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* + [WebEx Online Trainings Available](https://copa.webex.com/mw0306ld/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)
  + [2016 Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute Victim Services Training](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/2016%20Victim%20Services%20Training%20Save%20The%20Date.pdf)

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# Keystone Crisis Intervention Team- Basic Crisis Training

June 6-9, 2016

Hampton Inn Williamsburg Square

State College, PA

Training Fee: $200 Fee includes hotel accommodations, training materials, breakfast and lunch each day.

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 after-math of a community crisis.

Click [here](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebyphwihaa427795&llr=6nqn8gdab) to register.

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# Civil Justice For Victims Of Crime In Pennsylvania

If you can’t answer these questions, how can a victim?

* What do victims gain through civil actions?
* What civil options are available to victims?
* How can civil actions help victims of homicide, stalking, rape, child sex abuse, domestic violence, drunk driving, fraud, elder abuse and identity theft?
* Where can victims find a lawyer?
* What is the appropriate role of a victim service provider?

Who should attend?

* Victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations;
* Mental health service providers;
* Law enforcement officers;
* Social Workers;
* Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurse Examiners;
* Prosecutors
* Policy Makers
* Probation and Parole Officers; and
* Victims of Crime.

The training seminars are free, but space is limited. Click [here](http://www.victimsofcrime.org/training) to register.

West Chester

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Chester County Court House

201 W Market St,

West Chester, PA 19380

Pittsburgh

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Class Swissvale Center

4638 Centre Avenue,

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Philadelphia

Monday, June 6, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

District Attorney’s Office

Ray Harley Training Center

3 S Penn Square,

Philadelphia, PA 19107

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# 2016 National Training Institute

The National Center for Victims of Crime is holding its 2016 National Training Institute, September 19-21, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The National Center for Victims of Crime National Training Institute is a 2 ½ day training which features more than 130 leading experts and 72 skill-building workshops with several key presentations pertaining to a wide range of crime victim issues.

This training offers a chance to network and learn from other professionals in the victims field, as well as connect with victim advocates, counselors, program managers, attorneys, social workers, psychologists, researchers, nurses, volunteers, administrators, clergy, nonprofit managers, system-based service providers, and leaders from across the country.

Click [here](https://victimsofcrimetrainings.secure-platform.com/a/page/Current/NTI) to register.

For more workshops, information, a full agenda, and registration information, click [here](https://victimsofcrimetrainings.secure-platform.com/a/page/Current/NTI).

Please contact Kathleen Wilber at [Kwilber@ncvc.org](mailto:Kwilber@ncvc.org), or 202-467-8744 with any questions.

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# Regional ETO User Groups Are Back

Ever since the implementation of ETO, PCCD has held regional ETO User Groups on an annual basis.  The purpose of these User Groups is to educate users, identify areas of enhancement, and provide technical assistance.  We strongly encourage at least one representative from each agency attend!  (This is ONLY for ETO Case Management agencies!)

Please contact Nick Hartman at (717) 265-8732 or [nihartman@pa.gov](mailto:nihartman@pa.gov) to let him know if your agency would like to participate.  Please register as soon as possible by providing Nick with the following information:

Agency Name

Number of staff attending

Primary Contact Person and Telephone Number

**CENTRAL REGION**

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: DAUPHIN COUNTY

PCADV Offices

3605 Vartan Way, Suite 101

Harrisburg, PA 17110

**NORTHEASTERN REGION**

DATE: Monday, May 2, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: LUZERNE COUNTY

Victims’ Resource Center

71 North Franklin St

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

**WESTERN REGION**

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: BUTLER COUNTY

Cranberry Township Municipal Building

2525 Rochester Road

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**NORTHWESTERN REGION**

DATE: Thursday, May 5, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: ELK COUNTY

Community Education Council of Elk & Cameron Counties

4 Erie Avenue

St. Marys, PA 15857

(Third Floor Conference Room)

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# Human Trafficking Training

Human Trafficking Training

 When: May 24-25, 2016

 Time: 9:00AM- 4:00 PM, 9:00AM- 12:00PM

 Where: Days Inn Penn State

 Fee: $110

 Workshop description: This workshop will outline the current State and Federal laws on Human Trafficking.  It will also provide valuable insight and information into the trauma experienced by trafficking victims from a clinical perspective.

 Trainers: Susan Brotherton, Arielle Curry, Shea Rhoades

PCCD Approved Hours: 9

 To register click [here](https://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us/TPS/defaultpts.aspx) and click on training workshops.

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# VCAP Update Webinar – April 29, 2016

In the continuing effort to communicate with those agencies interested in VCAP, staff will be holding this Webex to provide updates relative to compensation. Of particular note will be an overview of the Relocation benefits, as well as the Out-of-Network policy VCAP implemented in 2013. This Webex is a good opportunity for local advocates to interact with the VCAP Manager and Supervisors on compensation related issues. Those interested in participating in this Webex are encouraged to forward any topics they would like to see addressed. Those topics can be forwarded to the VCAP Manager, Jeff Blystone, at [jblystone@pa.gov](mailto:jblystone@pa.gov). To register for the Webex, please go to the link provided below.

VCAP Updates  
Friday, April 29, 2016 1:30 pm  
Event number: 646 940 790  
Event password: VCAP#1  
Event address for attendees: <https://copa.webex.com/copa/onstage/g.php?d=646940790&t=a>

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

The following trainings will be held on April 28, 2016.

Restitution Basics – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=copa&service=6) to register.

Relocation Expenses Clinic (with Recent Updates) – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3568265264&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3568265593&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on May 12, 2016.

Loss of Support Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570488921&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

Loss of Earnings Clinic – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570489205&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on May 24, 2016.

Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic  – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570488392&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

Basic Compensation -1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570489500&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on June 29, 2016.

DAVE Training - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm. Click [here](https://copa.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?service=7&main_url=%2Ftc0601lsp13%2Ftrainingcenter%2Fdefault.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dcopa%26main_url%3D%252Ftc0601lsp13%252Fe.do%253FAT%253DMI%2526%2526Host%253DQUhTSwAAAALm8myg7_znfDx4kyc2zPbtECDclAmDzpFbBObPdV) 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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# Scholarships Available for 2016 National Victim Service Conferences

The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for scholarships to attend eligible national victim service conferences.  This funding is made available through a grant awarded to PDAI by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the purpose of subsidizing the costs associated with attending these training conferences.  These costs may include registration fees, per diem (for food), and reasonable transportation and lodging expenses.  The scholarships are only available to victim service professionals to attend any national conference focused on victim service training.  To qualify, the applicant’s entire job focus must be on providing support, information, and assistance to victims.  Any eligible conference must be completed within the 2016 calendar year.  Only one person per agency can receive a scholarship and only after providing a sufficient justification of need.  Recipients are selected based upon the information provided in the application, the number of scholarships previously awarded, and remaining available funding. Click [here](http://www.pdaa.org/wp-content/plugins/civicrm/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=3845&qid=597339) for the Scholarship Application.

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# Victim Assistance Cyber Safety Workshop

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is providing a training on Cyber Safety. The Victim Assistance Cyber Safety Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The training will be held at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in the Ray Harley Training Center, Three South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA. The training is **free,** includes lunch and all materials and is approved for 7 hours of annual PCCD training credit.

Click [here](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ec6w5q092f2cabfe&oseq=&c=&ch=) to register.

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# Free Webinar:  Reducing Barriers to Safety: Securing Economic Relief Through Protection Orders

Date: May 5, 2016

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm EDT

This webinar will explore how protection orders can be used to address the economic needs of survivors by covering:

* the link between economic security and physical safety;
* the landscape of economic relief in civil protection order law;
* concrete strategies for accessing and enforcing economic civil protection order relief;
* the role of criminal protection orders in promoting economic security; and
* building partnerships between civil and criminal attorneys and advocates to strengthen economic security for survivors.

This webinar is open to OVW Grantees and the general public and the target audience is attorneys, advocates, law enforcement and court personnel.

For Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credit for attorneys, please check with your state bar for CLE requirements and related fees. We will provide webinar materials and an attendance certificate (upon request following the webinar) to those who are applying for CLE credit with their state bar.

Click [here](https://bwjp.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/register.pl?activity_id=pcbxphk&user_id=) to register.

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# How to Plan a Successful Training for Law Enforcement

Presenters: **Sgt. Joanne Archambault (Ret.) and Kimberly A. Lonsway, Ph.D.**

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 8th

90 Minutes

11:00 AM PT / 12:00 PM MT / 1:00 PM CT / 2:00 PM ET

**Course Description**

Join us on June 8th for 90 minutes of training on topics such as:

* Timelines for success
* Authentic collaboration
* Participation across disciplines
* Creating a professional environment
* Principles of adult learning
* Marketing, marketing, marketing
* Follow-up support

Can't make that date? Don't worry - the webinar recording will be archived along with all of the handout materials provided for participants. Since we do not respond to chat questions during the live webinar, you won't miss any part of the experience! Chat questions will be adapted for a general audience and responses will be sent out after the webinar. Click [here](http://www.evawintl.org/WebinarDetail.aspx?webinarid=1021) to register.

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# ****Join Us Around the Table with Dr. Howard Zehr****

Center for Community Peacemaking (CCP) invites you to our 2016 Annual Dinner with the "grandfather of restorative justice," Dr. Howard Zehr on Thursday, April 28th from 5-8:30PM at Shady Maple Banquet Center, East Earl, PA. Join us for a delicious dinner buffet, auction and program featuring restorative justice pioneer Howard Zehr. Tickets are $40 before March 15, $45 thereafter. Get tickets online at [www.AroundtheTable.org](http://www.aroundthetable.org/) or call [(717) 397-2404](tel:%28717%29%20397-2404) for more info.

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# Crime Victims Alliance of PA May 9th Meeting

The Crime Victims Alliance of PA (CVAP) will be holding their next meeting on Monday, May 9th.  The CVAP statement of purpose is to unite crime victims, survivors, advocate and activist to collectively ensure that the issues affecting victims of crime are addressed.  If you would like to become a member of the alliance please contact the membership chair, Liz Gavin at [egavin@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:egavin@yorkcountypa.gov). The Alliance has 5 trainings planned for 2016.  Please join us at the May 9th meeting as we hear from Kathy Buckley, Acting Director for the Office of Victims Services. Some discussion topics will include:

\*Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding (competitive vs non-competitive, etc.)

\*Victim Services Advisory Committee’s (VSAC) Strategic Planning

\*Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

Please bring your questions and join us:

Date: May 9, 2016. PCCD has approved 1.5 training hours.

Time: Immediately following the 12:30 CVAP General Membership meeting.

Location: Giant Community Center, Trindle Road, Camp Hill

Contact: Cindy Keeney ([ckeeney@adamscounty.us](mailto:ckeeney@adamscounty.us)) or Angela Keen ([akeenbadjie@gmail.com](mailto:akeenbadjie@gmail.com)) to RSVP or ask questions.

CVAP has numerous committees on which to serve, including the Legislative and Policy committee, the Crime Victims Rally committee, the Survivors Speakers committee, and the committee of Leadership Development.  Committees will meet from 11:00 to noon on May 9th feel free to join a committee meeting to learn more about the committee and if you would like to serve.  After a 30 minute lunch break the membership meeting will begin at 12:30 (for approximately 30 minutes) with the Kathy Buckley discussion and training following. (approximately 1:30-3:00)

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# 2016 [Summer Peacebuilding Institute](http://centerforjusticeandpeacebuilding.createsend1.com/t/y-l-ddutlkd-ydtjuydix-b/)

The 2016 [Summer Peacebuilding Institute](http://centerforjusticeandpeacebuilding.createsend1.com/t/y-l-ddutlkd-ydtjuydix-b/) starts in just under four weeks. Currently over 180 people from 43 countries have signed up to take courses. Click [here](http://centerforjusticeandpeacebuilding.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/y/3132B3AD27BA7891/158782588879E5184AB3169DA1FD82E9) to read more.

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# What We Still Get Wrong About College Sexual Assault: "We Don't Believe That It Could Happen to Someone We Know"

Two of the women who turned the problem of sexual assault on college campuses into a national issue are taking their message nationwide with a new book. Its title may seem provocative to anyone who hasn't been paying attention to what young activists have been doing to change how we deal with violence, harassment, and assault, but it's a mantra for survivors: We Believe You. Click [here](http://www.glamour.com/story/why-two-women-want-you-to-beli) to read more.

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# 3 Women Are Killed Every Day By Their Partners. Here Are 59 Ideas On How To Stop The Violence

Did you know that in the U.S., more women are killed by intimate partners — their boyfriends, husbands and exes — than any other type of perpetrator?

On average, that works out to three women dead every single day.

Last month, The Huffington Post published [an in-depth investigation into fatal domestic violence](http://testkitchen.huffingtonpost.com/this-is-not-a-love-story/) in America. We highlighted the common risk factors that occur prior to intimate partner homicides. Thanks to years of research, many experts consider these types of killings among the most predictable and preventable of all murders, because they often follow well-established patterns.

After we ran the feature, many readers emailed us to ask what can be done to end the bloodshed. If experts believe these homicides can be prevented, they wanted to know, **what should we do to stop them? Click** [here](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/how-to-stop-domestic-violence-murder_us_56eeb745e4b09bf44a9d85f6) **to read more.**

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# The Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and its Family & Youth Services Bureau

The Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and its Family & Youth Services Bureau has just launched a series of videos to highlight the importance of runaway prevention/intervention. Runaway/homeless youth are at high-risk of becoming victims of human trafficking. The FYSB hopes the videos/PSA’s can create awareness about the resources available to young people (before running away). Also, the National Runaway Safeline provides crisis intervention and connects youth with resources when they are on the streets. In addition, FYSB released the findings of the Street Outreach Program data collection study, which reveals that almost one-quarter of participants (24.1%) said that they had “agreed to be sexual” with someone in exchange for money, and 27.5 percent had “agreed to be sexual” with someone in exchange for a place to spend the night. Survival sex – which is domestic sex trafficking- is still a major issue among runaway/homeless youth.  You can access these resources by clicking [here](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/news/secretary-burwell-turns-up-focus-homeless-young-people).

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# States Look to Provide Lawyers for the Poor in Civil Cases

A flood of poor defendants representing themselves — often ineffectively — in dire cases involving eviction, foreclosure, child custody and involuntary commitment has led to a push in legislatures to expand rights to free lawyers in certain civil proceedings. Everyone has a right to a free lawyer in criminal cases if they can’t afford one. But the same right isn’t guaranteed in civil cases. Click [here](http://www.myrecordjournal.com/news/national/8647104-129/story.html.html) to read more.

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# The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. If you would like any training events, fund raisers or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Stacie Brendlinger at [sbrendling@pa.gov](mailto:sbrendling@pa.gov) by Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

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 Stacie Brendlinger at (717) 265-8722 or via email at [sbrendling@pa.gov](mailto:sbrendling@pa.gov).

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[www.pccd.pa.gov](http://www.pccd.pa.gov)

**PA Crime Victims Website**

[www.pcv.pccd.pa.gov](http://www.pcv.pccd.pa.gov)

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