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# Human Trafficking Laws Were Supposed To Help Women. Victims’ Stories Say Otherwise

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act is supposed to help women, many of them new and sometimes undocumented immigrants. Congress intended the law to be comprehensive. Yet law enforcement and prosecutors struggle to build cases that lead to convictions.

Please click [here](https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/investigations/2023/01/19/human-trafficking-laws-enforcement-impact-victim-experience/10392339002/) to read.

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# 2023 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week News

OVC Announces the dates of the 2023 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Candlelight Vigil and Poster Kit Sign-Up.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/announcements/2023-national-crime-victims-rights-week-news) to read.

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# Defining And Studying Elder Abuse Polyvictimization

In this [Justice Today Podcast](https://nij.ojp.gov/library/multimedia/list?series_filter=Justice%20Today%20Podcast) NIJ Social Science Analyst Yunsoo Park shares her knowledge about elder abuse, a widespread issue in the U.S. and around the world, particularly polyvictimization — the experience of a range of different types of abuse and maltreatment.

Please click [here](https://nij.ojp.gov/library/podcast/defining-studying-elder-abuse-polyvictimization?utm_campaign=justinfo&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to listen.

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# Identity Theft Awareness Week

In recognition of this week, OVC highlights a free, self-paced online training to help service providers more effectively serve victims of identity theft and assist with their financial and emotional recovery.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/featured-resources/january-2023-featured-resources?utm_campaign=featuredresources&utm_content=january_2023&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsfromovc#identity-theft-awareness-week) to access.

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# Media Coverage Of Violence Can Dehumanize Victims, Study Says

Episodic media coverage of gun violence can dehumanize victims and force them to relive their trauma while undermining support for public health solutions, says a new research study from Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Please click [here](https://billypenn.com/2023/01/10/gun-violence-breaking-news-coverage-harmful-temple-study-jessica-beard/) to read.

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# Understanding, Preventing, And Responding To Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is an issue without a simple solution, but research on this problem is helping victims and developing tools and information to help better understand, prevent, and respond to trafficking. NIJ Scientist Mary Carlton joins host Josh Mondoro, Communications Assistant at NIJ, for a discussion about this research.

Please click [here](https://nij.ojp.gov/library/multimedia/podcasts/understanding-preventing-responding-to-human-trafficking?utm_campaign=OJP_Digests&utm_content=January&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to listen.

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# Telehealth Is Filling Gaps In Sexual Assault Care

TeleSANE services are expanding across the country in rural, sparsely populated areas. [Research](https://www.ovcttac.gov/saneguide/introduction/are-sane-programs-effective/) [shows](https://vawnet.org/sites/default/files/materials/files/2016-09/AR_SANE.pdf) SANE programs encourage psychological healing, provide comprehensive health care, allow for professional evidence collection, and improve the chance of a successful prosecution.

Please click [here](https://khn.org/news/article/telehealth-brings-expert-sexual-assault-exams-to-rural-patients/) to read.

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# White House Proclamation On National Stalking Awareness Month 2023

The White House [Proclamation on National Stalking Awareness Month 2023](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Fbriefing-room%2Fpresidential-actions%2F2022%2F12%2F30%2Fa-proclamation-on-national-stalking-awareness-month-2023%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C82f8288b1f9f4f3712b708daf88eccc6%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638095589895853187%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dlvfzM1%2FVErsjA5YTilOn9i4HPPNvis13BpONWuKrbY%3D&reserved=0) highlights effective, collaborative strategies to combat stalking and assist victims & survivors.

Please click [here](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/12/30/a-proclamation-on-national-stalking-awareness-month-2023/) to read.

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2023

The theme of Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2023 is**“Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity.”** This April's campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to [build racial equity](https://unitedwaynca.org/blog/equity-vs-equality/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CEquity%E2%80%9D%20and%20%E2%80%9Cequality%E2%80%9D,in%20status%2C%20rights%20and%20opportunities.) and respect.

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# Reimagining Crime Victim Aid With Logic, Racial Equity

In her new book, [”In Their Names: The Untold Story of Victims’ Rights, Mass Incarceration, and the Future of Public Safety,”](https://thenewpress.com/books/their-names) Lenore Anderson argues for a reimagined crime victims’ movement that marries standard criminal-justice reforms with enhanced crime-victim care and alternative modes of providing real public safety.

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/reimagining-crime-victim-aid-with-logic-racial-equity) to read.

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# Two Years And Thousands Of Voices: National Report – Stop AAPI Hate

Stop AAPI Hate’s report Two Years and Thousands of Voices, reviews the nearly 11,500 hate incidents reported to Stop Hate’s reporting center between March 19,2020 and March 31, 2022. It also includes findings from a 2021 national survey, conducted in partnership with Edelman Data & Intelligence.

Please click [here](https://stopaapihate.org/year-2-report/) to read.

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# Collective Power: A Practical Blueprint For Sexual Assault Programs To Create Community Partnerships And Collaborations

In order to expand our local sexual assault response efforts, this blueprint provides a nonprescriptive roadmap to how we can build collaborative relationships with community partners within and outside the anti-sexual violence movement. It identifies best practices, models, and resources for creating, encouraging, and preserving community collaborations both in conventional and innovative ways, hence strengthening the capacity of our sexual assault programs and bridging the gaps with other social service organizations and institutions.

Please click [here](https://preventipv.org/materials/collective-power-practical-blueprint-sexual-assault-programs-create-community-partnerships) to read.

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# Children Exposed To Violence

This literature review examines the prevalence and consequences of children exposed to violence (CEV); describes definitional challenges for researchers and program providers; reviews risk and protective factors related to CEV; summarizes approaches to preventing, reducing, and addressing the consequences of CEV, such as trauma-informed care; and provides outcome evidence related to interventions that seek to prevent or address CEV.

Please click [here](https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/model-programs-guide-literature-review-children-exposed-violence?utm_campaign=OJP_Digests&utm_content=January&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to read.

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# Addiction And Connection To Treatment

Thursday January 26, 2023 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Live Virtual Training Session

Instructor: Steve Forzato

The Center for Addiction and Recovery Education at Saint Joseph’s University, under a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, delivers first responder, opioid response, and refresher training across the Commonwealth. Current and former first responders will train law enforcement, firefighters, and related professionals on the topics of substance use disorder and the use of Naloxone (NARCAN) as well as stigma and implicit bias when engaging persons with addiction or substance use disorder issues.

Please click [here](https://events.eventzilla.net/e/pennsylvania-district-attorneys-association-2138574864) to register.

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# National Alliance Of Victims’ Rights Attorneys & Advocates

National Crime Victim Law Institute’s Meg Garvin and Terry Campos, who combined have 35 years of experience in victims’ rights, will review key developments and lessons learned in victims’ rights from cases decided across the country in 2022. Building on these, they will look ahead and identify how these lessons can inform litigation and policy development in 2023.

February 28, 2023

11:00 AM – 12:00 AM PST

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/victims-rights-leveraging-2022-lessons-in-2023-tickets-511051417547) to register.

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# The International Symposium On Child Abuse

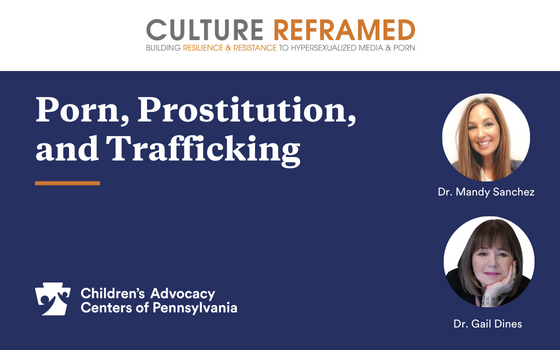
The International Symposium on Child Abuse is the premier conference providing expert training and networking opportunities to professionals in the child maltreatment field. This conference is unique in addressing all aspects of child maltreatment, including but not limited to physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, exposure to violence, poly-victimization, exploitation, intervention, trafficking, and prevention. Child abuse professionals also learn essential techniques to manage the impact of vicarious trauma.

March 21 – March 23

Please click [here](https://victimresearch.org/event/the-international-symposium-on-child-abuse/) to register.

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# Porn, Prostitution, And Trafficking



This presentation will explore the most popular social media platforms accessed by young people today, linking the social media and porn industries and the harmful effects of their exposure to young people. Today, online porn has become a primary source of sex education for young people around the world.

Focusing on the public health approach, this presentation will highlight how Culture Reframed helps parents and professionals who work with young people to navigate this precarious terrain of hypersexualized social media and pornography. We will discuss our research-driven online courses and resources for parents and professionals, including our NEW Sex Education with a Porn-Critical Lens

March 23, 2023

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Please click [here](https://penncac.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/343) to register

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# March 2023 Foundational Academy

The first Academy of 2023 will be held as follows:

**March 22 – 24, 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 February 6 – 8, 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 March to find the information.

Registration will be open for the above three days only. During this time, those who wish to attend the March 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:

Amy Smulktis, Restitution & V/W Training Consultant E: [AJS@RestitutionConsulting.com](mailto:AJS@RestitutionConsulting.com)

T: 717.333.2319

B: PDAA/I 717.238.5416/[www.pdaa.org](http://www.pdaa.org)

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

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

* Basic Compensation – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

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

The following trainings will be held on February 7, 2023.

* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

* Myths of Compensation Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* “Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” –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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# Domestic Abuse Project Of Delaware County – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://lambertassoc.com/searches/executive-director-2/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Center For Victims – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.centerforvictims.org%2Fjobs&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C0fd4cba8d3e7477f2ae708daf9a00d5d%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638096763198356870%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pcN%2ByKnFdIEHE%2BEBaIckNSjsrul6hpzDyvsgisxNoqA%3D&reserved=0) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Schuylkill Hope Center – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fschopecenter.org%2Fwhat-you-can-do%2Fget-involved%2Fjob-opportunities%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7Ce548fce38987458f691408daf975d694%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638096582847972592%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aHKVkfTA61Gazc8acG4CNPOzxEA1AhOTm0KD1dzblwc%3D&reserved=0) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center Of Montgomery County – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissionkidscac.org%2Fget-involved%2Fcareers-internships%2Fforensic-interviewer&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C2a19eb17719e4d8fb46c08daeff871ef%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638086147606254167%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jlV9H%2BdrDXz2pvO5FW3H0iFndoM5i3gSBS2I%2BaMLlNc%3D&reserved=0) 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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# Turning Point Of Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.turningpointlv.org/home/employment-and-contract-opportunities/) 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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The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **February 8, 2023**.  If you would like any training events, fundraisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Lea Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov)  by Wednesday, **February 1, 2023**.

You have signed up to receive the OVS Newsletter from the Office of Victims' Services.  This newsletter will be sent to you on a biweekly basis via email.  If your email address changes or you would like to be removed from the OVS Newsletter distribution list, please contact Lea Dorsey at (717) 265-8733 or via email at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

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**Twitter:** [@PaCrimeCom](https://twitter.com/PaCrimeComm)m.