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# PMR Update Communication

Recently, the E-grants system was updated to make it easier for grantees to submit Project Modification Requests (PMRs).  One of the specific changes that impacts OVS-funded programs, is the addition of the Personnel PMR (Name Change Only).

With the addition of the Personnel (Name Change Only) PMR, OVS will no longer require the submission of the quarterly personnel spreadsheet beginning with the quarterly reports due in July 2022.  Therefore, when there is a change in staffing of an approved position with less than a 10% budgetary change of the entire personnel budget category, the Personnel (Name Change Only) PMR must be filed. Subgrantees should file the modification at the time the change in staffing occurs and not in conjunction with quarterly reporting. A signature pages is not required for a Personnel PMR.

**NOTE:** If the personnel change has a budgetary change that is 10% or higher than the entire personnel budget, then a Full PMR will need to be completed.

If you have any questions concerning the new PMR process, please contact the OVS Program Staff assigned to your grant(s).

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# VOCA Changes To Fiscal Year (FY) Reporting

Beginning on October 1, 2022, the VOCA reporting year will be shifted to align with the federal fiscal year **(October 1st to September 30th**).  PCCD has been operating on the state fiscal year of July 1st – June 30th for VOCA reporting purposes. This change is occurring due to federal reporting requirements and will allow for the annual VOCA anecdotal information to be submitted at the end of the federal fiscal year.

This reporting change will take effect with the reporting period of 7/1/22 to 9/30/22 being a transition quarter and October 1, 2022 starting the beginning of a new fiscal year reporting period.

**Transition to Federal Fiscal Year (Transition Quarter)**

Beginning July 1, 2022, the reporting year will shift to the federal fiscal year of October 1st to September 30th reporting time frame.  This “transition quarter” will allow for agencies to include July 1st – September 30th VOCA report data as the last reporting period for the year. Data will be counted as follows:

* **July to September 2022 Reporting Period will count New and Continuing with the Fiscal Year Start Date of 10/1/21.**
	+ VOCA funding recipientsare being asked to make this counting and tracking change beginning 7/1/22 and be able to report these numbers for the July 1st, 2022 – September 30th, 2022 VOCA reports that are due to PCCD via EGrants on **10/15/22**
	+ If a program is unable to accommodate this change for the July 1st, 2022 – September 30th, 2022 quarter due to data tracking system limitations and needs to report this quarter using the previous method of a fiscal year start date of 7/1/2022, no issue will be made with regards to NEW and CONTINUING victims served.
	+ VOCA funding recipients are required to begin tracking all victims served as “New” for the October 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022 (1st quarter) reporting period to align with the use of the 2022/2023 Federal Fiscal Year of October 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2023.

**No Changes for Previously Submitted VOCA Reports**

The quarterly reports up to and including the April 1st to June 30th, 2022 reporting period will not need to be resubmitted or changed to align with the new federal fiscal year reporting period.

**Reporting Timeframes for 2022**

The following table illustrates the reporting requirement timeframes for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year.

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| **Reporting Period** | **Fiscal Year Start Date** | **New and Continuing** | **Quarter** | **VOCA Report Due Date** |
| January to March 2022 | 7/1/21 | New and Continuing | Quarter 3 | April 15, 2022 |
| April to June 2022 | 7/1/21 | New and Continuing | Quarter 4 | July 15, 2022 |
| ***July to September 2022*** | ***10/1/21*** | ***New and Continuing*** | ***Quarter 4*** | ***October 15, 2022*** |
| October to December | 10/1/22 | Everyone New | Quarter 1 | January 15, 2023 |

**ETO Case Management Users Impact**

* No required changes needed by ETO Case Management Users.
* The VOCA Reports have their reporting year start date in the report prompt screen.  The Fiscal Year Start Date will begin to default to 10/1/21 at the end of August.
* This change does not impact the PCADV and PCAR reports that are on a State Fiscal Year (SFY)

**ETO Aggregate Users Impact**

* VOCA recipients who use their own data tracking methods and case management systems must update their tracking and reporting methods to correspond with new reporting time frame.
* A grace period for the July – September reporting cycle will be given to those agencies that are unable to adjust their reporting method prior to July 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Seigler at jseigler@pa.gov or at 717-265-8745.

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# Attention VOJO Programs – VOJO Lapsing Funds – Please Don’t Forget To Use Your VOJO Funding By June 30, 2022!

Recipients of 2021 VOJO (VJ), denoted on your Award Letter as:

2021 VJ Award Amount      $ XX.xx

2021 VJ Project Period        7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

This is a reminder that *VOJO funds not expended or obligated from this funding source by June 30, 2022 will lapse.*

Any outstanding obligations as of 6/30/2022, should be reported in the Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations column on the fiscal report for the period ending 6/30/2022.

An interim fiscal report will need to be submitted once the reported Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations are paid.  A remark must be included noting the reported expenditures were attributable to the period 7/1/2021-6/30/2022.

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# June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

In honor of Pride month [Mental Health America](https://www.mhanational.org/lgbtq/pride?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=82b2f50a-a7c5-48bf-9d89-7e12b2a1aa55) offers resources about the LGBTQI+ community and mental health.

The National Network to End Domestic Violence [(NNEDV)](https://nnedv.org/latest_update/nnedv-commemorates-pride-month/) offers ideas to promote Pride during the month of June and throughout the year.

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# 2022 National Survey On LGBTQ Youth Mental Health

The Trevor Project’s 2022 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health provides critical insights into some of the unique suicide risk factors faced by LGBTQ youth, top barriers to mental health care, and the negative impacts of COVID- 19.

Please click [here](https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2022/) to access.

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# How To Talk To Children About Witnessing Violence

Whether children experience, witness, or learn about mass shootings, police brutality, and violence at home or in the community, there are trusted strategies to use that help children understand what has happened and deal with any difficult emotions they may experience as a result of it.

Please click [here](https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Talk-to-Children-about-Witnessing-Violence.pdf) to read.

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# You May Feel Secondary Trauma From All The Coverage Of Mass Shootings

By consuming news of each mass shooting, we are experiencing what experts call secondary and collective trauma.

Please click [here](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-28/from-buffalo-to-uvalde-with-secondary-trauma-of-mass-shootings) to read more.

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# Six Supportive Ways To Address Trauma That Shows Up At Work

We spend most of our day at our workplace, and as such, the workplace is a community. When traumatic events occur, it can affect us all. It is important to remember; coworkers and employees are full people and emotional beings who deserve to feel safe and supported.

Please click here to [read](https://www.workplacesrespond.org/resource-library/six-supportive-ways-to-address-trauma-that-shows-up-at-work/) more.

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# Victims Of Gun Crimes Take Gun Manufacturers To Court

Victims of gun crime are following an alternative path forged by legal actions against cigarette makers, prescription opioid manufacturers and big oil in an attempt to work around the law - and the lack of political actions to hold the firearms industry accountable for the injury and death toll of its products.

Please click [here](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/jun/07/gun-crime-victims-lawsuits-firearms-industry) to read more.

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# Fund Research On The ‘How’ Questions

Scientific evidence has an essential role in promoting a fair, equitable, and effective justice system and improving public safety for all Americans, says Nancy La Vigne, new director of the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice. She says, "The most direct way to work toward those goals is by building our knowledge base through research that is rigorous, interdisciplinary, and inclusive.”

Please click [here](https://nij.ojp.gov/general-message/director-nancy-la-vignes-vision) to read more.

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# Toolkit to Reduce The Likelihood of Mass Shootings

The RAND Corp. [created a toolkit](https://www.rand.org/pubs/tools/TLA1613-1/toolkit.html) to help reduce the likelihood of mass shootings and other public attacks to reduce the casualties of completed attacks.

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/rand-toolkit-aims-to-reduce-the-likelihood-of-mass-shootings) to read more.

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# Mass Violence Is A Public Health Crisis

The American Hospital Association recently published “Mass Violence is a Public Health Crisis” from the Director of the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center, Dr. Dean Kilpatrick.

Please click [here](https://www.aha.org/news/blog/2022-06-01-mass-violence-public-health-crisis) to read more.

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# Olympic Gymnasts Seek $1 Billion From FBI For Failing To Stop Nassar

FBI agents knew in 2015 that Nassar was accused of molesting gymnasts, but they failed to act, leaving him free to continue to target young women and girls for more than a year.

Please click [here](https://apnews.com/article/simone-biles-sports-larry-nassar-5aee7d6f66009dcae571249481a3558f) to read.

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# OVC Funding Opportunities

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/announcement/apply-funding-enhance-services-victims-crime?utm_campaign=2022_funding_opportunities_and_VOCA_grants&utm_content=2022_funding_opportunities_and_VOCA_grants&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsfromovc) to see current funding opportunities.

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# Technology, Safety, And Culture Change: A Community Conversation

It’s top of mind in Silicon Valley, in Washington on Capitol Hill, and at your kitchen table or on your timeline: With more time spent online than ever before, engaging online safely is a top priority for almost everyone. Now hear from leaders at top tech companies about it all from data privacy, to emerging opportunities for safety, to diversity and inclusion—all in the context of MCSR’s primary prevention lens for ending gender-based violence. We'll discuss the prevention of online harassment, cyberbullying, sexual abuse, and exploitation through practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful content and behaviors, promoting online communities that value safety and respect, and more.

Please click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhF-c1syfXU) to watch.

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# Getting To Safety: What Do We Know? How Do We Help?

The body of knowledge about the relationship between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence is long, deep, and consistent.  Effective responses were slow to develop but that is changing too, and there is a growing recognition of the need to provide policies and programs to help survivors of family violence and their companion animals.  What’s available?  What is still needed?  The purpose of this webinar is threefold:

* To provide some background on the considerable research and experience that demonstrate the relationship between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence, esp. domestic violence/child abuse/elder abuse;
* To acquaint attendees with the policies, practices, and programs that have evolved to respond to the needs of those experiencing this combination of family violence, such as the inclusion of pets on protection orders; and
* To provide a list of resources available to those who work with this group of survivors.

June 24 2:00 – 3:30 ET|11am PT

Please click [here](https://www.bwjp.org/training/getting-to-safety-webinar-ncpoffc.html) to register.

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# Sex Trafficking Happens Here – A Statewide Campaign

On June 1, the [PA Office of Victim Advocate](https://www.ova.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx) – with partners [Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation](https://cseinstitute.org/) and [Mission Kids Children’s Advocacy Center](https://missionkidscac.org/?msclkid=a50e887dcfc111ecb52bc0098d6ae1ec) – will launch a statewide campaign to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation.

Please join us via the below social media sites and sharing messages that combat the myths of sex trafficking and dispel the misconception that trafficking “doesn’t happen here.”

Instagram: @traffickinghappenspa

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Trafficking-Happens-106596808719435>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/traffickingpa>

For additional information and resources, please contact Ashley Walkowiak at anwalkowiak@pa.gov.

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# The Intersection of Domestic Violence, Substance Use, & Trauma

More and more communities are recognizing the correlation between domestic violence, substance use, and trauma. While it has long been recognized that domestic violence can have significant substance use-related effects, the lack of collaboration between systems often leave survivors and their families without ways to address both safety and recovery needs.

This webinar will explore the way domestic violence and trauma can escalate substance use and dependency for survivors, and the impact of substance use on survivor safety and autonomy.

June 23, 2022 1:00 pm

Please click [here](https://vawnet.org/events/intersection-domestic-violence-substance-use-trauma) to register.

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# Sexual Exploitation Awareness Training

This virtual training is designed to assist service providers who engage survivors and offenders of sexual assault, harassment and commercial exploitation of youth. **Service providers will be taught how to utilize the materials developed by the trainers and best practices for engaging survivors whose trauma stems from sexual abuse.**

June 28, 2022

9:30 am – 12:00 pm EDT

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sexual-exploitation-awareness-training-virtual-tickets-336657861727) to register.

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# Creating Resiliency: Understanding Trauma For Crime Survivors Virtual Support Group

The PA Office of Victim Advocate is offering a free, virtual support group for crime survivors. [Creating Resiliency: Understanding Trauma for Crime Survivors](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2Fwjqivf%2F02rnow%2F8slifs&data=05%7C01%7Canwalkowiak%40pa.gov%7Cabd814c8f07d4b91217508da31dd5d45%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637877124074011058%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FyOgwqPmfwfE3WBuu8UciokCTr1lD%2BNmkk5z9GJ9cvU%3D&reserved=0) is a 6 week program for any crime survivor in Pennsylvania.

Group 1 will meet Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm, beginning June 22.

Group 2 will meet Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm, beginning June 23.

Interested survivors should complete the [interest form](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2Fwjqivf%2F02rnow%2Folmifs&data=05%7C01%7Canwalkowiak%40pa.gov%7Cabd814c8f07d4b91217508da31dd5d45%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637877124074011058%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3ajqAyWcWQX2ezH1V0MxQ8JsBpsEUm382xDQHYBreKQ%3D&reserved=0) and email it to Lisa Ryan at lmryan@pa.gov.

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# Homicide & Drug Delivery Resulting In Death Cases And The Role Of The Victim Advocate



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| **Course Information** |
| This extremely important training will be an introduction to the various types of Homicide cases, including Drug Delivery Resulting in Death cases and provide a foundation on how to be a successful advocate for the victims' families. Topics covered will include:* Different types and gradings of Homicides;
* The various penalties;
* The Hows and Whys of Plea Agreements;
* Successful communication with the families;
* Social media how it relates to victims' family and friends;
* A section specific to Drug Delivery Resulting in Death cases.

**Presenters****Stephen R. Zawisky, Esq.**Chief Deputy District AttorneyDauphin County DA's Office**Tonya Lupinacci, Esq.**Assistant Professor of Criminology at Immaculata UniversityConsultant at Saint Joseph's University's Center for Addiction and Recovery EducationFormer Assistant District Attorney with the Montgomery County DA's Office  |
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| [**Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conference Center**](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/adm/Best%20Western%20Premier%20The%20Central%20Hotel%20%26%20Conference%20Center%20800%20East%20Park%20Drive%20Harrisburg%2C%20PA%2017111%20717-561-2800)800 East Park DriveHarrisburg, PA 17111717-561-2800  |

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| Registration |
| Registration closes on **August 1, 2022**. Attendance is limited to 50 participants. This course is open to DA-based and community-based victim advocates and victim witness coordinators, as well as to attorneys. Click [here](https://www.ciclt.net/sn/events/e_signup.aspx?ClientCode=pdaa&E_ID=500421&RegType=ATT) for more information or to register today. |

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on June 22, 2022.

* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic - 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
* Loss of Support Clinic – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on July 7, 2022.

* Basic Compensation – 9:00am. – 11:00 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on July 18, 2022.

* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
* Loss of Earnings Clinic – 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 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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# A Woman’s Place

Please click [here](https://awomansplace.org/get-involved/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Nationalities Service Center – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=27e48a4b-a610-4fda-9822-2ed5e4765278&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US&selectedMenuKey=CareerCenter) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Sexual Assault Resource Counseling Center (SARCC) - Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://sarccheals.org/careers/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Schuylkill Hope Center – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://schopecenter.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/job-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Safe Berks – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.safeberks.org/get-involved/job-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Women’s Resources Of Monroe County – Employment Opportunities

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

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The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **June 29, 2022**.  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  by Wednesday, **June 22, 2022**.

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.

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(717) 783-0551

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