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# Emergency Department Visits For Assault Increase

Many more survivors of sexual assault are seeking emergency medical care, but still represent a fraction of all assaults reported to law enforcement.

Please click [here](https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/20/health/sexual-assault-emergency-room-visits-metoo) to read.

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# Poor Mental Health In US Teens Exacerbated By Negative Experiences During COVID-19 Pandemic

Poor mental health among teens in the United States was a concern before the Covid-19 pandemic, and major disruptions to school and social life since early 2020 have only exacerbated the situation.

Please click [here](https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/13/health/teen-mental-health-adverse-events-cdc/index.html) to read.

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# All There Is Podcast

Anderson Cooper series emotional conversations about the people we lose, the things they leave behind, and how to live on – with loss, with laughter, and with love.

Please click [here](https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/all-there-is-with-anderson-cooper) to access.

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# Department Of Homeland Security Advisory Panel Offers Help On Rise In Religious Violence

In July, before [the 10th anniversary](https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2022/08/04/oak-creek-sikh-temple-shooting/?itid=lk_inline_manual_7) of the [attack](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/7-killed-including-gunman-in-shooting-at-wisconsin-sikh-temple/2012/08/05/70692158-df2b-11e1-a19c-fcfa365396c8_story.html?itid=lk_inline_manual_2&itid=lk_inline_manual_7) on a Sikh gurdwara in Wisconsin that left seven dead and three injured, the Biden administration established the [Faith-Based Security Advisory Council](https://www.dhs.gov/faith-based-security-advisory-council) to help guide the administration’sefforts to address violent attacks on faith institutions. The council, which comprises 25 faith leaders and law enforcement experts, assembled for the first time last month, [reports Religion News Service.](https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2022/11/03/dhs-council-religion-antisemitism/)

Please click [here](https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/dhs-advisory-panel-offers-advice-on-rise-in-religious-violence) to read.

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# Long Waiting Lists, Long Drives And Costly Care Hinder Many Kids’ Access To Mental Health Care

More than 2,000 adults were [surveyed](https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23125161/kffcnn-mental-health-in-america.pdf)  by CNN and the Kaiser Family Foundation about mental health issues in America. Nearly half of those parents, 47%, say the pandemic has negatively affected their kids’ mental health, with 17% saying it had a major negative impact.

Please click [here](https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/06/health/youth-parents-mental-health-kff-poll-wellness/index.html) to read.

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# How Do Recent ‘Public Charge’ Policy Changes Impact Immigrant Survivors Of Crime

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a final rule interpreting the meaning and application of the ‘public charge’ provisions of immigration law. The rule strengthens public charge policy which had been in effect since March 2021.

Please click [here](ttps://www.api-gbv.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/0-Public-Charge_DVSA-Survivors_ByAPI-GBV_September_-2022.pdf) to read.

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# Coping With The Holidays After The Death Of A Loved One

The National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center tip sheet is a very helpful resource for survivors around this time of the year.

Please click [here](https://www.nmvvrc.org/media/rlfn5sgu/coping-with-the-holidays-after-the-death-of-a-loved-one.pdf) to read.

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# National Gender - Based Violence Learning Community

The National GBV Learning Community (NGBVLC) it the go-to hub for all of your training needs. Founded by four leading organizations focused on addressing and ending gender-based violence, NGBVLC strives to create relevant, expert, and meaningful learning opportunities from the GBV novice to expert. You will find all types of innovative content here while engaging with your peers and subject matter experts in real-time discussions. From drop-in “critical conversations” to self-paced courses and continuing education, we are the one-stop source for your professional and personal growth.

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

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# We Got Government Data On 20 Years Of Workplace Sexual Harassment Claims

BuzzFeed News reviewed data on sexual harassment claims filed between fiscal years 1995 and 2016 with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Please click [here](https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/lamvo/eeoc-sexual-harassment-data) to read.

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# Trans Awareness Week

Honoring Trans Latin@s through research advocacy during Trans Awareness week November 13-19.

Please click [here](https://esperanzaunited.org/en/honoring-trans-latins-through-research-advocacy-during-trans-awareness-week/) to read.

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# 2023 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Theme

National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) will be commemorated April 23–29, 2023. The 2023 NCVRW theme is **Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.**

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# Mental Health Toolkit

Adolescence is already a confusing time without added concerns about social media, safety in schools, staying healthy, family financial security, and loss of loved ones—so we shouldn't be surprised that the rates of anxiety, depression, suicide, and other mental health conditions are on the rise. Mental Health America has resources to help.

Please click [here](https://mhanational.org/mental-health-month-2022-toolkit-download) to access.

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# Love Letters To Survivors & Those Living With Violence Or Abuse

From FUTURES Without Violence this powerful, moving video reminds people living with violence or abuse now, and those who survived it, that they are worthy of love, of joy, of thriving – that they are strong and resilient, and that tomorrow is within reach.

Please click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFMyO1r4lkk) to access.

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# Lean On Me: A Caregiver’s Guide To Safeguarding Children And Supporting Healing From Sexual Abuse

*Lean On Me* is a five-part video series and accompanying guidebook focusing on practical advice and resources for parents and caregivers on child sexual abuse. The series features interviews with both survivors and subject matter experts and brings a trauma-informed, DEI-B lens to this critical issue.

Please click [here](https://vimeo.com/762462643/e2ed40d5ba) to access.

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# Outreach And Marketing

Do you ever wonder if there is an easier, more effective way to identify and reach the victims/survivors your agency serves?  In the **Outreach and Marketing** training, you will learn how to develop a marketing plan, conduct an analysis of your audience, and identify techniques to launch your outreach and marketing campaigns. This [training](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ovcttac.gov%2Fviews%2FTrainingMaterials%2FNVAA%2FEMS%2Findex.cfm%3Fnm%3Dnvaa%26ns%3Dems%26nt%3Dsgo%26nf%3Dom&data=05%7C01%7Ckabuckley%40pa.gov%7Ce8289eeae9a5499065d108dac4238e32%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638037954704575760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l9ESOKC%2BbxU54tRKFr6KtrzwG0xBiuogEEziAF04MBo%3D&reserved=0) will be delivered online, over the course of three weeks, beginning on **November 28, 2022**. Each week, except for the introductory week, will include a facilitated webinar. There are recommended readings and videos, as well as written assignments. You should expect to spend about an hour per week on the assignments, in addition to participating in the 75-minute webinar. CEUs will be awarded for those who complete all requirements. You will find the training schedule [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ovcttac.gov%2Fviews%2FTrainingMaterials%2FNVAA%2FEMS%2Findex.cfm%3Fnm%3Dnvaa%26ns%3Dems%26nt%3Dsgo&data=05%7C01%7Ckabuckley%40pa.gov%7Ce8289eeae9a5499065d108dac4238e32%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C638037954704575760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fwsQZuT0u9xgQZos2anRNki1qp7W2a1uhSK0MpqG7Aw%3D&reserved=0). Please review your schedule to make sure you are available to attend either the live or recorded webinars and will be able to make the necessary time commitment to complete the training activities. This training is part of the NVAA Effective Management Series, and, like all OVC TTAC trainings, there is no cost to attend.

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# Culturally Responsive Court

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts is excited to announce that registration is now open for "The Culturally Responsive Court - Regional Justice System Training Series". This unique six location multi-disciplinary training will bring Pennsylvania justice system stakeholders together to learn about the diverse cultures and languages spoken in their region of the commonwealth, while exploring the role culture plays in gender-based violence cases. Each training location will include a panel of representatives from local cultural communities who will discuss language access, best practices for working with interpreters, and other related topics. Renowned forensic linguist and expert witness, Dr. Leonard, will explain how bias can impact access to justice. Attendees will leave the training with an action plan directed by national technical assistance provider, The Center for Court Innovation, to improve the cultural responsiveness of their court.

This STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program training has been approved for 4 PA-NASW CEU credits, as well as 1 ethics and 3.5 substantive PA CLE credits. CJE credits are pending. There is no cost to attend this training.

State College 11/17

Lancaster 11/18

Philadelphia 11/29

Bethlehem 11/30

Scranton 12/1

Please click [here](https://form.jotform.com/amy.kehner/the-culturally-responsive-court) to register.

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# Race +Disability Virtual Conference 2022

This free virtual conference includes a funder panel, a discussion among people of color with disabilities about addressing systemic racism and ableism, and reflections from several justice-focused organizations about the journey to practice Disability Justice.

*Featured Keynote:*

**Understanding Disability as Political**

**in Anti-Ableism Work**

by Dustin Gibson

Director of Access, Disability and Language Justice at PeoplesHub:

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-disability-virtual-conference-2022-tickets-416670070397) to register.

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# 2022 Governor’s Victims Services Pathfinder Award Ceremony

Join the Office of Victims Services on **November 17, 2022** at **2:00 p.m.** as we honor the 2022 Governor’s Victims Services Pathfinder Award recipients during a virtual awards ceremony.  Mr. John Delaney, Esq., Chair of the Victims Services Advisory Committee will be our Master of Ceremonies and the event will include a keynote address by Ms. Karen Widdoss, 2021 Governor’s Victims Services Pathfinder Award Recipient for Survivor/Activist.

No need to register in advance, please join us the day of the event via Microsoft Teams

Please [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTM4YTdmNjYtY2U2Yy00ZDBkLTg5ZDAtNGQ5MTFkN2MxOTgy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c443f3ec-15aa-4475-a492-b90690e84332%22%7d)

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# Supporting Survivor Health Access: Open Enrollment

Dec 1, 2022 1 pm EST

View this webinar to hear key steps and strategies about signing up for health insurance and how to help clients enroll in healthcare and understand the domestic violence provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

Please click [here](https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/open-enrollment-webinar) to register

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# Dangerousness And Lethality Assessment

This course gives participants a more in-depth look into intimate partner violence, and the importance that dangerousness and lethality assessment can play in either initial response for the patrol officer, or the follow-up investigator that may be assigned the case. This course will help attendees recognize the significance for all to be aware of the importance of lethality assessment as they provide services to either a victim of abuse or if in the position of holding abusers accountable. Participants will also see methods from various surrounding states and how it may be utilized in rural settings compared to urban settings, but with the importance of taking all approaches to be victim centered and with trauma-informed lenses.

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. WHERE: Zoom COST: FREE

Please click [here](http://winservices.org/event/dangerousness-and-lethality-assessment/?instance_id=75) to register.

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# 2023 Foundational Academies Save The Date

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**MARCH 22 - 24, 2023**

**JULY 12 - 14, 2023**

**OCTOBER 18 - 20, 2023**

All Academies will be held **in-person** at

The Graduate Hotel

125 South Atherton Street

State College, PA 16801

*There is no virtual or hybrid option.*

Registration is free and hotel rooms, parking, and lunch are included. Participants are on their own in the evenings.

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR EACH ACADEMY WILL BE OPEN APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START DATE** UNDER THE PDAI TRAINING CALENDAR AT [WWW.PDAA.ORG](http://WWW.PDAA.ORG/) FOR VOCA, VOJO, & RASA FUNDED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PER PCCD’S CONSOLIDATED VICTIM SERVICES STANDARDS. 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 recently awarded to agency, etc. Please note that there is a supplemental online training requirement in addition to the 3-day classroom Academy.

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

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on December 7, 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 December 13, 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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# Safe Berks – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/30c7801b-0ca4-49dc-80bf-6558d7b75f0e/Safe-Berks) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Crime Victims Council Of The Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

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

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# Women’s Resources Of Monroe County – Employment Opportunities

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

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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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# 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, **November 30, 2022**.  If you would like any training events, fundraisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Lea Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov)  by Wednesday, **November 23, 2022**.

You have signed up to receive the OVS Newsletter from the Office of Victims' Services.  This newsletter will be sent to you on a biweekly basis via email.  If your email address changes or you would like to be removed from the OVS Newsletter distribution list, please contact Lea Dorsey at (717) 265-8733 or via email at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

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