncac.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/440)

# Foundational Academy

The first Academy of 2023 will be held as follows:

**July 12 - 14, 2023**

The Graduate Hotel

125 South Atherton Street

State College, PA 16801

*This is an in-person training only; there is no virtual or hybrid option.*

There is no charge for Academy, and single hotel rooms, parking, and lunch are included. Participants are on their own in the evenings.

Registration will be open May 22 - 24, 2023 under the PDAI Training Calendar at [www.pdaa.org](http://www.pdaa.org/). Trainings are listed by date; you will need to scroll down to July to find the information.

Registration will be open for the above three days only. During this time, those who wish to attend the July Academy will be asked to ***apply*** for a spot. Information on funding and length of time at Agency must be completed as part of this process. Registrations will no longer be automatic and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Instead, applications to attend will be prioritized by, but not limited to, length of time at agency, number of spots filled by the agency in 2021/2022, etc.

Once prioritized, the top 55 applicants will be notified of their acceptance into Academy. All others will be placed on the waitlist and notified of such. The selection process will take up to 2 weeks. All pending applicants will be contacted as soon as the lists are finalized. We ask for your patience during that time period; as a reminder, **we will contact you** either way.

As a reminder, Academy spots are only for those VOCA, VOJO, and RASA-Funded individuals for whom attendance is required per PCCD’s Consolidated Victim Services Standards. Additionally, only a maximum of 8 staff members per agency may apply for each Academy.

Finally, applicants must be able to attend all 3 days of Academy *in-person* in its entirety, as well as complete an additional supplemental online training requirement.

 If you have any questions or to request the supplemental online training form, please contact:

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on April 26, 2023.

* “Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Stolen Benefit Cash Expenses Clinic –11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on May 2, 2023.

* Loss of Earnings Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Counseling Expenses Clinic –11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on May 10, 2023.

* Loss of Support Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Medical Expenses Clinic –11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on May 22, 2023.

* Myths of Compensation – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic –11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on June 1, 2023.

* Basic Compensation – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on June 8, 2023.

* Motor Vehicle -Related Crime Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Relocation Expenses Clinic –11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All trainings count towards 1 hour of the required RASA/VOCA/VOJO training hours, except Basic Compensation which counts towards 2 and DAVE training which counts towards 2.25.

Please click [here](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pccd&service=6) to register.

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# Turning Point Of Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://turningpointlv.org/home/employment-and-contract-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# CASA Youth Advocates – Delaware & Chester Counties – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.idealist.org/en/nonprofit/7c507692cc7546498212c8187312664c-casa-youth-advocates-media?utm_campaign=visitorshare&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Safe Berks – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/30c7801b-0ca4-49dc-80bf-6558d7b75f0e/Safe-Berks) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Court Appointed Special Advocates For Children Philadelphia County – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.idealist.org/en/nonprofit-job/813412aff8ff45f18b2509cb21644c63-casa-educational-decision-maker-advocate-supervisor-casa-of-philadelphia-county-philadelphia) to see current employment opportunities.

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# YWCA Hanover Safe Home – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.ywcahanover.org/who-we-are/careers/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://pcar.org/about-us/employment) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Women’s Center & Shelter Of Greater Pittsburgh – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://wcspittsburgh.org/who-we-are/job-internship-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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