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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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# 2021 Pathfinder Awards Nominations Opening Soon!

We are excited to announce the nominations for the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards for 2021 will be opening in the very near future. If you are interested in nominating an individual or program for one of the categories of the Pathfinder Awards, now is the time to consider in who best embraces the spirit of the awards. Submitting a nomination is a great way to show respect and appreciation for the efforts made by our very own victim service advocates and allied professionals! Nomination information for the 2021 Pathfinder Awards will be available soon!  Please watch for more information to come in the OVS Newsletter.

Pathfinder Award Categories:

* Allied Professional
* Community Service
* Individual Direct Service
* Organizational Capacity Building
* Outstanding Student Activist
* Prevention Education & Outreach
* Program
* Survivor Activist

If you have any nomination or eligibility related questions, please reach out to Ms. Samantha Wolfley at [swolfley@pa.gov](mailto:swolfley@pa.gov).

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# Save The Date! 2021 Pathways Conference

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s Office of Victims’ Services is very excited to announce preparation has begun for the 2021 Pathways for Victim Services Conference. This year’s conference will be held virtually on October 26, 27, and 28.

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More information including instructions on how to submit a workshop proposal will be coming in the near future.

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# Black Homicide Victimization In The United States

This study examines the problem of Black homicide victimization at the state level by analyzing unpublished Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) data for Black homicide victimization submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).1 The information used for this report is for the year 2018 and is the most recent data available. This is the first analysis of the 2018 data on Black homicide victims to offer breakdowns of cases in the 10 states with the highest Black homicide victimization rates and the first to rank the states by the rate of Black homicide victims.

Please click [here](https://vpc.org/studies/blackhomicide21.pdf) to read more

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# The Holding Space, Creating Safety Toolkit

This toolkit is a supplement to Growing Bi+ Community, specifically addressing how sexual and intimate partner violence impacts bi+ communities and how facilitators can effectively address these issues if and when they arise in group settings. This Toolkit was produced through a collaboration between the Bisexual Resource Center, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP), and the National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence.

Please click [here](http://lgbtqipv.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Bi-Support-Group-Facilitation-Guide.pdf) to read more

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# Domestic Violence And Economic Well-Being Study Service Providers Report April 2021

Between October 2018 and July 2019, 627 survivors participated in a National Domestic Violence & Economic Well-being Study. This Service Provider Report shares first-cut key findings about study participants and their experiences of abuse, economic well-being, and financial help-seeking.

Please click [here](https://csaj.org/library/view/domestic-violence-and-economic-well-being-study-service-providers-report-ap) to read more

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# COVID- 19 Working Group

During this global pandemic, prosecutors’ offices and courts have been required to make large adjustments in a short amount of time. Now, as courts begin to re-open, new challenges to address backlogs, training issues, and more are emerging. NDAA and CNA are seeking prosecutors, and *criminal justice system partners* to participate in working groups aimed at tackling these issues. Working group members will be asked to participate in virtual focus group discussions over the upcoming month to express challenges, issues, concerns, and strategies on various issues.

Please click [here](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/YJU4zaa/workinggroup?source_id=ba4f2a24-2056-4689-93b8-5325ccfae42c&source_type=em&c=QFm5Ffcl4wGd0BDA6eydD1o0vt_52d6KWLuAnkHBhEaBcpzAHdfV0g==) if you are interested in being a part of a working group

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# FBI Acts To Combat Internal Sexual Harassment

The Associated Press recently reported “Faced with a #MeToo reckoning, the FBI says it is getting serious about sexual harassment in its ranks, starting a 24/7 tip line, doing more to help accusers and taking a tougher stand against agents found to have committed misconduct.”

Please click here to read more.

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# Why Domestic Abuse Victims Need Lawyers

A recent article in *The Washington Post* highlights why the stakes in domestic abuse cases are dire and often dangerous. When victims go to court without a lawyer, the odds are stacked heavily against them.

Please click [here](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/06/13/stakes-domestic-abuse-cases-are-dire-often-dangerous/) to read more.

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# A Turning Point For Military Sexual Assault

A recent article from *MS. Magazine* highlighted how the death of an army specialist sparked an investigation that found a “permissive environment for sexual assault and sexual harassment” and “major structural flaws in the system for reporting abuse that left women “vulnerable and preyed upon, but fearful to report and be ostracized and re-victimized.”

Please click [here](https://msmagazine.com/2021/05/28/vanessa-guillen-military-sexual-assault-memorial-day-military-justice-improvement-and-increasing-prevention-act/) to read more

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# 2022-2025 STOP Implementation Plan

The Services \* Training \* Officers \* Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. For Pennsylvania to receive STOP funding from the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), it must complete an “Implementation Plan” every four years. The implementation plan identifies the specific goals, objectives and priorities for the state’s use of STOP Formula Grant Funding and is the blueprint from which PCCD’s Competitive STOP Funding Solicitation is built.

The Office of Victim Services has completed a new STOP Implementation Plan for the period 2022 through 2025. The implementation plan was developed over several months by a state-level committee comprised of representatives from victim service agencies, local law enforcement, local courts, prosecutors, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Association, and the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts. In creating the statewide planning committee, PCCD did its best to ensure that there was diverse geographic representation so that a holistic picture of violence against women issues could emerge.

Many issues were brought to the table and prioritized. While the new implementation plan preserves the traditional STOP-funded activities of developing specialized units in law enforcement and prosecution; as well as provision of core direct services to victims, it also strengthens the Commonwealth’s commitment to identifying and meaningfully addressing barriers to service for culturally specific and underserved populations. This is aligned with OVW’s strong encouragement for states to prioritize projects that promote civil rights (including by meeting the needs of underserved and marginalized survivors), access to justice, enhance survivor safety, and hold offenders accountable.

The phrase “development of meaningful services” is critically important in relation to Pennsylvania’s new STOP Plan. The statewide implementation planning committee agreed that meaningful services are more than translating an agency pamphlet into Spanish or doing a presentation to a community group. Development of meaningful services encompasses outreach to other organizations in your service area that exist to serve a culturally specific or underserved group of victims. It involves building collaborative relationships and engaging in cross-training initiatives with that organization. Ideally, the agency serving the culturally specific or underserved population should be engaged as a funded partner on the STOP grant, with a membership spot on the STOP Collaborative Team.

PCCD anticipates releasing the next competitive STOP Funding Solicitation in mid to late June 2021. We encourage counties who are interested in competing for the STOP Formula Grant Funds to review the plan. We also are providing the links below to provide applicants access to technical assistance documents and resources on development of meaningful services to culturally specific and underserved populations.

<https://www.resourcesharingproject.org/supporting-lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-and-queer-rural-sexual-violence-survivors>

<http://www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/NCDVTMH_2018_ToolsforTransformation_WarshawTinnonCave.pdf>

<https://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/2017-06/cultural-competence-guide.pdf>

<https://wocninc.org/stop/>

<https://www.nationallatinonetwork.org/training-and-events/webinar-archive>

<https://resourcesharingproject.org/cultivating-inclusive-practices-working-rural-immigrant-and-refugee-communities-el-cultivo-de-las>

<https://www.resourcesharingproject.org/ground-supporting-rural-multilingual-advocates>

<http://www.resourcesharingproject.org/supporting-multilingual-and-bicultural-rural-advocates>

<https://praxisinternational.org/rural-technical-assistance/>

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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](mailto:tabower@pa.gov), or John Polheber at (717) 265-8716 or  [jpolheber@pa.gov](mailto:jpolheber@pa.gov)

Fiscal or budgetary questions should be directed to Greg Harhigh at (717)265-8506 or [gharhigh@pa.gov](mailto:gharhigh@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 Available To Reduce Community Gun Violence

Governor Tom Wolf announced the availability of $5 million in funding to support local efforts to reduce community gun violence in Philadelphia and other regions across the state experiencing recent surges in shootings, homicides and other firearm-related crimes. Grant funding will be administered by PCCD. Community-based organizations and local units of government will be eligible to apply for up-to $225,000 in grant funding to implement a range of programs and interventions endorsed by the Governor’s Special Council on Gun Violence designed to immediately address public safety needs in communities with high rates of firearm violence.

Interested applicants may apply through PCCD’s [Gun Violence webpage](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/GunViolence/Pages/default.aspx). To improve accessibility in the grant-making process, PCCD is utilizing a [single online survey form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCCD2021GunViolence) (via SurveyMonkey) for the initial funding request application.  Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2021, with awards announced at the September 9, 2021 Commission meeting, with projects slated to begin October 1, 2021.

Click [here](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/criminaljustice/GunViolence/Pages/Grants-and-Funding.aspx) to learn more.

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# Working With Male Survivors: How Sexual Assault Impacts Transgender Men-Part 1

Listen to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s podcast episode with FORGE about how sexual assault impacts transgender men.

Please click [here](https://www.nsvrc.org/resource/2505/working-male-survivors-how-sexual-assault-impacts-transgender-men-part-1) to listen.

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# Invitation To Virtual Town Hall

Preventing and

Responding to Elder Abuse

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL DISCUSSIONS

In Pennsylvania, statewide reports of elder abuse have increased by 80 percent over the past five years. This abuse can be experienced through neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse and financial abuse. Isolation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic has also contributed to making older Pennsylvanians vulnerable to abuse.

Please join us for two virtual town hall sessions, hosted by Pennsylvania’s Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts.

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| A picture containing posing, people, family  Description automatically generated | **JUNE 16 - 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.**  **Understanding and Identifying Elder Abuse**  **JUNE 23 - 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.**  **Preventing and Responding to Financial Exploitation** |

Participants will hear from both victims and panelists about their experiences with elder abuse and financial exploitation, what Pennsylvania’s courts and justice partners are doing to address these issues, how to recognize elder abuse, what to do if abuse is suspected, and available resources. A Q&A session with panelists will follow.

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If you would like to participate via telephone instead of online, please call **717-231-3336** to preregister **24 hours** prior to the starting time of the town hall.

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# Up Next In The Evidence Hour:  Preventing And Reducing Violence Against Older Adults

Despite the prevalence of elder abuse, there has been relatively little progress in identifying proven strategies to prevent or end abuse among older adults. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide an overview of elder abuse and present findings from a recent systematic review of reviews related to interventions.

Tue, Jun 29, 2021 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Please click [here](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8338926398070888719) to register

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# Virtual Career Development Fair

NOVA will host its first **Virtual Career Development Fair** for new and aspiring victim advocates from **June 22-24, 2021**. Through this **FREE** event, students and other participants will have the opportunity to gain **in-depth** **knowledge about the field of victim advocacy and crisis response**, understanding of the **variety of positions and organizations in which advocates serve** and have the opportunity to **build connections** with other aspiring advocates. **A diverse group of agency partners** will also provide participants with information about current services and how aspiring advocates might join in such important efforts. Finally, **NOVA Members** will have the added benefit of registering for **one-on-one resume reviews** and professional development discussion with NOVA staff mentors (spots are limited and will be first come, first served).  For those wishing to become members, NOVA is offering a **special discounted Student Career Development Fair rate (a reduction of 50% for the annual fee)**.

Please click [here](https://www.trynova.org/virtual-career-development-fair/) for Additional information regarding the event, registration and membership

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# Supporting Military-Connected Survivors With Disabilities And Deaf Survivors

The National Organization for Victim Assistance and the Center on Victimization & Safety at the Vera Institute of Justice are hosting a free web event. This webinar will help you begin to understand the unique dynamics of sexual and domestic violence in the lives of people with disabilities and deaf people and the barriers they face when seeking civilian and military advocacy services. You will also receive information on available services and resources available to military-connected, and how to best access them if/when needed.

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-military-connected-survivors-with-disabilities-deaf-survivors-tickets-153826690773) for more information.

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# Battered Women’s Justice Project Webinars

* **July 20th, 2:00pm -3:00pm CT**  
  [History of Advocacy](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbwjp.us11.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D554dc701fd0b3a38d610ccc2c%26id%3Dbc2ded5d8c%26e%3D3f06977344&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7d666f1395bf42c139ac08d92b5ff777%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637588514081648059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=EyDnUrEln63c5ib3njqpfEsu29dJCL8SUEToYNd%2B3cs%3D&reserved=0)
* **June 29th, 1:30pm -2:30pm CT**  
  [America’s First Memorial Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbwjp.us11.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D554dc701fd0b3a38d610ccc2c%26id%3Df0d4a45a0b%26e%3D3f06977344&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7d666f1395bf42c139ac08d92b5ff777%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637588514081658016%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=uu%2FkEAuniW0Nr%2Fd2UMGYDMM8Nn69HaprxxQK%2FcdJ7pQ%3D&reserved=0)
* **July 15th, 2:00pm -3:00pm CT**  
  [A Sample of Predominantly African American Domestic Violence Victims’ Response to Objective Risk Assessments](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbwjp.us11.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D554dc701fd0b3a38d610ccc2c%26id%3D29b3e3250b%26e%3D3f06977344&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7d666f1395bf42c139ac08d92b5ff777%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637588514081658016%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=VFM3RN%2BMM6jiN2szOBWPgxBM%2FZKppq5Rc8xL0mo5VmQ%3D&reserved=0)
* **August 12th, 2:00pm -3:00pm CT**  
  [Developing CCR Policies and Practices to Reduce Victim Intimidation](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbwjp.us11.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D554dc701fd0b3a38d610ccc2c%26id%3Dc13ea5a9f5%26e%3D3f06977344&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7d666f1395bf42c139ac08d92b5ff777%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637588514081667977%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=VBffOgJxhk31oqCHb%2BPZjyXv4euQbQSerEWHwxRUr7g%3D&reserved=0)

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# Supporting Victims And Survivors Of Faith

Safe Haven has developed a webinar series that will equip advocates to better support victims and survivors from diverse communities of faith. Webinars in the series include:

* Supporting African American Survivors of Faith -Thu., June 24th, 2021, 2:00 pm ET

Please click [here](https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/supporting-victims-and-survivors-of-faith.html) to register.

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# 2021 PLAN VOCA Grantee Training - REGISTRATION OPEN - TWO NEW SESSIONS ADDED

Due to the continuing pandemic, for the annual PLAN VOCA Grantee training, we are again offering 12 webinars throughout the month of June.  This will satisfy the 10 hour mandatory training that PCCD requires of VOCA grantees in Pennsylvania. We are also offering two extra training hours. The intended audience for these trainings are VOCA-funded attorneys at legal services programs, domestic violence programs and sexual assault programs. Others in these communities without VOCA grants are also welcome to attend. These webinars will also offer CLE credit for participation.  Sessions will vary between 60 and 90 minutes.

The full schedule of webinars offered is available [here](https://palegalaid.net/2021-plan-voca-grantee-training).

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.**

You will receive a confirmation email after you register for each session.  Please keep these emails as it will give you the information you will need to join the sessions.

Certificates of Participation for your personnel files will be sent out after all of the sessions have been completed.

**PLEASE NOTE: PERSONS WORKING UNDER A VOCA GRANT MUST COMPLETE THE TRAINING HOURS AND HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION IN THEIR PERSONNEL FILES.**

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# Free Virtual Domestic Violence Training

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The [PA Office of Victim Advocate](https://www.ova.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx) has teamed up with the Finding Jenn's Voice film and [Voices 4 Change](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2Fswt2te%2F02rnow%2Fcwy9wq&data=04%7C01%7Canwalkowiak%40pa.gov%7Cdd6d22c5b1b94c13904508d92210b0f4%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637578277374971178%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1PneHr1Sob0OLwECIEm2ybrwVN1aiEXorwFXjvulTvo%3D&reserved=0) curriculum to deliver 2 courses of live, virtual training!

**MODULE 1** teaches skills to recognize domestic violence and provides an understanding of victimization behaviors. Participants will learn about lethality risks and the tools to combat the domestic violence homicide epidemic. This course is open to all victim service providers, law enforcement officers, correctional & parole staff, and judicial system members. This course is offered June 16, August 11, August 18, September 22, and November 3. All dates are 9:00am to 12:00noon. [**Register here**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ft.e2ma.net%2Fclick%2Fswt2te%2F02rnow%2Fsoz9wq&data=04%7C01%7Canwalkowiak%40pa.gov%7Cdd6d22c5b1b94c13904508d92210b0f4%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637578277374971178%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0sW%2BFEG7DQprZa5yKHOp4I2xentEu5zEdPL8WcpRXP4%3D&reserved=0).

**MODULE 2** is specifically designed for all state/county probation and parole officers. Participants learn techniques to supervise domestic violence perpetrators and in depth knowledge of specialized programs available to provide additional safety, such as address confidentiality and victim wraparound services. Stay tuned - dates for Module 2 announced soon!

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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](mailto:AJS@RestitutionConsulting.com)  or refer to the [Training Calendar](https://www.pdaa.org/pdai-training-calendar/)

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on June 30, 2021.

* Medical Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Myths of Compensation – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on July 6, 2021.

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

The following trainings will be held on July 21, 2021.

* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on July 27, 2021.

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

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# Justice At Work – Employment Opportunities

Justice at Work is a nonprofit legal aid provider.  Our mission is to support low-wage workers as they pursue economic and social justice. We advance our mission through the provision of legal services, education, and advocacy

Please click [here](https://www.idealist.org/en/nonprofit-job/d72c3347c9a4409b9dd9e8b4cba0dc13-admin-intake-paralegal-justice-at-work-formerly-friends-of-farmworkers-philadelphia) to view current job opportunities

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# The Crime Victims Center Of Fayette County – Employment Opportunities

Community Resources of Fayette County, Inc. d.b.a Crime Victims Center of Fayette County, is a private, non-profit Community Based Comprehensive Victim Service Program. We are located in Southwestern Pa in a rural, mountainous region with a population of 126,000. We provide free and confidential services to victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes.

Please click [here](https://www.crimevictimscenter.com/index.php/about-us/employment.html) to view current job opportunities.

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# Domestic Violence Service Center – Employment Opportunities

Domestic Violence Service Center is a private, non-profit organization providing comprehensive services, shelter, advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence. DVSC offers victims and their children a place where they can be safe, a respite from abuse, a place where they can heal, a place where they can put their lives back in order and plan for a brighter and violence-free future. We want victims of domestic violence to know they are not alone.

We serve the counties of Luzerne, Wyoming and Carbon without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, handicap, mental health/intellectual disability or religion.

Our mission is to work toward the elimination of domestic violence.

Please click [here](https://domesticviolenceservice.org/about-us/career-opportunities.html) to view current job opportunities

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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 founded 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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# Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center – Employment Opportunities

The Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC), a non-profit organization founded on the belief of equal access to justice, works to protect immigrants’ rights to freedom and opportunity in the United States and save the lives of the most vulnerable immigrants and their families.  PIRC provides free, effective legal representation, legal counsel, education, and advocacy to help immigrants obtain or protect their legal status.

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

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# Domestic Violence Services Of Cumberland & Perry Counties – Employment Opportunities

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP)! DVSCP is a private, non-profit organization that supports the empowerment of those who are experiencing domestic violence through the provision of direct services and the promotion of nonviolence through social and systems change.

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

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# Office For Child And Youth Protection – Employment Opportunities

The Office for Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) supports the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s commitment to create and maintain safe environments for the children who attend its churches and schools and provides compassionate and supportive assistance to individuals and family members of those who have been the victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.

Please click [here](https://archphila.applicantpro.com/jobs/1796507.html) 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](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **June 30, 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](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov)  by Wednesday, **June 23, 2021**.

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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