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# Most In US Say They Want Stricter Gun Laws

The latest poll from *Associated Press/NORC* indicates that the vast majority of Americans consider reducing mass shooting violence to be a priority, and a bipartisan 71 percent want stricter gun laws.  Four in ten fear becoming a victim of gun violence.

Please click [here](https://apnews.com/article/gun-violence-covid-health-chicago-c912ecc5619e925c5ea7447d36808715) to read.

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# Building Resilience: Conversations With And Adult Survivors Of Child Sexual Abuse

The Resource Sharing Project has created a 12-episode video podcast series on adult survivors of child sexual abuse. *Building Resilience: Conversations with and about Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse* is designed to help you better understand the ways that childhood sexual abuse continues to affect survivors in adulthood and how you can help. Episodes will be released weekly.

Please click [here](https://resourcesharingproject.org/resources/building-resilience-conversations-with-and-about-adult-survivors-of-child-sexual-abuse/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=d19c7d57-2184-49bb-9377-2a8ce8f3c055) to read.

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# Trends In Youth Arrests For Violent Crimes

The fact sheet describes a decline since the mid-2000s in the estimated number of youth arrests for violent crimes, including murder, robbery, and aggravated assault. These data reflect an encouraging trend—one that has in fact been developing over the last three decades—and offer a welcome counter-narrative to claims that youth crime is on the rise. The fact sheet draws on data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Overall, arrests of youth have been on the decline for more than a decade, but patterns vary by demographic group and offense.

Please click [here](https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/publications/trends-in-youth-arrests.pdf) to read.

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# Introducing The National Gender- Based Violence Learning Community

The National Gender-Based Violence Learning Community (NGBVLC)is a partnership of national training and technical assistance organizations working together to end gender-based violence.

Please click [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/28TQS25) to access.

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# Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center

The Stalking Prevention, Awareness & Resource Center (SPARC) has updated infographics, fact sheets and resources.

Please click [here](https://www.stalkingawareness.org/) to access.

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# Child Sex Trafficking Resources

From the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children resources about child sex trafficking.

Please click [here](https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking) to access.

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# Creating A More Equitable Workplace By Ending Forced Arbitration

At the 2022 National Sexual Assault Conference (NSAC), RALIANCE leader and founding member, Monika Johnson Hostler was joined by legal expert Julia Duncan and sexual harassment prevention advocate Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson to discuss a momentous [piece of new legislation](https://www.congress.gov/event/117th-congress/house-event/LC67928/text?s=1&r=24) prohibiting forced arbitration in federal contracts.

Please click [here](https://www.raliance.org/creating-a-more-equitable-workplace-by-ending-forced-arbitration/) to read.

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# Dauphin County Human Trafficking Task Force Sees Alarming Trends

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline Data report Pennsylvania received more than 900 calls about human trafficking in Pennsylvania in 2020. The 9th highest in the nation.

Please click [here](https://www.abc27.com/investigators/dauphin-co-human-trafficking-task-force-sees-alarming-trends/) to read.

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# Hopes Fade For Rapid Drop In Violence

Despite a slight dip in big-city gun violence overall, some of the worst trouble spots see violence persisting for a third summer since the 2020 surge, dashing hopes that 2020-21 violence would prove to be a short-lived blip.

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/hopes-fade-for-rapid-drop-in-violence) to read.

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# Dream Partially Fulfilled, ‘Boyfriend Loophole’ Advocates Say

Years in the making, the federal legislation closing the "boyfriend loophole" in gun regulations has advocates hopeful about the new law's violence-prevention potential, but anxious to continue seeking more policy changes aimed at protecting domestic-violence victims, [the Associated Press reports](https://apnews.com/article/gun-violence-politics-domestic-congress-649508939c09a1e84abe152da347d0a0).

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# DOJ Expanding Legal Services To Violence Against Women Victims

The U.S. Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will start a new Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI) under the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program, [DOJ announced.](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-4985-million-office-violence-against-women-grants-support-legal)

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/doj-expanding-legal-services-to-violence-against-women-victims) to read.

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# Constitutional Amendment Supporting Childhood Sex Abuse Survivors Could Be On 2023 Ballot

Governor Tom Wolf recently announced the legislative leaders have agreed to prioritize a constitutional amendment early next legislative session that would open a two-year window for survivors of childhood sexual abuse to file civil lawsuits.

Please click [here](https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-secures-agreement-with-legislative-leaders-on-constitutional-amendment-supporting-survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/) to read.

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# National Institute Of Justice Invests $2.7M In Crime And Race Research

The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice will spend $2.7 million on "rigorous research" to increase knowledge about the connections between race, crime, violence and the administration of justice in the U.S.

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/national-institute-of-justice-invests-2-7m-in-crime-and-race-research) to read.

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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 cause 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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# Domestic Violence Counts: 17th Annual Report

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) will conduct its **Domestic Violence Counts Survey September 7, 2022**: a one-day, unduplicated count of adults and children seeking domestic violence services in the United States. This annual survey documents the number of people who sought services in a single 24-hour period, as well as the types of services requested, the number of service requests that went unmet due to a lack of resources, and the issues and barriers domestic violence programs face in providing services to victims.

Please click [here](https://nnedv.org/content/domestic-violence-counts-17th-annual/) to access.

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# Ujima Funding Announcement Information Sessions

This funding is for culturally specific organizations serving the Black community. The goal of this program is to increase access to services for Black victims and survivors of domestic violence and reduce their exposure to and risk of contracting COVID-19.

Please join us for one of our sessions:

Wednesday September 7, 2022 1:00 p.m.  & 7:00 p.m.

Friday September 9, 2022 1:00 pm

Please click Here for the Information Session Zoom [Link﻿](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001dsZ-G0VJ9XMpBCXdAJdyrLGfG8Fiu_UcPlgBG0nHdLB5jlgLt5GJASZ2cEHgjql1dXJQ3CrAqRM-6SlD51FHhNB3pniL6vov8s5jYA-7ey0SxtG3tRsT5Mjkl87afy7Aqz8jHrN20-rGISG6DU5valP0h5U7Wo1RKkpZFZ-L-d8%3D%26c%3D0mwZuRdaYMQYRzZWJV3hL7gfs7c0H579RyAS2mfns17BRYIl6_HZ9A%3D%3D%26ch%3DUJwo3qEjwJ1AVMRYNnwb8tBlEbJ1X1vF1hjUu-mOXZSbspBg8mk6bw%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7a8b221c424e4c84079808da8aa9da56%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637974759370144804%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1ID807OAmCwR1yT2XTvfSJOSMpA1ujqksPffh5s3Ldw%3D&reserved=0)

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[ARP Grant Frequently Asked Questions - FAQ](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001dsZ-G0VJ9XMpBCXdAJdyrLGfG8Fiu_UcPlgBG0nHdLB5jlgLt5GJASZ2cEHgjql1WdQGEUsIlAoD8yo2Cl5y8Q9v1bg2ZvfmaeuTyOkKRm8iCy5-bfH73k5BWL-QMMjfEYkfzFWo7lYMhYxAUk7r5w9iT8EOhrq6r9XIfLYpgNkvgp20uZx8twvnyju-ciO97iWTZUaRoEJwvS-gT-3j4zT1_ZU3L3QfRS5GfGkyc4U%3D%26c%3D0mwZuRdaYMQYRzZWJV3hL7gfs7c0H579RyAS2mfns17BRYIl6_HZ9A%3D%3D%26ch%3DUJwo3qEjwJ1AVMRYNnwb8tBlEbJ1X1vF1hjUu-mOXZSbspBg8mk6bw%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7a8b221c424e4c84079808da8aa9da56%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637974759370144804%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nYIy6TKx1sJjaEJyXkS61LISkbZfCX4oCP6fKTrH0Pw%3D&reserved=0)

[Click Here for Ujima Funding Announcement Press Release](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001dsZ-G0VJ9XMpBCXdAJdyrLGfG8Fiu_UcPlgBG0nHdLB5jlgLt5GJASZ2cEHgjql132ZNa41snRZvc0YcTADSIRaNpa8ONRWe5Xb2Ggl1fPSiCMk80fiqI8GyB1hNw56va_YAYUCIdz5cQRZg3pfu7dDDXE6HHOnnfNDS2b37a1FObxHu91-5B2qOwUS7D9Wm-DS3TM4S_g8i3xadRIS26X4lFjAo6uoV6WRw71wqLog%3D%26c%3D0mwZuRdaYMQYRzZWJV3hL7gfs7c0H579RyAS2mfns17BRYIl6_HZ9A%3D%3D%26ch%3DUJwo3qEjwJ1AVMRYNnwb8tBlEbJ1X1vF1hjUu-mOXZSbspBg8mk6bw%3D%3D&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7a8b221c424e4c84079808da8aa9da56%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637974759370144804%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZlAvS3aifa0ILfV4WeTfHfTJ2KLExv3gE0b5RpyYn5U%3D&reserved=0)

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# KCIT Conference

**KCIT Conference 2022: Healing is a Social Equation**

**WHEN:** September 13 & 14, 2022

**WHERE**: ZOOM, Virtual and Free!

**REGISTER:** [https://www.kcitpa.org/conference/](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kcitpa.org%2Fconference%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C2513acd56d104c32acc008da89eb5177%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637973941032693751%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VEEH8Qakk2sacAYzF0eu%2F8If9jY7iIo5r1EhaYCukI4%3D&reserved=0)  Questions: Email Melissa@novabucks.org

Keystone Crisis Intervention Team’s (KCIT) last conference in 2020 attracted over 500 participants worldwide, two years later we are back and ready to continue the conversation! KCIT Conference 2022: Healing is a Social Equation focuses on Community featuring keynotes Nakita Valerio, Travis Heath, over 24 Speakers and 20 workshops including interactive drumming sessions and visual illustrators.

Having the honor of being a part of helping communities heal we think it is important, especially at this time to open a bigger conversation around what healing truly requires.
Contrary to popular cultural narratives and ingrained attitudes healing isn’t accomplished through self-care alone. Self-care is just one part of the equation. Healing is a social equation. It includes me and you. While trauma creates a need for protection, healing brings us towards connection. We invite you to explore a different paradigm for healing through the perspective of remembering community care which recognizes our undeniable interdependent and social nature as human beings and involves a commitment to use our privilege to support each other when we can so that no one has to go without. Together we have everything we need.

**Nakita Valerio**: In the wake of the Christchurch Mosque massacre in New Zealand which took the lives of 51 Muslim worshippers, Nakita Valerio posted a status on Facebook that has since continued to go viral, years later. She wrote, "*Shouting 'self-care' at people who need 'community care' is how we fail people."* Thirteen words ricocheted around the world, resonating with countless people, especially with the coming of the Covid-19 Pandemic, inspiring reflection, writing, lectures, community care initiatives, and honest conversations about the way forward. Nakita Valerio is an award-winning writer, researcher, and Muslim community organizer based on Treaty 6 territory in Edmonton. She serves as the Research Director for the Institute for Religious and Socio-Political Studies (I-RSS), as well as the Editor-in-Chief for the RSS Journal and the Edmonton Heritage Council's ECAMP collection.

**Travis Heath:** Travis is a licensed psychologist and is an Associate Professor at San Diego State University where he serves as Chair of the department of Counseling & School Psychology. Past work he’s been involved with looked at shifting from a multicultural approach to counseling to one of cultural democracy that invites people to heal in mediums that are culturally near. Travis is well known for a talk he gave for the Tedx Stage named from Self Care to Communities of Care where he reimagines a model of community care wherein people don’t have to self-care their way out of social inequities.

His most recent work involves incorporating the work of Black abolitionist scholars into psychotherapy, community healing, and uprising. His writing has focused on the use of rap music in narrative therapy, working with persons entangled in the criminal injustice system in ways that maintain their dignity, narrative practice stories as pedagogy, a co-created questioning practice called reunion questions, and community healing strategies. He is co-author, with David Epston and Tom Carlson, of the first book on Contemporary Narrative Therapy released in June 2022 entitled, “Reimagining Narrative Therapy Through Practice Stories and Autoethnography.”

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# HAVIN Training

HAVIN is pleased to present the following 2 FREE in-person trainings:

**Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation**

**Presented by: LaTrenda Leonard Sherrill, Principal & Lead Consultant with Common Cause Consultants**

Derived from Bread for The World’s Institute and Network, the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation is an interactive tool for illustrating the legacy of racial inequality in the United States and follows 13 federal policies that were enacted from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Participants accumulate “land,” “money,” and “lost opportunities,” which reflect the real-life inequalities that each of the policies created. By analyzing the cumulative impact of legislation, the Racial Wealth Gap Simulation highlights the effects of systemic racism and asks participants to rethink their conceptions of equity in the workforce, housing, education, and beyond.  Due to systemic racism, racist policies, and racist societal structures, both Black women and Black men experience intimate partner violence at a disproportionately high rate. By intentionally denying Black people access to economic opportunities, the ability to build intergenerational wealth, healthcare, education, and a sense of safety from governmental systems, racist policies increase the prevalence of risk factors for domestic violence. These systems create numerous barriers for survivors seeking safety. (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

*This course is interactive. Class participation is a MUST. Debate is required and opinions are encouraged.*

**LGBTQ+ 101**

**Presented by: Ted Hoover, Persad Center**

"LGBTQ+ 101" is a basic training covering fundamentals of the LGBTQ+ experience. We look at current terms, definitions and vocabulary; explore the social context of discrimination and examine some of the physical and behavioral disparities experienced by the LGBTQ+ community. There’s an extended look at SOGIE (Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity & Expression) with an examination of the challenges and issues facing trans and non-binary people with a discussion of current best practices for working with that population. The program finishes with a look at what you and your organization can do to create a safe, welcoming environment.  Domestic violence is not limited to heterosexual relationships and can affect individuals of all sexual orientations and genders. Within the LGBTQ community, intimate partner violence occurs at a rate equal to or even higher than that of the heterosexual community. LGBTQ individuals may experience unique forms of intimate partner violence as well as distinctive barriers to seeking help due to fear of discrimination or bias. (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

Please contact Jen Wingard for more information at jwingard@havinpa.org

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# Trainings Being Offered On The Changes To The Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program As A Result Of Act 77 Of 2022

Trainings will be offered on the changes to VCAP as a result of Act 77 of 2022 which will go into effect for crimes occurring after the date of September 8, 2022.

The trainings are being offered on the below dates.

September 22, 2022 at 10:00am

In order to register for these trainings, the Basic Compensation trainings must have been completed.

Click [here](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pccd&service=6) to register for one of these trainings.

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# Refugee Education Summit And Paving The Way To Educational Success Conference

**Sept. 26–29, 2022 | Kalahari Resorts and Conventions, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, and Virtual**

The summit and conference provide a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge and practice for working with students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care and for understanding, supporting, and engaging newcomer refugee students and their families.

There is no cost to attend.

Registration opens in August.

Click [here](https://pheedloop.com/ptwconference2022/site/home/) for more information.

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# 2022 PCADV Conference: Embracing Equity and Centering Communities

**October 6-7 in Harrisburg, PA (or Virtual!)**

After going virtual in 2020, PCADV is excited to announce that our biennial conference will return in October 2022 in Harrisburg, PA. Along with the in-person conference, there will be a virtual option to accommodate even more attendees across PA and beyond.

Please click [here](https://www.pcadv.org/conference/) for more information.

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# Foundational Academy

**Registration Information for the OCTOBER Victim Services Foundational Academy**

The last Academy of 2022 will be held as follows:

**October 26 - 28, 2022**

The Graduate Hotel

125 South Atherton Street

State College, PA 16801

*This is an in-person training only; there is no virtual or hybrid option.*

There is no charge for Academy, and single hotel rooms, parking, and lunch are included. Participants are on their own in the evenings.

Registration will be open August 29 - 31, 2022 under the PDAI Training Calendar at [www.pdaa.org](http://www.pdaa.org). Trainings are listed by date; you will need to scroll down to October to find the information.

**There is a NEW registration process for 2022:** Registration will be open for the above three days only. During this time, those who wish to attend the October Academy will be asked to ***apply*** for a spot. Information on funding and length of time at Agency must be completed as part of this process. Registrations will no longer be automatic and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Instead, applications to attend will be prioritized by, but not limited to, length of time at agency, number of spots filled by the agency in 2021/2022, etc.

Once prioritized, the top 60 applicants will be notified of their acceptance into Academy. All others will be placed on the waitlist and notified of such. The selection process will take up to 2 weeks. All pending applicants will be contacted as soon as the lists are finalized. We ask for your patience during that time period; as a reminder, **we will contact you** either way.

As a reminder, Academy spots are only for those VOCA, VOJO, and RASA-Funded individuals for whom attendance is required per PCCD’s Consolidated Victim Services Standards. Additionally, only a maximum of 8 staff members per agency may apply for each Academy.

Finally, applicants must be able to attend all 3 days of Academy *in-person* in its entirety, as well as complete an additional supplemental online training requirement.

If you have any questions or to request the supplemental online training form, please contact:

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T: 717.333.2319 B: PDAA/I 717.238.5416/[www.pdaa.org](http://www.pdaa.org)

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# Domestic Violence Murder Suicides

**Wednesday, October 19, at 1:00 pm EST**

Murder-suicide incidents account for a disproportionate rate of domestic violence-related deaths nationwide, however services for survivors are limited and rare. After nearly a decade of studying the homicide-suicide connection in fatal incidents of abuse, the State of Georgia has implemented services unique to this population of often overlooked survivors. This workshop will highlight data on murder-suicide, discuss the close ties between domestic violence-related homicide and suicide for the purpose of bolstering prevention efforts, explore the unique needs of survivors, and provide an overview of supportive interventions being cultivated in Georgia and a roadmap for similar implementation in attendees’ home communities

Please click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mEAOedvJR_mxb5UhBRCEOw) to register

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# 2022 James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice

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| **cid:182fe1ec09811bfad144*****Back and Better: Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice’s Journey of Introspection and Improvement*****cid:182fe1ec0987605c1152****November 2–4, 2022 at the Hilton Harrisburg****Be prepared for an interactive, engaging, IN-PERSON event with plenary speakers, educational workshops, professional caucuses, resources day, networking opportunities, and much more!**Registration is now OPEN!**To register, please visit** [**www.jcjcjems.pa.gov**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.jcjcjems.pa.gov%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C79d19facd0674718421a08da8cdcb8cc%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637977177238967297%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ct66QGdO%2FGp9XabU8y5C39dPKquyGQVlDxdQvjh7EdA%3D&reserved=0)**Login or create an account to complete the registration process.****Email confirmation will be provided following registration.** **The James E. Anderson Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice is a wonderful venue to gain valuable skills and make lasting connections with juvenile justice stakeholders.****We look forward to seeing you at the Hilton Harrisburg November 2–4, 2022!**Pennsylvania Continuing Judicial Education (CJE) and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits will be awarded for attending approved conference events. National Association of Social Workers (NASW-PA) will award Continuing Education (CE) credits for completion of approved workshops. Logo, company name  Description automatically generated |

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# 2022 School Safety Summit



Join the Center for Safe Schools on November 1-2, 2022 in Harrisburg, PA to receive actionable strategies to support a comprehensive school safety plan and process. Leave inspired and equipped to take school safety and climate to the next level.



Please click [here](https://pheedloop.com/schoolsafetysummitfall2022/site/) to register.

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on September 14, 2022.

* Loss of Earnings Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Medical Expenses Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

* Changes to the Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program as a result of Act 77 of 2022 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on September 28, 2022.

* Transportation Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Relocation Expenses Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on October 4, 2022.

* Stolen Benefit Cash Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Myths of Compensation Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on October 12, 2022.

* “Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Counseling Expenses Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Loss of Earnings Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on October 25, 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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# A Woman’s Place – Employment Opportunities

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

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# Safe Berks – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/1088748/Safe-Berks/Staff-Attorney) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Turning Point Of Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.turningpointlv.org/home/employment-and-contract-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Northeast Victim Service – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.linkedin.com%2Fjobs%2Fview%2F3223785858%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C08df5d69f53b4c1223b508da80910e9e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637963658492514285%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eyThhcBmjGRTednCr3gdz8UDfZUrU5aQZgXz7SaLuTU%3D&reserved=0) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Blackburn Center – Employment Opportunities

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

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# Women’s Center & Shelter Of Greater Pittsburgh – Employment Opportunities

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

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# Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center – Employment Opportunities

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

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# Center For Victims – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.centerforvictims.org/make-a-difference-today/employment-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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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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