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# Changes To The Victims Compensation Assistance Program As A Result of Act 77 Of 2022

On July 11, 2022, Governor Wolf signed into law Act 77 of 2022 ([Current version is HB2464](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?syear=2021&sind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2464)). There are a number of changes to the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) that will take effect on September 8, 2022.  The law is not retroactive, so the changes will take effect for crimes occurring after the date of September 8, 2022.  Below is a full list of changes to VCAP:

1. Adds the following eligible charges:

* 75 Pa.C.S. § 3732.1 (Relating To Aggravated Assault By Vehicle)
* 75 Pa.C.S. § 3733 (Relating To Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer)
* 75 Pa.C.S. § 3734 (Relating To Driving Without Lights To Avoid Identification Or Arrest)
* 75 Pa.C.S. § 3742.1 (Relating To Accidents Involving Death Or Personal Injury While Not Properly Licensed) If The Nature And Circumstance Of The Offense Committed Are Substantially Similar To An Offense Under 75 Pa.C.S. § 3742

1. Adds privately owned vehicles to crime scene clean up.
2. Changes filing requirement to 5 years with good case exceptions for filing past 5 years.
3. Changes minimum loss requirement to $50.00.
4. Adds no minimum loss requirement for claimants over the age of 60.
5. Mileage for counseling services can be paid to:
   1. Direct victim.
   2. Individual responsible for direct victim’s welfare.
   3. Intervenor or individual physically present at the crime scene and witness a violent crime.
   4. In case of homicide, an individual who discovers the body.
   5. Anyone related to the direct victim within the 2nd degree of consanguinity.
   6. Anyone maintaining a common law relationship with the direct victim.
   7. Anyone residing in the same household with the direct victim.
   8. Anyone engaged to be married to the direct victim.
6. If the crime involved is a homicide, the conduct of the direct victim shall not be considered for claims by eligible claimants for counseling and funeral expenses.
7. Allows sexual violence and intimidation orders as reporting to proper authorities.
8. Allows a minor who is a direct victim of a sexual offense to request that the minor’s primary insurance carrier not be billed for counseling services if the policy is held or administered by either the alleged perpetrator of the crime or an individual responsible for the minor’s welfare that is not supportive of counseling services.

Training for victim advocates will be provided in the near future that will discuss the VCAP changes in greater detail.

In addition to VCAP, there are other important changes to the CVA within Act 77 of 2022.

* In the 2019-2020 Regular Session, HB962 was signed into law which allowed Sexual Assault victims to file claims to VCAP for counseling without reporting to law enforcement.  This wording has now been added to the CVA as Section 701.1.
* Section 212 of the CVA has two (2) important changes relative to “Responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies.”

1. Act 77 of 2022 changes Section 212 (B)(1) and (2) to remove the 48-hour and 24-hour notification requirements and replaces with the following language:

Section 212 (B)(1) - “The law enforcement agency responding to or investigating an incident shall provide basic information on the rights and services available for crime victims and the availability of crime victims' compensation to the direct victim or, if appropriate, a member of the direct victim's family. The information shall be provided when the agency has first contact with the direct victim or, if appropriate, a member of the direct victim's family or as soon as reasonably possible. The information required under this subsection shall be in a written notice in a manner or form developed by the office of victims' services.”

Section 212 (B)(2) – “Law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for ensuring that officers provide the notification required under paragraph (1).”

1. Act 77 of 2022 changes Section 212 (E) from Forms to:

Section 212 (E) – “CONFIRMATION.  The law enforcement agency responding to or investigating an incident shall indicate on the police report that the information required under subsection (B) was provided to the direct victim or, if appropriate, a member of the direct victim’s family.”

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# RASA/VOJO 2023-2024 Funding Announcement is Now Open!

The RASA/VOJO 2023-2024 Funding Announcement for the funding period of January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024 opened on July 1, 2022.  **RASA/VOJO programs must submit their applications in Egrants by Friday, September 2, 2022.**  Here is the link to the funding announcement:  <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Funding/Pages/Active-Funding-Announcements.aspx>.

Rights and Services Act (RASA) and Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funds support procedural services mandated by the PA Crime Victims Act, PA Juvenile Act and/or the PA Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure.

Please note that RASA/VOJO program recommendations are made by each county’s District Attorney (DA) in consultation with the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer (CJPO) to the Victims Service Advisory Committee (VSAC). VSAC will then develop final recommendations for consideration by the Commission for final approval. In order for victim service programs to apply for 2023-2024 RASA/VOJO funding, each county’s DA and CJPO must complete the RASA (DA only) and VOJO (DA and CJPO) Recommendation Forms which designate programs and funding amounts.

The RASA and VOJO Recommendation Forms, along with the 2023-2024 RASA and VOJO Allocation Charts will be emailed to each DA and CJPO in early July and they will be due back to PCCD no later than July 15, 2022. The DA and CJPO should also provide copies of the recommendation forms to each recommended RASA/VOJO program by Friday, July 15, 2022 so they can attach the signed/dated forms to their RASA/VOJO Application in Egrants.

Please contact PCCD if there are any questions concerning this announcement.  Program-related questions should be directed to Maria Katulis at 717.265.8741 or [mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:mkatulis@pa.gov)   or Desirae Myers at 717.265.8460 or [desmyers@pa.gov](mailto:desmyers@pa.gov).   Fiscal or budgetary questions should be directed to James Haas at 717.265.8509 or [jamhaas@pa.gov](mailto:jamhaas@pa.gov).  Questions concerning the Egrants system should be made directly to the Egrants Help Desk by calling 717.787.5887.

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# ETO Receiving Important Correspondence

To ensure the correct staff members are receiving ETO related emails, all agencies using ETO need to complete and regularly update the “***Agency Contact TouchPoint”***. Every agency’s ETO Site Manager should have already completed this General TouchPoint titled ***“Agency Contact TouchPoint”***.  However, it needs to be updated as needed basis by **EDITING the TouchPoint** when there are staffing changes at an organization.

If an email address changes or the contact person for your agency changes, it is your responsibility to update this TouchPoint to ensure PCCD has the most accurate information.  If this is not completed in a timely manner after changes in staff are made, you will miss important communications regarding ETO and grant reporting.

***SPECIAL NOTE***: The TouchPoint must be completed as a new touchpoint in the correct program if your agency has **switched** from a Case Management to Aggregate user of ETO or visa versa.  This will ensure you receive the correct instructions for completing your quarterly VOCA reports.  If your organization falls under this category, please DELETE your current Agency Contact TouchPoint and complete a NEW one in the correct program of ETO.

To complete the ***Agency Contact TouchPoint***:

* Log into ETO and go to the left-hand side navigation bar
* Select TOUCHPOINTS > VIEW GENERAL TOUCHPOINTS > and select TAKE NEW TOUCHPOINT.
* At the top of the drop-down list, you will see ***AGENCY CONTACT TOUCHPOINT***.
* Complete the data fields by providing the names and email addresses of the Site Managers at your agency that are responsible of obtaining and disseminating ETO related information.

To edit the ***Agency Contact TouchPoint***:

* Log into ETO and go to the left-hand side navigation bar
* Select TOUCHPOINTS > VIEW GENERAL TOUCHPOINTS >
* Click the (+) symbol next to ***Agency Contact Touchpoint***.
* Click the pencil icon on the right of the most recently completed touchpoint.
* Complete the data fields by providing the names and email addresses of the Site Managers at your agency that are responsible of obtaining and disseminating ETO related information.

If you need further assistance, please reach out to the ETO Team at [RA-CD-OVS-ETO@pa.gov](mailto:RA-CD-OVS-ETO@pa.gov)

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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](mailto:jseigler@pa.gov) or at 717-265-8745.

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# Attention All RASA/VOJO Programs- Quarterly Reports Due Wednesday, July 20th!

Quarterly Program Reports for the 2021-2022 RASA/VOJO Funding Cycle will cover the time period from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 and should be submitted in E-grants by no later than Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

**Image result for Green Check Mark Clip Art. Size: 96 x 95. Source: cliparts.coNEW this Quarter!**

* April 1st through June 30th represents Quarter 2 in the RASA/VOJO funding cycle. When calculating victims served for the quarter, please separate NEW and CONTINUING victims.
* TheE-grants system was recently 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.

**Image result for Green Check Mark Clip Art. Size: 96 x 95. Source: cliparts.coReport Reminders:**

Please select “No” when asked to make the report a Final Program Report.

You do not need to enter anything in the “Briefly List Activities Conducted During This Period” Section on the main page of the report.  You may simply enter “Not Applicable” in this section on the main page of the report and save it.

**It is very important to submit your program report in Egrants by the due date of July 20, 2022**.  PCCD applies a risk level to each sub-grantee.  One of the factors that impacts an agency’s risk level is delinquent quarterly reports.  RASA and VOJO Reports submitted later than July 20, 2022 may adversely impact the agency’s risk level.  If, for any reason, you are unable to enter your report data and submit the report by the due date, please contact our office to let us know so we may instruct you on how to proceed in order to avoid your report being delinquent.

**Image result for Green Check Mark Clip Art. Size: 96 x 95. Source: cliparts.coPCCD Contact Information:**

If you should have any questions or need assistance completing your quarterly program reports, please contact Heather Cureau at [hcureau@pa.gov](mailto:hcureau@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8712, or Maria Katulis at [Mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:Mkatulis@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8741.

Quarterly fiscal reports for RASA and VOJO grants will also be due in Egrants by July 20, 2022.  If you have any fiscal report questions, please contact the fiscal staff person listed on your grant for assistance.

If you need technical assistance with Egrants, you may contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887 or [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).

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# Victim Advocacy Assistance – School District Of Philadelphia

PCCD’s Office of Safe Schools Advocate (OSSA) recently opened a 3-year, $375,000 solicitation to support students and their families who are victims of violence within the School District of Philadelphia. This grant will be considered a cooperative agreement, with PCCD being very involved with the grantee related to provision of advocacy supports. The successful applicant will work closely with the Safe School Advocate to provide the following services: a.) Provide assistance and support to the OSSA, and providing information on support services offered by the district attorney’s victim-witness provider and through local community-based victim service agencies; b.) Support the parent or guardian and/or the student victim through the SDP disciplinary process; and c.) Assist the parent or guardian of the victim in providing input to the school district and the appropriate juvenile or criminal justice authority to ensure the victim's safety on school property when the perpetrator of an act of violence is returning to school after placement under a consent decree, adjudication of delinquency, or conviction of a criminal offense.

If interested, please see the full announcement on PCCD’s Egrants system [here](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Funding/Pages/Active-Funding-Announcements.aspx) under the Victim Advocacy Assistance – SD of Philadelphia title.  **Applications are due July 22, 2022.**

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# Beyond Mass Shootings

Since a gunman killed seven people at a Chicago suburb’s July 4 parade, [more than 160 people](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/number-of-gun-deaths?te=1&nl=the-morning&emc=edit_nn_20220708) have died from other gun homicides across the country.  In Chicago alone, [at least 10 people were killed](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2022/07/06/chicago-violence-highland-park/?te=1&nl=the-morning&emc=edit_nn_20220708) in multiple shootings during the holiday weekend.

These everyday killings received far less attention than the mass murder at the parade. But they are the standard for American gun violence: More than 95 percent of gun homicides this year have been shootings with one to three victims.

Please click [here](https://messaging-custom-newsletters.nytimes.com/template/oakv2?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20220708&instance_id=66076&nl=the-morning&productCode=NN&regi_id=123607816&segment_id=97926&te=1&uri=nyt%3A%2F%2Fnewsletter%2Ffdc7effa-b40d-5700-87fb-a23c6182692e&user_id=95fabb4181ca9405ffed11043cf8de1e) to read.

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# Until We Find A Way To Prevent Mass Shootings, Your City Needs To Prepare

The Mass Shooting Protocol is a four-page guide that mayors and their staff can turn to during the first 24 hours following a mass shooting. The Mass Shooting Playbook is a 200-page supplemental resource that cities can use to prepare for, to respond to, and to help their communities recover from the unthinkable—a process that can go on for years.

Please click [here](mailto:https://icma.org/articles/pm-magazine/until-we-find-way-prevent-mass-shootings-your-city-needs-prepare) to read.

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# UK Olympian Mo Farah Reveals He Was Trafficked As A Child

Four-time Olympic champion Mo Farah says he was illegally brought to the U.K. as a young boy and forced to care for other children before he escaped a life of servitude through running.

Please click [here](https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/nba/uk-olympian-mo-farah-reveals-he-was-trafficked-as-a-child/ar-AAZutNs?ocid=entnewsntp&cvid=6d5d0ae6973144ff9b178f894b8f50bd) to read.

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# Violent Victimization By Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity

The report provides demographic characteristics of victims of violent crimes, including sex, race or Hispanic origin, and age. It also presents data on the types of violent crimes involved and whether victims chose to report the victimization to police. Population estimates for persons age 16 or older by sexual orientation and gender identity are also provided.

Please click [here](https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/violent-victimization-sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity-2017-2020?utm_campaign=justinfo&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to access.

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# Report On Indicators Of School Crime And Safety, 2021

is the 24th in a series of annual publications produced jointly by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, in the Department of Education. It provides official estimates of school crime and safety from a variety of data sources, including national surveys of students, teachers, principals, and post-secondary institutions. It presents data on different types of student victimization, measures of school conditions, and student perceptions about their personal safety at school.

Please click [here](https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/report-indicators-school-crime-and-safety-2021?utm_campaign=justinfo&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to access.

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# When Immigration Becomes A Tool In Intimate Partner Violence

Many people are unaware that immigration abuse can be a tool of gender-based violence. Imagine being 21, prohibited from legally working, pregnant, and about to be deported. What other choice did I have but to marry him? Immigration Abuse is a term used in gender-based violence to describe the use of the immigration system as a tool of power and control over an intimate partner. An immigrant victim’s immigration status is most often tied directly to their abusive partner’s status.

Please click [here](https://www.bwjp.org/resource-center/resource-results/immigrant_heritage_month_oped.html) to read more.

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# Experts Call For Treating Gun Violence As A Public Health Issue

In ‘Toward A Fair and Just Response to Gun Violence”,  a report by the [Joyce Foundation](https://www.joycefdn.org/about), a  group of advocates, prosecutors and defense attorneys came together to address some of the hardest questions facing communities in 2022: how to reduce the devastating toll of gun violence experienced in many U.S. cities; how to limit the proliferation of guns - many owned illegally - in those same areas; how to do so without further undermining the relationship between police and communities of color; and how to do so without contributing to the over-incarceration of men and boys of color.

Please click [here](https://www.joycefdn.org/research-reports/toward-a-fair-and-just-response-to-gun-violence-part-ii) to read.

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# The Survivor Series – The Power Of The Personal Story

In this podcast, Elizabeth Huebsch discusses her experience when she sought assistance and support from law enforcement and her local sexual assault victim services organization. Throughout her journey, she experienced significant violations of her personal privacy and confidentiality. While her experience with her state’s crime victim compensation program was positive, the rest of her journey was not.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/media/audiofile/18126?utm_campaign=justinfo&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to access.

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# Psychological First Aid

This five-hour online training course is for individuals new to disaster response who want to learn the core goals of PFA, as well as for seasoned practitioners who want a review. It features innovative activities, video demonstrations, and mentor tips from the nation’s trauma experts and survivors. PFA online also offers a Learning Community where participants can share about experiences using PFA in the field, receive guidance during times of disaster, and obtain additional resources and training.

Please click [here](https://www.nctsn.org/resources/psychological-first-aid-pfa-online) to access.

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# Addressing The Needs Of Crime Victims In Cases Involving Post-Conviction Innocence And Exonerations

**Thursday, July 21 from 11 am to 12:30 pm EST**

As an increasing number of post-conviction exonerations make media headlines, more victim advocates around the country will be called upon to respond. This presentation will feature specialized resources created by Healing Justice in collaboration with the Office for Victims of Crime, including practical tools for victim service providers, peer-to-peer videos designed specifically for crime victims, and media resources aimed at raising public awareness about victim experiences and needs in these cases. Attendees will learn:  
• the importance of timely post-conviction victim notification and support  
• the application of victims' rights to post-conviction case review  
• how to ensure a trauma-informed response to victims, post-conviction  
• ways to restore victims' trust in the criminal justice system

Please click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mke7ABFISNyz6Kxj7aQcyw) to register.

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# Stalking On College Campuses

July 22 11:00 am Pacific Time

Stalking recognition and response should be integrated into awareness education, safety planning, and adjudication on campuses. Though stalking victimization is prevalent among young adults and covered under the Clery Act, stalking is rarely addressed on college campuses to the same degree as intimate partner and/or sexual violence. The geographic and social realities of college campuses can present unique challenges and opportunities for stalking cases. This webinar will discuss the dynamics of stalking on college campuses and provide practical tools to better keep students safe and hold offenders accountable.

Please click [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eGQXss_4Tbmjz8pd15MKdg?_x_zm_rtaid=rhu43mxfThGlGFJC2gyp0w.1655911435776.dda4ede0feeb938653cea03b41c08c7a&_x_zm_rhtaid=201) to register.

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# Building Trauma- Informed Organizations

This training provides guidance on how your organization can become trauma-informed and modify policies and procedures to respond to trauma victims. This training is intended for those responsible for designing and implementing their organization’s programs and policies. This [training](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ovcttac.gov%2Fviews%2FTrainingMaterials%2FNVAA%2FASI%2Findex.cfm%3Fnm%3Dnvaa%26ns%3Dasi%26nt%3Dsgo%26nf%3Dbtio&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C44550f9a7ee8456bc5c608da5f3d55c6%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637927014547021729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yBsrQVgR13IL8%2F7UK%2FWy3BBCh%2FYyo0bgOSguOCRMs1E%3D&reserved=0) will be delivered online, over the course of 5 weeks**, beginning on July 25, 2022**. Each week, except for the introductory week, will include a facilitated webinar. There are recommended readings and videos, as well as written assignments. You should expect to spend about an hour per week on the assignments, in addition to participating in the 75-minute webinar. CEUs will be awarded for those who complete all requirements. You will find the training schedule [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ovcttac.gov%2Fviews%2FTrainingMaterials%2FNVAA%2FASI%2Findex.cfm%3Fnm%3Dnvaa%26ns%3Dasi%26nt%3Dsgo&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C44550f9a7ee8456bc5c608da5f3d55c6%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637927014547021729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bHWW%2FEKCxHoQ2VUE%2Fyxsuu92rEmLx61ExhWcnVt1%2Bus%3D&reserved=0). This training is part of the NVAA Advanced Skills Institute, and, like all OVC TTAC trainings, there is no cost to attend.

**Please note: Space is limited**

Please click [here](https://ovcttac.wufoo.com/forms/july-2022-building-traumainformed-organizations) to register.

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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 Attorney Dauphin County DA's Office  **Tonya Lupinacci, Esq.** Assistant Professor of Criminology at Immaculata University Consultant at Saint Joseph's University's Center for Addiction and Recovery Education Former Assistant District Attorney with the Montgomery County DA's Office |
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# Assessing Culpability

Collaboration is key to any human trafficking response, but imperative where the complexity of victim-offender dynamics is not easily understood or revealed. This presentation is designed to provided service providers and criminal justice professionals with the strategies to uncover the reality of the victim’s involvement in the trafficking organization. Presenters will provide insight to assessing the culpability of individuals who were identified as both victims and offenders and share suggestions to assist in trauma-informed and appropriate responses.

Please click [here](https://webinars.sharedhope.org/product/just-webinar-series-assessing-culpability/) to register.

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# 2nd Annual Virtual Human Trafficking Summit

The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security is hosting its 2nd Annual Human Trafficking **Virtual** Summit on **Thursday, August 18, 2022, from 9:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m**.

This year’s focus is on runaways and human trafficking as it ties to domestic violent extremism and terrorism.

This **free**, **virtual summit** is intended for law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, juvenile probation and victim advocates, educators, hospital administrations and staff, and those in public health and healthcare.

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-virtual-human-trafficking-summit-tickets-366755905787) to register.

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

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.

The following trainings will be held on August 9, 2022.

* Relocation Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Stolen Benefit Cash Expenses Clinic – 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on August 30, 2022.

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

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

Basic Compensation - 10:00 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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# Legal Aid of Southeastern PA – Employment Opportunities

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

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# YWCA – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](http://www.ywcahbg.org/employment#.YsiECDfMJaQ) 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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The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **July 27, 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](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov)  by Wednesday, **July 20, 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](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

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