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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).

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# Reminder Of Lapse 2020 VOJO Funds

**ATTENTION VOJO PROGRAMS – VOJO LAPSING FUNDS – PLEASE DON’T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOJO FUNDING BY JUNE 30, 2021!**

Recipients of 2020 VOJO (VJ), denoted on your Award Letter as:

2020 VJ Award Amount      $  xx.xx

2020 VJ Project Period        1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021

This is a reminder that *VOJO funds not expended or obligated from this funding source by June 30, 2021 will lapse.*

Any outstanding obligations as of 6/30/2021, should be reported in the Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations column on the fiscal report for the period ending 6/30/2021.

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 1/1/2021-6/30/2021.

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# Next STOP Competitive Solicitation Will Occur In 2021

As you may be aware, over the last year, PCCD’s Office of Victims’ Services has worked with a statewide planning committee to draft a new four-year funding strategy for STOP Formula Grant funding. Pennsylvania’s STOP Implementation Plan 2021-2024 will be released in June 2021, along with new competitive STOP solicitations reflecting the priorities and objectives outlined in the new plan.

If you currently are receiving STOP Formula Grant or STOP Rural Capacity Building Grant funding, your projects will end on December 31, 2021. Your county must reapply during the next competitive funding cycle to compete for STOP Formula Funding, which will be released in June 2021 as stated above.

Please contact PCCD if there are any questions concerning this upcoming announcement or mandatory requirements before the current grant period ends.

Program-related questions should be directed to Tanya Bower at (717) 265-8736 or tabower@pa.gov, or John Polheber at (717) 265-8716 or  jpolheber@pa.gov

Fiscal or budgetary questions should be directed to Lynn Fidler at (717)265-8490 or lyfidler@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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# Funding Opportunities: Apply For Funding To Enhance Services For Victims of Crime

OVC is seeking applicants for a number of funding opportunities.

 Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/announcement/funding-opportunities-apply-funding-enhance-services-victims-crime?utm_campaign=solicitation_2021&utm_content=ovc_funding_released_april_2021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsfromovc) to find information about these open solicitations, to learn more and apply.

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Takes On Many Forms

Jim Willshier from PCAR and Lily Duarte-Evans from the YWCA Carlisle appeared on WITF Smart Talk to discuss Sexual Assault Awareness Month.   They discussed the growing conversation around sexual violence that includes child sexual assault, date rape, sexual assaults on college campuses, same sex sexual violence, sexting online without permission and sexual harassment.

Please click [here](https://features.witf.org/stpodcast/sexual-assault-awareness-takes-on-many-forms/) to listen.

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# What Not To Say To Someone Who Has Experienced Racial Trauma

The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery were inflection points. The pain of centuries of racial wounds has driven weeks of protests over police brutality. Race is, and should be, at the forefront of conversation all over the country. But this can be a challenging time for those who have experienced racial trauma.

Please click [here](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/what-not-to-say-racial-trauma_l_5efdf5b2c5b612083c588e95) to read.

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# Report To The Nation: Center For The Study Of Hate & Extremism

The Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism released a study that found a 169 percent increase in anti-Asian American hate crimes during the first quarter of this year. Here is an article that summarizes this study.

Please click [here](https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/Report%20to%20the%20Nation%20-%20Anti-Asian%20Hate%202020%20Final%20Draft%20-%20As%20of%20Apr%2030%202021%206%20PM%20corrected.pdf) to access.

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# Statistics On Violence Against Asian Pacific Women

 Please click [here](https://www.api-gbv.org/about-gbv/statistics-violence-against-api-women/) to review the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-based Violence’s model of culturally specific victim advocacy and resources on community-based participatory research.

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# COVID-19 And Survivors Of Color

Just as COVID-19 has disproportionately [affected people of color](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/investigations-discovery/hospitalization-death-by-race-ethnicity.html), the pandemic has inequitably impacted people of color who identify as survivors of sexual violence. [New research](https://metoomvmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/MeTooFreeFrom_CovidImpactReport2020.pdf) indicates “COVID-19-related financial insecurity is greatest among Black and Brown women survivors” -- drawing on already established systems of [racism in medical care](https://www.statnews.com/2020/06/09/systemic-racism-black-health-disparities/). Members of Black, Native, and Latino communities are nearly [twice as likely to die from COVID-19](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/07/05/us/coronavirus-latinos-african-americans-cdc-data.html), and already face heightened risks of victimization from domestic and sexual violence-- all while being less likely to receive adequate care.   [The report](https://metoomvmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/MeTooFreeFrom_CovidImpactReport2020.pdf)also details the ways in which financial insecurity directly increases risk, as lacking the resources necessary to survive greatly influences the likelihood that a victim will return to their abuser.

Please click [here](https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/covid-19-and-survivors-color) to read more.

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# Violence Spiked During The Pandemic - Victims Need Our Help

As Americans continue to weather struggles brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, tens of thousands among us are suffering trauma inflicted by a related enemy: violence exacerbated by the harsh realities of COVID-19.

Please click [here](https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/549901-violence-spiked-during-the-pandemic-and-victims-need-our-help) to read.

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# What To Expect When Reporting A Sexual Assault To Law Enforcement

The process can be both intimidating and stressful for those wishing to undertake it. To demystify it, we talked to experts and survivors about why people do (or do not) move forward with reporting their assaults, as well as what happens when a victim gets a rape kit, the complex decision to press charges, and what comes next.

Please click [here](https://www.allure.com/story/report-sexual-assault-law-enforcement-rape-kit-guide) to read more

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# Workplaces Respond To Domestic And Sexual Violence

Workplaces Respond provides resources, training, and technical assistance to employers, survivors, co-workers, and advocates to prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual harassment and violence, and stalking impacting the workplace.

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

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# Supporting Deaf And Blind Survivors

Deaf people are 1.5-5 times more likely than hearing people experience domestic and sexual violence.  Despite being at greater risk, they face significant barriers to accessing victim services.  Many mainstream hearing programs want to serve Deaf survivors, but are often unaware of the unique experiences and cultural values of Deaf Survivors and are not prepared to provide sign language interpretation. This video series features five leaders in the Deaf and DeafBlind communities. The videos were filmed in American Sign Language and created by a Deaf video producer, Elizabeth Sorkin.To make them more accessible for a hearing audience, voice over audio was added. Closed captions are also available.

Please click [here](https://reachingvictims.org/resource/working-with-deaf-deafblind-survivors/) to learn more.

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# Narrowing The Gap Between Intimate Partner Violence Service Delivery And Survivor Needs

Please click [here](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10896-018-0001-5) to follow a brief history of victim services for domestic violence and how programs can incorporate more survivor input for intersectional, trauma-informed services.

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# FREE Webinar Opportunities

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| **FREE Webinar Opportunities for Victim Advocates***Looking for new training? Check out these free webinars and resources for victim assistance professionals* |

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| NOVA is committed to sharing resources and professional development opportunities with our community to help them grow. Here are a few free events coming up this spring! |

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| NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN:**Child Sexual Abuse Material Cases: How NCMEC Can Assist** **﻿Victim Advocates**May 6th, 3:00pm-4:00pm ET |

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Victim Advocates are the lifeline for Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) survivors navigating the criminal justice system. The complex trauma of the crime and the complicated system of victim notification and restitution can challenge even the most experienced victim advocates. NCMEC works with victim advocates each day to help answer questions like:* *“What if they ask me how often their images are traded?”*
* *“How do I anticipate their concerns, I don’t have much information on their case…”*
* *“What if they need more long term help than we can offer?”*
* *“How can they find a lawyer to help?”*
* *“What are the resources and tools to help CSAM survivors and their families?”*
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| This 1 hour webinar will highlight the important considerations all victim specialists need to know before working with CSAM survivors. In addition, participants will learn how to obtain vital case information from NCMEC, learn about removing videos and images from the internet, locate specialized counseling and legal assistance and hear tips from survivors on how to approach these cases for the best possible long term support and success.To sign up, you will need to register for an account on the NCMEC virtual training platform [**NCMEC CONNECT**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMxUyG2YhYC47pTr-WfoFbLmZ5pW85SQdEq4-kWcxJFrVJaC9PhSmp96omTJNtDyFZp1YMj3RuFwFa5edt9V36Vmo3_Jv-mg-Q&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)and have NCMEC verify your account. Please allow 1-2 days for registration processing, then sign up for the webinar.If you already have a NCMEC CONNECT account, you can register for this webinar today: [**https://connect.missingkids.org/products/csam-cases-how-ncmec-can-assist-victim-advocates**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMNdzDiwfohXa4gK-behL0KCqZD6_I5kq8EjPiNP3YOssYflaidwf4TNP1rko33jHR4WPwyy4AcmwVSwVYDwOD97YVvzBjL32h1wZN7_mgLyAHL_tnuTg9YrwhrmMgkw_Jf1XH3acxVVgcwxw2ztYRIq9JdbrJxc_jd20xCf2mcgw=&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1) INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?* Visit the [**CSAM resources page**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMMs32xfNNmQE2IayXrydtmGwh1eUhkaoSya48ansiAvR7ZgXeuNzeaGL8LDcG7wd_lZbV18fqlC27Z0HIAAOOJCacvs-tReDyq6lMjB7UJTgK6DDvN5J6ocCAASv97jzg&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)
* Email **survivorservices@ncmec.org** to be added to our listserv for new and upcoming information on publications, trainings and resources
* Provide **familysupport@ncmec.org** to survivors and caregivers who may be in need of help, or email us directly on their behalf
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| [**Register for NCMEC's FREE Webinar**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMNdzDiwfohXa4gK-behL0KCqZD6_I5kq8EjPiNP3YOssYflaidwf4TNP1rko33jHR4WPwyy4AcmwVSwVYDwOD97YVvzBjL32h1wZN7_mgLyAHL_tnuTg9YrwhrmMgkw_Jf1XH3acxVVgcwxw2ztYRIq9JdbrJxc_jd20xCf2mcgw=&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1) |

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| NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE**2nd Quarterly NOVA Office for Victim Advocacy Ethics Webinar: Confidentiality and Privilege** ﻿June 9th, 1:00pm-2:00pm ET |

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The [**NOVA Office for Victim Advocacy Ethics**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MXPpp-7L041yUjjFie5tGHGiOPCAKDr5FmtzHRPVgT4BKbm9XDKxSaZJ12QE2xSTDjg3Go24r34em4yI3NWGb9SioqRaK-UyypYUVvVf5m0AFGsybW6DIvv6G-xSeqO7-10JG-f1UhOXOKfeCfJ-2hw=&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1) is a comprehensive resource for victim assistance professionals. We offer innovative training on ethics, engaging events, professional consultation on ethical dilemmas and relevant resources for all those who serve victims/survivors of crime.Our next FREE quarterly training is on[**Confidentiality and Privilege**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMSU4us8ZDewpzcspybdZPrnTEpfIzyj35792SinNJ-q_KqHxZtE22EumDLZSt47rrhQV0LhWS2RHfl5v2L5lcdh9TEES-qsGnjvpuaQ9WaByUpBRy3wf3r7Dp5Nl_0PMbeMrfXuu6Bng=&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)**,** presented by Jeannette Adkins |

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| JUSTICE CLEARING HOUSE:**Four NOVA Pre-Approved Webinars (And More!)** |

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[**The Justice Clearinghouse**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IM6StUFXNMulBBhVG9186FieuePSWZZHy4AleL2OHuqqVETsB02BQUvC5fnYUh-JjrK1sRDiTNSR1HiRrH6DGEkKn7rwh5ZZ0O&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1) uses an inter-disciplinary approach to understanding and resolving the challenges affecting our justice and public safety arena. As a peer-to-peer educational environment, they offer a year-round “virtual conference” for budget-challenged and time-starved justice professionals to learn from the thought leaders, innovators, researchers, and street-wise, experienced professionals in their fields, without the cost, travel, or time out of the office. **Check out their** [**full webinar schedule!**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMQWEuPpYCqyJam-HYZdzkobJm5mbxPMQME_c_8Py_IbF7XG3TljW5ZXlTOoYMppwX_w48lKFYk7mOQrFOciZz3TJp0mo_KQpweA2Jm-JQiIwU2PXE5okiMg==&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1) **NOVA has pre-approved the following webinars for 1 CEU Credit:*** May 11, 2021: [***Pet Friendly Domestic Violence Shelters***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IM2jYWoG6xPbT1Twjy-Dd14XFzjPLItDBD4NbJNkUCMY-j5pJRsRUxb7eOohukJXxiUv0lWUvoySAGwVzCVcREi7AyxeNI_Amu8PF9Nu_dChEs3us2eCu_3IUwe0VcjaLLVjK3fETgvggX12S0E2kPIvEmJjzBWrr73AmMyOmsOrCV5tVlEBXL9rl3g9WYHtdMbldd9kNq3A4m1ZIMKxpkkdIqnY0J-zRQJKsfirroe9x43FKl6k4HR9UgPavzZ99m&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)
* June 10, 2021: [***From Recy Taylor to Cyntoia Brown: How a History of Sexual Exploitation and Racial Violence Funnels Women and Girls of Color into the Abuse to Prison Pipeline***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMhbQcnLTKPJJ1iGoC4qAqifZh2SmiqmbgvFuc8hnMECIR17LgysLvfvanQ0hd5KsCgXWJ3CsapyPuNC6pEzKiTWjrzrpyExfADHbyJVB3pzUaLeLCa_HR_z8ZK0jXwb1f7iIZr-Fw_p_ZYVMr3eU28xzPfZOgdR7e7DFOkbSQ71FqmK_RxKPJbU34HBAGYA4Mpcx122cPoAQB0TISTkZ5himRT3fUdjxVKB5Q4npXmg3ih3cjcQAR80x02-PZgcFjrZGMe4ie1OtWAOHiRf3qYpt1X3kF8IIi&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)
* July 27, 2021: [***How Does Elder Abuse Impact Latinx Communities?***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMfg7D41YDFVghvMxyliHPb8Gsh1FmIQAPQ8ht4Gxswo_hCYOetxI4Wk25fIu49bgs_7GiI_GTfeZ99vlr9JlQN01gmXFrCjwF0Qnk2jufEhp7vZSUT2Wpv7f2eV-zQ8VqaiOE3m3Qm5N4Wu67iMuX2NLYvGCPWcrwU6PciGYHsIWyG0r-v-BtRw==&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)
* October 5, 2021: [***Trauma and Our Digital Selves***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMZjDuWA1emfiIMzZ3B54D7kaJ1d3OSRZB-ZfDCqLry5PCyYkp7iwco2GsL0FryabX54Y6Zsp7ByMPQOtWSgw0zNRtxfIjxpozgOkui5gbXD1dxepSXpTPxxrwJDFEX7JM8LYNTPcutak0I-cq4hEciy_5kl0SNwNs&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1)
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| VSTrainingEDU:**5 Complimentary Webinars for Victim Service Providers and Law Enforcement** |

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Thank you for taking the time to read this email. My name is Rosie Martinez, Executive Director of VSTrainingEDU, and I am excited to introduce to you a new education resource for Victim Service Professionals. It is our goal and my personal mission to provide you with an easy-to-access online library of highly relevant topics that serve the educational needs of Victim Services Professionals & Law Enforcement Officers.I am excited to invite you to these 5 complimentary, valuable, live webinars to help you better serve your communities:* ***ChildSexualExploitation, Human Trafficking, Internet Safety for Kids & Victim Services,*** collaborative training with Homeland Security Investigations/Cyber Crimes
* ***Human Trafficking 101,*** collaborative Training with the RGV Anti-Human Trafficking Taskforce
* ***Strangulation Investigations & Forensic Exams,*** Collaborative Training with DHR-Safe H.A.V.E.N. Forensic Exam Unit
* ***Legal Advocacy Services for Elder Abuse Victims***, Collaborative Training with the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney’s Office
* ***How to Make Budget Adjustments,*** to allow proper expenditure of grant monies

Multiple time slots are available starting May 5th, 2021 but space is limited for these complimentary webinars so please register early at [**VSTrainingEDU**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001oxHz8AI3rfuAFFAO9LSqMMc9AcNZu2QrDilKcGPADhsgbENmpPR7MSqRfOmfx-IMhHXQidJaHmD3asY5_QbCGK3Y7qvsq1veV9EHroiqPOiMPv0FldECJ6rVzZeX78draJGNQisYgc-gPynXbNxcoQ==&c=GVOn8gruCRnmUDIx4Ko2enIKVEJ4I7aj9RD1Qnqj91BjjRvtCxEKfg==&ch=Uz_-rLe4ioAsjJI43Hv0hHjG2aG6LCuiLritCjNXX0YmD9Rul3TE-A==&jrc=1). |

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# 2021 Foundational Academy

Should an Academy need to be switched to a Virtual Academy via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions, participants will be notified and registrations will automatically transfer.

As a reminder, there have been changes made to the attendance requirements for Foundational Academies. VOCA-funded attorneys doing Civil Legal Services for their agencies must instead attend and complete the PA Legal Aid Network Training. Additionally, licensed therapists, contractors, and consultants such as bookkeepers and accountants no longer need to attend. Please contact your PCCD Grant Monitor with any questions about the new attendance requirements. Each Academy is capped at 50 participants. To allow more agencies to send staff members, we are now limiting the number of registrations per agency/office to 8 for each Academy. Additional staff members can be added to the waitlist. We have two Foundational Academies remaining for this year: July 14 - 16 and October 13 - 15 and, if in-person, will be held at the Graduate State College. Accommodations and lunch are included with registration and there is no registration fee. Registration will open May 10th at NOON for the July Academy. Please mark your calendar and plan to register that day. Spots fill extremely quickly, usually within hours!

Please contact Amy Smulktis at AJS@RestitutionConsulting.com or refer to the Training Calendar at <www.pdaa.org>.

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# A Victims’ Journey Through Post Sentencing

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| **Course Information** |
| **Presenter**The Office of the Victim Advocate What happens after a defendant is sentenced? What rights do victims have? It is the responsibility of the Office of the Victim Advocate to implement post-sentencing rights and services for victims of crime in the PA Department of Corrections and the PA Parole Board. OVA diligently works to provide victims of crime with notifications, support, and advocacy services. Victim Assistance Coordinators on staff work with local advocates at community based victim service programs, as well as with advocates in county district attorney offices, to ensure that all victims of crime who have requested post-sentencing services receive the compassionate and individual attention that they require. Discussion will also touch on the Inmate Apology Bank, the Victim Offender Dialogue Program, Board of Pardons advocacy services, Victim testimony, the Address Confidentiality Program and safety planning, Sex Offender Notifications (SORNA), and Resilient Voices.  |
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| Registration |
| Registration closes on ***May 14, 2021***. This course is open to all victim service providers, including attorneys. ***Class size is limited to 90 attendees.*** Click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ciclt.net%2Fsn%2Fevents%2Fe_signup.aspx%3FClientCode%3Dpdaa%26E_ID%3D500331%26RegType%3DATT&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C8c3e434ba7224ae3a9c208d8f83fc330%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637532300355615920%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=PXUGS7%2FbsOVH2HYOG2scgAwZCHvV3udpy0dnqhsqurg%3D&reserved=0) for more information and to register today. |

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# Third Annual Week To Change Direction

Give an Hour is hosting their *Third Annual Week to Change Direction* beginning May 10, which seeks to change the culture of mental health.  This virtual event is free.

Please click [here](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/give-an-hour-announces-third-global-week-long-effort-dedicated-to-changing-the-culture-of-mental-health-301278640.html) for more information.

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

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The following training will be held on May 12, 2021.

* Relocation Expenses Clinic - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
* Loss of Earnings - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on May 19, 2021.

* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Loss of Support Clinic - 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on May 26, 2021.

* Basic Compensation - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on June 1, 2021.

* Transportation Expenses Clinic - 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on June 3, 2021.

* Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic - 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 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 2.15.

 Please click [here](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pccd&service=6) to register

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# Pennsylvania Victim Services Training (PVST) Online Learning Management System

PCCD’s Office of Victims’ Services (OVS) offers its Pennsylvania Victim Services Training (PVST) Online Learning Management System to fill a need for easily accessible, high-quality, free training for victim advocates at PCCD-funded programs. PVST courses count for PCCD training hours and courses can be taken as the learner’s schedule permits. The PVST also keeps a record of a user’s course completion and credit hours earned.  The courses on the PVST are designed to complement, reinforce and enhance the PCCD Foundational Academy and the online offerings on the learning management systems operated by PCADV, PCAR and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

The PVST is resource center for PCCD funded programs and allied professionals whose work brings them into contact with crime victim populations to receive free, quality, and easily accessible training. The training is Pennsylvania-specific, web based, and can be taken on the student’s own timeframe. There are currently 24 approved programs, totaling 48 hours of training, on the PVST.

To access the PVST, please click [here](https://pavictimservicestraining.org/). The registration code is 7223.

**On March 26, 2021 the ACT200: Working with Victims of Domestic Violence course was added.**This series of courses is designed to give people from a broad range of disciplines the knowledge and skills they need to work with victims of domestic violence.

**Part I: Understanding the Terminology and Facts / Societal Factors Concerning Domestic Violence**

Part I will define domestic violence and examine its prevalence. It will also explore myths and facts and consider societal factors that perpetuate domestic violence.

**Part II: Understanding Abuse and Abusers**

Part II assumes that the learner has already completed Part I. Part II will identify tactics of control used by abusers both generally and with special populations. It will also examine who abusers are, how they think, and the justifications they use.

**Part III: The Decision to Stay or Leave**

Part III assumes that the learner has already completed Parts I and II. Part III will explore the impact domestic violence has on survivors and the workplace. It will also look closely at the decisions victims make to stay in or leave an abusive relationship.

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# Network of Victim Assistance – Employment Opportunities

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is a nonprofit organization serving victims of sexual assault and other crimes. Located in Bucks County, PA, NOVA is the comprehensive victim services organization in Bucks County.  With a 45-year history, NOVA has expanded to include a continuum of prevention and direct services to prevent and address the needs of victims of sexual abuse and other serious crimes.  NOVA is known across many disciplines and the community at large for its exceptional services and professionalism.  With a 4.5-million-dollar operating budget, NOVA continues to grow.  As a mature and fiscally sound organization, establishing sustainability is key to our future success -- serving all victims who need services, educating the community at large on violence prevention in our community, and providing top-ranked professional trainings.

Please click [here](https://www.novabucks.org/about/employment/) to view current job opportunities

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# Schuylkill Women In Crisis – Employment Opportunities

Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC) is a private, non-profit organization foundaed in 1983. SWiC’s mission is to provide comprehensive services, shelter, and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. In addition to assisting victims. SWiC works to confront the social issues that contribute to this problem. SWiC is motivated by the belief that all individuals are entitled to live free of the fear and pain caused by emotional and physical abuse.

Please click [here](https://www.s-wic.org/jobs/) to view current job opportunities

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

The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **May 19, 2021**. 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, **May 12, 2021**.

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