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* + [WebEx Online Trainings Available](https://copa.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=copa&service=6)Compensation Related: Basic, Advanced-Counseling, Transportation Expenses, Restitution and much more!

Credits towards VOCA/RASA/VOJO training requirements are available for all sessions (unless indicated otherwise in the session description). To receive training credits: 1) you must be logged into the session and 2) the WebEx application must be on your computer for the entire duration of the session. As the OVS recognizes that emergencies may arise and you may not be able to attend the entire session, there is no prohibition against attending part of a session (although training credits will not be given in that instance).

* + [Training/Networking Opportunities](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/OVS-Training-Networking-Opportunities.aspx)
  + [Additional RASA/VOJO/VOCA Approved Training](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/RASA-VOCA-VOJO-Trainings.aspx)

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# Reminder To All VOJO And RASA Programs: FINAL Program Reports Due By January 20, 2017

The following program reports will need to be submitted in Egrants **by January 20, 2017**:

**VOJO Program Reports – FINAL report for the six month period from June 30, 2016 – December 31, 2016 of current VOJO grants**

**RASA Program Reports – FINAL report for the six month period from June 30, 2016 – December 31, 2016 of current RASA grants**

NOTE: Final fiscal reports for VOJO and RASA grants will also be due in Egrants by January 20, 2017.

Please contact either Vicki McCloskey at [vmccloskey@pa.gov](mailto:vmccloskey@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8746, or Maria Katulis at [mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:mkatulis@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8741 if you have any questions or need assistance regarding your VOJO or RASA Program Reports.

For fiscal-related questions, please contact the fiscal staff member listed on your grant. If you need technical assistance with Egrants, please contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887.

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# PDAI Victim Services Training News

**Web Ex Training**: **Pennsylvania Protection Acts, PFA and SVPI– What You Need to Know**

February 8, 2017

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration is now open on the PCCD WebEx Page, which can be accessed [here](https://copa.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=copa&service=6).

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# ****Open Your Eyes: Reasons, Responsibilities, And Responses To Combat Child Sexual Exploitation Symposium For The Faith Community****

The Faith Committee of the North Central PA Human Trafficking Response Team is presenting a symposium in late January (Human Trafficking Awareness Month) to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation. The same symposium will be presented twice--in Williamsport, PA on Jan 27 and in Milton, PA on Jan 28. We encourage you to register now for one of these sessions.

**January 27, 2017**

Williamsport, PA

For more information and to register, please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-your-eyes-a-symposium-raising-awareness-of-child-sexual-exploitation-registration-27440196366?aff=es2).

**January 28, 2017**

Milton, PA

For more information and to register, please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-your-eyes-a-symposium-raising-awareness-of-child-sexual-exploitation-registration-27902720789?aff=es2).

Anyone can benefit from this symposium. PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

We look forward to seeing you in Williamsport or Milton in January. Please feel free to contact Susan Warner-Mills at 570-716-0870, or [swm@dejazzd.com](mailto:swm@dejazzd.com), with any questions.

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# 2016 STOP Annual Progress Reports Are Due 1/20/2017

The deadline for submitting 2016 Annual Progress Reports for the STOP Grant is January 20, 2017.

If you were unable to attend the “Completing the 2016 STOP Grant Annual Report” training on December 15, 2016, you can access the recording [here](https://copa.webex.com/copa/lsr.php?RCID=9f6cd960c2be4d0eb3168d123d60f348). The training provided an overview of the 2016 STOP Grant annual report process, information on completing the program report sections in Egrants, and guidelines for completing the annual progress report.

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# ****Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings****

The following DAVE trainings will be held in 2017:

1/10/17 DAVE Training - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm. Click [here](https://copa.webex.com/copa/k2/j.php?MTID=tffc84c8a2a874abfd8220d6f9bf0139b) to register.

4/13/17 DAVE Training - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm. Click [here](https://copa.webex.com/copa/k2/j.php?MTID=td9c1d44e1d75a3f47729076acc1f68f5) to register.

* 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 2.15.*

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# Intersecting Laws: The Tribal Law And Order Act And The Indian Civil Rights Act

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), in partnership with the Tribal Judicial Institute at the University Of North Dakota School Of Law and with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, is pleased to announce the release of its publication, Intersecting Laws: The Tribal Law and Order Act and the Indian Civil Rights Act. This publication explains the expanded sentencing rights of Indian tribes under the Tribal Law and Order Act and how those rights must be exercised consistent with the rights of criminal defendants protected by the Indian Civil Rights Act. In addition, Intersecting Laws explains a number of challenges that tribes should consider when imposing enhanced sentencing on criminal defendants, as well as offers solutions to overcome the challenges. Please click [here](http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/docs/APPA/pubs/ILTLOAICRA.pdf) to read more.

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# Study Examines Landmark Domestic Violence Law

New recommendations to revise a 40-year-old state domestic violence law come at a pivotal time for those addressing the issue. A study by the Joint State Government Commission, a legislative agency, examines gaps in the 1976 Protection From Abuse Act. This law gives courts the authority to issue orders to keep abusers away from victims to help protect them from more harm. Pennsylvania became the second state to legalize PFA orders that year. The newest domestic violence law on the books was signed by Gov. Tom Wolf in October. It declares an effort to strangulate someone as a control tactic, even if it doesn’t result in a visible injury, a felony offense. Please click [here](http://citizensvoice.com/news/study-examines-landmark-domestic-violence-law-1.2134612) to read more.

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# Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Initiative Launched In Pennsylvania

Governor Wolf announced the creation of a new campus sexual assault prevention initiative in schools and colleges across the state. The "It's On Us PA" campaign will work to bring leaders from across the state together to pledge to work against sexual violence. Please click [here](http://patch.com/pennsylvania/peters/s/fz0x7/campus-sexual-assault-prevention-initiative-launched-in-pennsylvania) to read more.

It’s On Us PA is a statewide campaign that invites everyone to play a role in ending sexual assault. Building off the momentum of the national [It’s On Us](http://itsonus.org/) movement, It’s On Us PA brings together college and university presidents, superintendents, administrators, teachers, students, families, and community members to reframe the conversation around sexual violence and pledge to be part of the solution. Please click [here](https://www.governor.pa.gov/its-on-us/) for more information.

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# National Census for Victim Service Providers

Has your program completed the National Census for Victim Service Providers yet? This is an opportunity to be included in the "big picture" of victim response. The National Census for Victim Service Providers will be a major source of national and state-level information that you will be able to use in planning and managing not just your VOCA victim assistance grants, but all victim services administered and operated by your agency.  To be useful, it is essential that NCVSP obtain information from as many victim service agencies as possible.

If you have not received an invitation or aren’t sure whether your organization received an invitation, contact survey firm NORC at [NCVSP@norc.org](mailto:NCVSP@norc.org).

More information about the NCVSP is available on the [NCVSP](http://www.rand.org/jie/justice-policy/projects/nsvsp.html) website, including a recorded webinar, list of supporters, FAQ, and more. Please click [here](http://www.rand.org/jie/justice-policy/projects/nsvsp.html) for more information.

Thank you for your participation!

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# The 2017 PCAR Statewide Conference: Putting Unity In Community

Save the Date!! PCAR will be hosting the **2017 Statewide Conference** at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg on Wednesday, July 19th and Thursday, July 20th, 2017. At this time, PCAR is accepting Workshop Proposals for the 2017 Statewide Conference. If you are interested in submitting a workshop proposal please do so [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQPKNVF). The deadline for submissions is **Monday, January 9, 2017 by 5 pm**. Workshop presenters will receive free registration towards the conference.

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# Save The Date: The 14th Pathways For Victim Services Conference

OVS is pleased to announce the dates of the next Pathways for Victim Services Conference in 2017. The conference will be held in the spring of 2017 at the Hershey Lodge and Conference Center in Hershey, PA.

**Please mark your calendars for the following dates:**

Monday, May 8, 2017

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

OVS is very excited about the upcoming Pathways Conference and we look forward to seeing you there. For additional information, please click [here](http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-pathways-for-victim-services-conference/event-summary-05b8d26fcfba40e784c80e6a28817877.aspx).

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# Save The Date: KCIT Basic Crisis Response Training

**June 19-22, 2017**

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson

State College, PA

Training Fee: $250 (*Fee includes hotel accommodations, training materials, breakfast and lunch each day*)

Application Deadline: May 12, 2017

Please click [here](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eczzpl4g2a84648b&llr=6nqn8gdab) to register and for more information.

This training is sponsored by the Keystone Crisis Intervention Team. KCIT provides crisis intervention services to victims of crime and their communities in the aftermath of a traumatic event in Pennsylvania.

This 25 hour course trains qualified individuals to work as a team with the goal of helping people in crisis cope with the physical, emotional, and behavioral reactions to trauma in the aftermath of a community crisis.

Please note: Completion of this application does not secure a seat in the training. You will be notified if you have been selected for this training course. All applicants will be notified by May 19, 2017 if they were accepted into the training. Decisions are based on several factors.

For more information or questions please contact: Michelle Kern, KCIT Coordinator at 215-343-6543, or by email at [michelle@novabucks.org](mailto:michelle@novabucks.org)

*This training has been approved for 25 PCCD training hours.*

*This training has applied for approval by the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors for 25 CEUs.*

*Funding for this project is made available in part through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).*

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# The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. If you would like any training events, fund raisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Heather Hewitt at [hhewitt@pa.gov](mailto:hhewitt@pa.gov) by January 11, 2017.

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