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* + [WebEx Online Trainings Available](https://copa.webex.com/mw3200/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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# 2018 Governor’s Victim Service Pathfinder Award Recipients

The Office of Victims’ Services would like to congratulate the 2018 Governor’s Victim Service Pathfinder Award Recipients. On behalf of victims of crime and the victim service’s field, we thank Stephanie Blakeman, Mission Kids, and Tracey Provident for their innovation, collaboration, and unfailing commitment to victims of crime.

* Ms. Stephanie Blakeman received the 2018 **Individual Direct Service Award**.
* Mission Kids received the **2018 Program Award.**
* Ms. Tracey Provident received the **2018 Organizational Capacity Building Award**.

To find out additional information about the 2018 award recipients, please click [here](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/Governor%27s-Victim-Service-Pathfinder-Awards.aspx) to view our website page featuring the award recipients.

Start thinking about who you can nominate today for the **2019 Governor’s Victim Service Pathfinder Awards!**

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# Reminder To All RASA And VOJO Programs:  7th Quarter Program Reports Due By October 20th!

Program reports for the 7th quarter of the current 2017/2018 RASA and VOJO grants are due in Egrants **by no later than Saturday, October 20, 2018 - please submit by Friday, October 19th to be sure your report is not delinquent:**

**RASA Program Reports – 7th Quarter Report due for the period from July 1 – September 30, 2018**

**VOJO Program Reports – 7th Quarter Report due for the period from July 1 – September 30, 2018**

Note:  Quarterly fiscal reports for RASA and VOJO grants for the 7th Quarter reporting period will also be due in Egrants by October 20, 2018.

Should you have any questions or need assistance completing your quarterly program reports, please contact Vicki McCloskey at vmccloskey@pa.gov or (717) 265-8746 or Maria Katulis at mkatulis@pa.gov or (717) 265-8741.

If for some reason you are not able to submit your report with all of the required data by the due date, please enter zeroes in the report and submit what you have in Egrants by October 20th, so your report is not delinquent in Egrants.  You may then contact us to request that we return the report to you in order to make the necessary revisions.

For fiscal report questions, please contact the fiscal staff person listed on your grant.  For technical assistance with Egrants, please contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887.

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# OVS Needs Your Help: Help Us Help Them

As designated by ACT 105, the Office of Victim Services is creating an online website for human trafficking victims and for the victim service providers who offer them assistance. The human trafficking service provider directory, the legal directory, and the resource repository will include information for survivors of labor and sex trafficking, as well as resources for both providers and survivors.

Act 105 specifies that PCCD should compile a directory of services and benefits available to survivors, a directory of legal service providers and a directory of victim service providers specifying the services that each organization offers.

Please email all recommendations for inclusion in the victim service provider and legal assistance providers directories and any printed materials, webinars, recommended training or other recommended resource guides to Heather Hewitt at hhewitt@pa.gov. Please specify whether your recommendation addresses either labor or sex trafficking, or both.

The services can include, but are not limited to:

* Housing
* Advocacy
* Food/Clothing
* Legal Assistance
* Mental Health Care
* Immigration Assistance
* Education/Employment
* Drug & Alcohol Treatment
* Interpretation/Translation Services
* Culturally Specific Programs
* Individual/Group Counseling
* Other specialized services

We would like to provide the most comprehensive information available and depend on you to help us accomplish this goal.

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# OVC Funding Opportunities

Please click [here](https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx?utm_source=newsfromovc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=ovc_solicitation_rollup_5.30.2018&utm_campaign=solicitation_2018) to view all opportunities.

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# Sex Trafficking Survivor Shares A Horrifying Story Of Abuse And Courageous Recovery

A mix of "kidnapping, torture and sex trafficking" is how 25-year old Lizi Mooney describes her three-week ordeal in 2011. Seven years later the Colorado survivor is finally able to share her memories as a naive teenager who hopped a bus near Colorado Springs and arrived in Denver's Civic Center Park just after New Year's 2011. Please click [here](https://kdvr.com/2018/09/14/sex-trafficking-survivor-shares-a-horrifying-story-of-abuse-and-courageous-recovery/#new_tab) to read more.

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

The following trainings will be held on October 16, 2018

* Basic Compensation - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=102554779584084922) to register.
* Transportation Expenses Clinic - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=102554600710650797) to register.

The following training will be held on October 25, 2018

* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=102554662502185908) to register.
* Loss of Earnings Clinic - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=102554735146482614) to register.

The following trainings will be held on October 30, 2018

* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107680010119163753) to register.
* “Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686043561503976) to register.

The following trainings will be held on November 6, 2018

* Relocation Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686161321832393) to register.
* Stolen Benefit Cash Expenses Clinic - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686226258046397) to register.

The following trainings will be held on November 15, 2018

* Loss of Support Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686302948798396) to register.
* Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686362651569397) to register.

The following trainings will be held on November 28, 2018

* Transportation Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686425488535256) to register.
* Myths of Compensation - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686480902631335) to register.

The following trainings will be held on December 5, 2018

* Basic Compensation - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107679758262742765) to register.
* Loss of Earnings Clinic - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107679828608560157) to register.

The following trainings will be held on December 11, 2018

* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686623730216665) to register.
* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686586590702868) to register.

The following trainings will be held on December 20, 2018

* Restitution Basics - 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=106604463485103251) to register.
* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic - 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686675638922441) to register.
* Relocation Expenses Clinic - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3100/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?siteurl=copa&formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&confId=107686739474132248) to register.

DAVE WebEx trainings

* October 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Register [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcopa.webex.com%2Fcopa%2Fk2%2Fj.php%3FMTID%3Dt8ce171f01ba3459ef246f3ac3ec7e379&data=02%7C01%7Cdpotter%40pa.gov%7Cd64dea4366ca4187a08d08d61d601069%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636728695764043987&sdata=iGxMdLaVKe8girAWaSpm5y0gwphnLPSRMI18PcCPrzM%3D&reserved=0) for this session.
* December 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Register [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcopa.webex.com%2Fcopa%2Fk2%2Fj.php%3FMTID%3Dt9ffc28bc1aa25f2005815bf2537245a3&data=02%7C01%7Cdpotter%40pa.gov%7C2ce5bcf927f0414ddea008d61d64afd6%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636728715617349779&sdata=VYfe0cpDjmiOJqGczGa0vtSw78zScpJ%2B5OJzfpvHG48%3D&reserved=0) for this session.
* *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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# October Foundational Academy

***Please note, there is a waiting list for this training.***

Foundational Academy Training for New Victim Advocates

October 17-19, 2018

Hyatt Place State College

219 W. Beaver Ave.

State College, PA 16801

**Who Should Attend?**

This training is designed to provide a solid foundation for all new staff who provide services to victims at PCCD funded Victim Service Programs.  **New advocates are required to attend/complete the Foundational Academy Training (classroom and online component)** if they:

* Are providing the Prosecutor’s or Chief Juvenile Probation Officer’s responsibilities/victim services under the Crime Victims Act – all RASA and VOJO funded programs;
* Are providing victim services at VOCA funded programs not affiliated with State Coalitions;
* Are providing victim services at VOCA funded programs who serve victims of “Other” Crimes.

**Course Information:**  There are important skills that all Victim Advocates need to have in order to provide the best services possible to those victims and survivors you work with every day.  Some of the topics that will be covered in this training are:  Your Role as a Victim Advocate, PCCD Program Standards, Confidentiality, Ethics, the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), Diversity and Special Populations, the Criminal Justice System, and more.

Don’t miss this great opportunity!

Please click [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ciclt.net%2Fsn%2Fevents%2Fe_signup.aspx%3FClientCode%3Dpdaa%26E_ID%3D500103%26RegType%3DATT&data=02%7C01%7Chhewitt%40pa.gov%7C6cdd7e5d042f4dcd510a08d5f6470190%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C1%7C0%7C636685707195996783&sdata=fgf7zG0Aco4H28%2FRc5l%2FISrHBfdTTNxcIBHlWwuyawo%3D&reserved=0) to register.

If you have any questions regarding the Foundational Academy, please contact Jennifer L. Feicht, Victim/Witness TTA Consultant at jfeicht@embarqmail.com or (724) 679-7280.

If you have any training questions in general, please contact Maria Katulis (PCCD) at mkatulis@pa.gov or (717) 265-8741.

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# The Darker Side Of Technology Series (Sponsored By Women In Need, Inc.)

This training will examine and demonstrate how domestic violence victims are unwittingly providing information about themselves and their activities. It will also reveal the ways perpetrators are accessing the information. However, most importantly, the training provides tools and simple inexpensive ways to help mitigate that loss and protect the information.

**December 7, 2018**

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fulton Theatre

101 Lincoln Way W, #102

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Light refreshments will be provided; lunch is on your own.

This training is FREE.

Please [register](https://pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/Digital%20Stalking%20Training%202018.pdf) by fax to 717-264-3168, by email to ericw@winservices.org, or online at [www.winservices.org](http://www.winservices.org) **by November 26, 2018.**

*\*This training qualifies for 5 training hours through PCCD.*

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# Save The Date! KCIT Basic Crisis Response Training

KCIT is pleased to announce the application for KCIT Basic Crisis Response Training for April 22-25, 2019 in Uniontown, PA. This 25-hour training helps participants learn about crisis reactions after a trauma. Upon completion of this training, interested participants can apply to become KCIT volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact KCIT at info@kcitpa.org.

Please click [here](https://pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/Basic%20CRT%20April%202019.pdf) for more information. Please click [here](http://snip.ly/r3dxp0/#http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efp9d0wa07a2daf9&llr=6nqn8gdab) to register.

The deadline for applications is **March 22, 2019**.  All applicants will be notified by April 1, 2019 if they were accepted into the training.

*\*This training qualifies for 25 training hours through PCCD.*

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# Webinar: Trauma Informed Interviewing – Turning Understanding Into Outcomes

So, you've learned about trauma and its effects. Now what? How do you translate that knowledge into outcomes for victims? How do you pursue justice and also be trauma informed? How do you work with victims who need help but are unable or unwilling to cooperate with law enforcement and prosecutors? How can you help victims of trauma share their stories so the legal system can pursue accountability for offenders - whether that is through a criminal conviction or a civil protective order?

In the context of domestic violence and sexual assault, the victim is often also the only witness to the crime. This has implications for recall and testimony, based on the trauma experienced by the victim. Prosecutors need to know what happened to pursue a criminal case, and civil attorneys must be able to articulate the acts of violence to apply for protective orders. However, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are often unable to tell their story in a clear timeline and with the kind of consistency that the law requires. The result is that victims who cannot tell their story effectively have a significant barrier to accessing the legal system.

This webinar will focus on best practices for trauma informed interviewing of victims to retrieve memories of incidents that can be used by law enforcement investigators, prosecutors and civil attorneys. Topics will include a brief overview of trauma and its relationship to memory storage and recall, examples from actual cases where trauma informed interviewing produced concrete information that was used in court, information on interacting with victims who are resistant to prosecuting the batterer, strategies for helping victims construct a timeline for their narrative, and, most importantly, techniques for asking questions in a way that helps victims recall the answers.

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be better able to:

* Describe the challenges with memory storage and recall of traumatic events.
* Explain the value that trauma informed interviewing affords to both victims and law enforcement.
* Conduct a trauma informed interview that produces high value information.

Please click [here](https://www.evawintl.org/WebinarRegistration.aspx?webinarid=1052) to register.

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# BWJP: Training Opportunities

**Veterans and Domestic Violence: Improving Safety, Accountability, and Intervention**

October 15-16, 2018 / Jacksonville, FL

BWJP will present a free two-day training on **military and veteran-related domestic violence and best practices for screening, assessment, and intervention.** This training is tailored to those individuals who work in and with criminal courts that have military and veteran defendants and, particularly, **Veterans Treatment Court staff, domestic violence court staff, and community-based victim advocates.**

Topics addressed during this training will include Screening; Risk & Risk Assessment; Contextual Analysis; Intersection of Co-occurring Conditions & Domestic Violence; Victims and Victim Advocates; Pretrial and Probation Supervision; Firearms and Domestic Violence-related Prohibitions; Offender Intervention Programs; and Veterans Health Administration Services.

Please click [here](http://www.bwjp.org/training/veterans-and-domestic-violence.html?utm_source=All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=7fe39116f3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_04_18_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_347d47d8e9-7fe39116f3-132881353) to learn more and to request to attend. Requests to attend this training will be honored in the order they are received.

**Mandatory Reporting Laws in the United States: Impact on Victims of Intimate Partner Violence**

October 16, 2018 / 2:00-3:30 CDT

This webinar will address mandatory reporting laws across the nation as they apply to cases of intimate partner violence. It will describe the history and different types of mandatory reporting laws that directly and indirectly impact survivors; and will highlight research findings on women’s views of these laws and how they impact help-seeking. The session will also describe Kentucky’s experience of evaluating and ultimately changing its mandatory reporting law, including highlighting a recently published research study conducted in the state. The goal of the webinar is to expand awareness by states of mandatory reporting laws and how they dramatically impact women; and to offer legislative strategies for states that wish to improve their state statutes.

Please click [here](https://www.bwjp.org/training/webinar-mandatory-reporting-laws-impact-on-victim-ipv.html?utm_source=All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=868130ad8d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_07_30_04_16_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_347d47d8e9-868130ad8d-132881353) to register.

**Using Federal Law to Increase Safety for Indian Women: TLOA and VAWA Implementation Efforts**

October 18, 2018 / 2:00-3:30 CDT

Native American women suffer domestic and sexual violence at epidemic rates. Federal law enforcement may be hours away from reservation crime scenes and resources are frequently stretched thin. Tribal police, prosecutors, and courts have had significant success in combating intimate partner violence committed by Indians in Indian country. But, because of a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision, tribes lacked the authority to prosecute a non-Indian defendant even if he lived on the reservation and was married to a tribal member. And, federal law limited tribes to imposing a maximum sentence of one-year imprisonment regardless of how serious the offense. The Tribal Law and Order Act (2010) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 potentially and dramatically changed the legal authority of tribal courts and have provided federal prosecutors with new criminal offenses to use when holding offenders accountable. This webinar will cover the relevant changes to federal law, a summary of recent case law, and provide an update on implementation efforts for both Acts.

Please click [here](https://www.bwjp.org/training/webinar-federal-law-safety-indian-women-tloa-vawa.html?utm_source=All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=868130ad8d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_07_30_04_16_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_347d47d8e9-868130ad8d-132881353) to register.

**Advanced Full Faith and Credit**

**October 30, 2018 / 12:00-1:30 CDT**

Please join us for part two of the two-part series on Full Faith and Credit. Building on the framework provided in the FFC 101 webinar, this webinar will provide additional information on advanced topics related to protection orders.  The webinar will include detailed scenarios and legal analysis on protection orders. The webinar will provide key information on unique situations where enforcement is required.

Please click [here](https://www.bwjp.org/training/webinar-advanced-full-faith-and-credit.html?utm_source=All+Subscribers&utm_campaign=868130ad8d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_07_30_04_16_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_347d47d8e9-868130ad8d-132881353) to register.

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# Regional SORNA Trainings: The Office Of Victim Advocate (OVA) Is Coming To A Town Near You!

3 chances to attend a regional training this year, covering the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), the Address Confidentiality Program, and an overview of all services and programs offered by OVA.

This free training is for all victim service providers, members of law enforcement, district attorneys, and therapists.

**Harrisburg: October 30, 2018**
Riverfront Office Center
1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104
*register by Oct 16*

**Philadelphia: November 7, 2018**

District Attorney’s Office
3 S. Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107
*register by Oct 24*

[Registration information and a complete agenda are provided here](https://www.ova.pa.gov/Programs/Opportunities/Training/Pages/default.aspx).

Follow the [Office of Victim Advocate on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ThePAOfficeoftheVictimAdvocate/?ref=settings) for ongoing updates!

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# Webinar: Implicit Bias: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You

October 17, 2018 / 1:00 p.m. EST

Bias is a hot topic these days and it is often associated with a great deal of negativity and judgment. However, the truth is implicit bias happens outside of our consciousness and is a result of societal programming, not personal choice. This course will explore the foundations of bias, how we come to make certain associations, the reasons our brain is hard-wired for bias and how our experiences reinforce our beliefs. We will also explore how we can become more aware of the biases we hold and detail the tools and strategies (both individual and organizational) we can use to change them. Finally, we will explore the relationship between bias, ethics and leadership and discuss how to lead in a way that improves influence and reduces liability.

Please click [here](http://justiceclearinghouse.com/webinar/implicit-bias-what-you-dont-know-can-hurt-you/) to register.

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# PCADV’s Progress Through Unity Conference

**When: October 24-26, 2018**

**Where: Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA**

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) seeks proposals for “Progress Through Unity,” our biennial statewide conference. This year, the theme of our conference focuses on collectively creating and sustaining healthy communities. Since celebrating PCADV’s 40th anniversary in 2016, we realize the need for progression and innovation in domestic violence advocacy and prevention work. Using the tracks of **Safe, Healthy, Inclusive**, and **Just**, we are in search of new and progressive workshops that address community conditions, norms and root factors in efforts to end and prevent domestic violence.

For additional information, please click [here](http://2018conference.pcadv.org/).

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# RESCHEDULED: PDAI Victim Services Trainings

**Crossing Bridges – A Juvenile Justice Training**

February 25, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Giant Community Center

2300 Linglestown Road

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Restorative justice is a term commonly used in conjunction with the juvenile justice system. Restorative Practices (the social science behind restorative justice) are designed to address harm, repair relationships and meet the needs of all parties involved. During this one-day training we will explore the continuum of practices that can be used within the context of the criminal/juvenile justice system to build restorative justice opportunities that serve both victims and offenders as well as the communities that surround them. Participants will have the opportunity to discern the similarities and differences of a continuum of restorative practices through role play and storytelling. Training participants will also explore how they can implement restorative practices in their personal and professional lives.

At the conclusion of this one-day training, participants will:

* Articulate the goals and foundational theories upon which restorative practices are built;
* Identify restorative justice best practices; and
* Recognize the value of restorative justice services for crime victims, communities and offenders.

Please click [here](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/events/e_signup.aspx?ClientCode=pdaa&E_ID=500111&RegType=ATT) to register.

*\*This training qualifies for 6 training hours through PCCD.*

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# Keystone Crisis Intervention Team: Death Notification Trainings

Death Notification can be part of anyone's job. It is not a fun task, but one that is so important to the survivors' healing. In this training, you will learn best practices in Death Notification as well as possible reactions by survivors and how to help.

March 7, 2019 (*snow date March 8th*)

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Luzerne County Community College

1333 S. Prospect Street

Nanticoke, PA 18643

Please click [here](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efl5jdsoe3ce3966&oseq=&c=&ch=) to register. Training is provided free of cost.

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# Registration Now Open: 2019 International Conference On Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence And Increasing Access

April 22-24, 2019

Manchester Grand Hyatt

San Diego, CA

Our annual conferences focus on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. We consistently bring together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

Please click [here](http://www.cvent.com/events/international-conference-on-sexual-assault-intimate-partner-violence-and-increasing-access/event-summary-3014a410ca1c4646ab3f6ca0ac31a3bb.aspx) to learn more and to register.

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# Law Enforcement Scholarships Available Through End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI)

EVAWI is pleased to announce the availability of up to 10 scholarships for law enforcement officers to their 2019 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence and Increasing Access to be held in San Diego, California on April 22-24th.

The scholarships will cover the full cost of the conference registration. If you have a grant, you can check with your grant program manager to see if grant funds can be used to cover any travel expenses.

Conference registration includes:

* Three days of training with leading national experts
* Three light continental breakfasts
* Three seated lunches
* Electronic Course Material

For eligibility and application details, click [here](https://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=30).  **Deadline for application is November 5, 2018**.

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# KCIT Basic Crisis Response Training – Application Now Open

KCIT is pleased to announce the application for the annual KCIT Basic Crisis Response Training for June 3-6, 2019 in Gettysburg, PA. This 25-hour training helps participants learn about crisis reactions after a trauma. Upon completion of this training, interested participants can apply to become KCIT volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact KCIT at info@kcitpa.org.

Please click [here](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eflt62cvc15ea8ef&oseq=&c=&ch=) to register.

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# New Program Highlights

If your program is offering new or extended services, or implementing new initiatives that you would like to highlight, please submit your news article to Heather Hewitt at hhewitt@pa.gov.

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