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# Justice Department Announces Publication of Second Volume Of National Firearms Commerce And Trafficking Assessment

The Justice Department today announced the publication of Crime Gun Intelligence and Analysis, the second volume of the National Firearms Commerce and Trafficking Assessment (NFCTA), a four-part comprehensive examination of commerce in firearms and the diversion of firearms to illegal markets.

Please click [here](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-publication-second-volume-national-firearms-commerce-and) to read.

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# Helping Crime Victim Legal Clinics Help Their Clients By Defining And Measuring For Successful Outcomes

Legal clinics helping crime victims have grown out of the recognition that crime victims without legal counsel are often unable to exercise their rights. National Institute of Justice-backed research offers the first conceptual model for aligning victim legal services with desired results and assessing effectiveness in terms of actual client outcomes. The research also provides a roadmap for evaluating whether and how case outcomes are benefiting their crime victim clients in meaningful ways.

Please click [here](https://nij.ojp.gov/library/publications/helping-crime-victim-legal-clinics-help-their-clients-defining-and-measuring) to access

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# Campus Accountability Map + Tool

This tool empowers current and prospective students, survivors, and their communities with the ability to view in depth information on each institution’s sexual assault investigation policies, prevention efforts, and available survivor support resources as well as high-level statistics on definitions, trainings, sanctions and investigations.

Please click [here](https://endrapeoncampus.org/map-and-tool/) to access.

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# Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

This annual, month-long effort focuses on advocacy and education to stop dating abuse before it starts.

[love is respect](https://www.loveisrespect.org/about/) has several resources available for download including an action and social media guide.

Please click [here](https://www.loveisrespect.org/get-involved/tdvam/) to access.

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# National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 23-29, 2023

National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) will be observed April 23- 29.

The 2023 theme—**Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.**—calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

The 2023 NCVRW theme poster and color palette are now available for download.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/national-crime-victims-rights-week/overview) to access.

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# Psychosocial Aspects Of Coping That Predict Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder For African American Survivors Of Homicide Victims

African Americans experience the murder of a loved one at a disproportional rate. However, little is known about the socio-cultural and contextual factors that may protect or confer their risk of experiencing PTSD. The current study tested the Model of Coping for African American Survivors of Homicide Victims among African American communities throughout the United States to understand the socio-cultural and psychological processes in which surviving family members and friends of murdered victims deal with the abrupt, violent, and traumatic impact of homicide.

Please click [here](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0091743522003267) to read.

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# Five Major Questions For Firearm Injury Prevention Research

The need for strong research on gun violence is great after another spate of mass shootings, writes Megan Ranney of Brown University’s School of Public Health, a practicing emergency physician and a researcher focusing on firearm injury prevention, in the [Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2023/01/30/guns-mass-shootings-research-funding/).

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/five-major-questions-for-firearm-injury-prevention-research) to read.

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# Expert Panel Calls For Reforms To Reduce Racial Bias In Policing

A national panel of experts issued a set of comprehensive recommendations on ways to reduce racial basis in policing. The Council on Policing Reforms & Race is sponsored by the National Policing Institute, formerly the Police Foundation.

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/expert-panel-calls-for-reforms-to-reduce-racial-bias-in-policing) to read.

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# President Biden, To Meet With Black Caucus On Police Reform

President Biden wants to revive bipartisan talks on overhauling police tactics and accountability after the death of Tyre Nichols, with the White House planning to host Black lawmakers, reports the [Wall Street Journal.](https://www.wsj.com/articles/biden-pushes-to-revive-policing-talks-after-death-of-tyre-nichols-11675196607?mod=us_more_pos8)

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/biden-fighting-long-odds-to-meet-with-black-caucus-on-police-reform) to read.

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# The Time To Stop Blaming Domestic Violence Victims Is Long Overdue

From *Love What Matters*, the article *The Time to Stop Blaming Domestic Victims is Long Overdue,* highlights the problem of victim blaming.

Please click [here](https://www.lovewhatmatters.com/victim-blaming-domestic-violence/) to read.

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# Proactive Police Response To Domestic- Related Repeat Calls For Service

From the U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office Resource Center, *Proactive Police Response to Domestic- Related Repeat Calls for Service*. This guide provides a process for proactive police response to the short-term problem of repeat calls for service at residences, called domestic-related repeat incidents or DRRI. Importantly, the process does not replace what police and the criminal justice system already do for individual domestic violence crimes and victims but provides a complementary strategy that fills a gap by systematically addressing repeat noncriminal incidents occurring at residences with the aim of forestalling more serious violence and keeping individuals, families, and the community safer.

Please click [here](https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/Publications/cops-w0969-pub.pdf) to access.

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# Just The Stats

This, *Just the Stats*, report presents findings on the organizations that served victims of crime or abuse as their primary function, or had dedicated staff or programs to serve victims, based on data from Bureau of Justice Statistics National Census of Victim Service Providers, 2017.

Please click [here](https://bjs.ojp.gov/victim-service-providers-us-counties-2017?utm_content=default&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to access.

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# Battling Despair Over Gun Deaths

Increasingly it feels like America is at war with itself. Just keeping track of all the shootings has become overwhelming. And many Americans are deeply pessimistic that anything will soon change.

Please click [here](https://apnews.com/article/united-states-gun-violence-97475ef645314bf3762fdc82f64dae2c) to read.

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# ATF Director Talks About Enforcing Gun Laws Amid Surge In Mass Shootings

Steve Dettelbach, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, spoke with ABC News’ Linsey Davis about the surge in mass shootings and how his agency plans to combat gun violence in America.

Please click [here](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/atf-director-talks-about-enforcing-gun-laws-amid-surge-in-mass-shootings/ar-AA16Xqbn?ocid=entnewsntp&pc=U531&cvid=915405dfa30a4e53b2bae083c09fc67b) to access.

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# National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center’s Fifth National Town Hall

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**PLEASE JOIN THE**  
**Fifth Virtual National Town Hall**  
**Sponsored by the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center**  
   
**Hate-motivated Mass Violence Crimes: Addressing Victim, Survivor & Community Impact**  
**#KnowBeforeYouNeedTo**  
   
**Thursday, February 23, 2023**  
**3:00 pm to 4:30 P.M. EST**

Join the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center (NMVRC) for a timely discussion on hate-motivated mass violence crimes: addressing victim, survivor & community impact.

Please click [here](https://musccom.zoom.us/webinar/register/2216746754903/WN_OkJX4GQmTHSMY7P_taq7fg) to register.

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# National Alliance Of Victims’ Rights Attorneys & Advocates

National Crime Victim Law Institute’s Meg Garvin and Terry Campos, who combined have 35 years of experience in victims’ rights, will review key developments and lessons learned in victims’ rights from cases decided across the country in 2022. Building on these, they will look ahead and identify how these lessons can inform litigation and policy development in 2023.

February 28, 2023

11:00 AM – 12:00 AM PST

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/victims-rights-leveraging-2022-lessons-in-2023-tickets-511051417547) to register.

# Teen Dating Violence, Technology, And Toxic Behavior

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 01:00PM

Teen Dating violence is a common issue that disproportionately impacts young people throughout our society. While technology is a common way that they build relationships, and gain insight about how they see themselves, and their peers.  
  
The influx of viral trends and hashtags online about relationships and relationship values (#relationshipgoals!, for example), can influence the ability for young people to differentiate between healthy and abusive behavior.  
  
Because unhealthy, abusive and violent relationships can have a lasting impact on the lives of young people, it is important that service providers and community members help them understand that social media can be a space where they build heathy relationships and connections. Join us for this 90-minute webinar as we discuss the unique ways teens use technology, the common ways that it is used to cause harm in intimate partner relationships, and how advocates can support and empower them as they navigate dating relationships.

Please click [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FkslKKLpQrCHlC2k1t_Ojw) to register.

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on February 22, 2023.

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

The following trainings will be held on March 1, 2023.

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

The following trainings will be held on March 8, 2023.

* Basic Compensation – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on March 15, 2023.

* Loss of Earnings Clinic – 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 March 21, 2023.

* Loss of Support 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 March 29, 2023.

* Transportation Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic –11:00 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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# Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center Of Montgomery County – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissionkidscac.org%2Fget-involved%2Fcareers-internships%2Fforensic-interviewer&data=05%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C2a19eb17719e4d8fb46c08daeff871ef%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638086147606254167%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jlV9H%2BdrDXz2pvO5FW3H0iFndoM5i3gSBS2I%2BaMLlNc%3D&reserved=0) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Court Appointed Special Advocates For Children Philadelphia County – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://www.idealist.org/en/nonprofit-job/813412aff8ff45f18b2509cb21644c63-casa-educational-decision-maker-advocate-supervisor-casa-of-philadelphia-county-philadelphia) to see current employment opportunities.

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# YWCA Hanover Safe Home – Employment Opportunities

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

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# Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://pcar.org/about-us/employment) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Women’s Center & Shelter Of Greater Pittsburgh

Please click [here](https://wcspittsburgh.org/who-we-are/job-internship-opportunities/) 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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The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **February 22, 2023**.  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, **February 15, 2023**.

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