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* + [WebEx Online Trainings Available](https://copa.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=copa&service=6)Compensation Related: Basic, Advanced-Counseling, Transportation Expenses, Restitution and much more!

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).

* + [Training/Networking Opportunities](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/OVS-Training-Networking-Opportunities.aspx)
	+ [Additional RASA/VOJO/VOCA Approved Training](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/RASA-VOCA-VOJO-Trainings.aspx)
	+ [2016 Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute Victim Services Training](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/2016%20Victim%20Services%20Training%20Save%20The%20Date.pdf)

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# VOCA Strategic Planning Document Available

PCCD’s Office of Victims’ Services has released “2015 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Strategic Planning Process and Outcomes.” This document provides a brief overview of the issues driving the year-long strategic planning process for the distribution of VOCA funding undertaken by Pennsylvania’s Victims’ Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) during 2015 while also providing important contextual information to clarify the funding framework resulting from the planning process. It is available on PCCD’s website [here](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/2015%20VSAC%20Strategic%20Planning%20Document%20%283%29.pdf).

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# Keystone Crisis Intervention Team- Basic Crisis Training

June 6-9, 2016

Hampton Inn Williamsburg Square

State College, PA

Training Fee: $200 Fee includes hotel accommodations, training materials, breakfast and lunch each day.

This 25 hour course trains qualified individuals to work as a team with the goal of helping people in crisis cope with the physical, emotional, and behavioral reactions to trauma in the after-math of a community crisis.

Click [here](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebyphwihaa427795&llr=6nqn8gdab) to register.

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# 2016 National Training Institute

The National Center for Victims of Crime is holding its 2016 National Training Institute, September 19-21, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The National Center for Victims of Crime National Training Institute is a 2 ½ day training which features more than 130 leading experts and 72 skill-building workshops with several key presentations pertaining to a wide range of crime victim issues.

This training offers a chance to network and learn from other professionals in the victims field, as well as connect with victim advocates, counselors, program managers, attorneys, social workers, psychologists, researchers, nurses, volunteers, administrators, clergy, nonprofit managers, system-based service providers, and leaders from across the country.

Click [here](https://victimsofcrimetrainings.secure-platform.com/a/page/Current/NTI) to register.

For more workshops, information, a full agenda, and registration information, click [here](https://victimsofcrimetrainings.secure-platform.com/a/page/Current/NTI).

Please contact Kathleen Wilber at Kwilber@ncvc.org, or 202-467-8744 with any questions.

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# Regional ETO User Groups Are Back

Ever since the implementation of ETO, PCCD has held regional ETO User Groups on an annual basis.  The purpose of these User Groups is to educate users, identify areas of enhancement, and provide technical assistance.  We strongly encourage at least one representative from each agency attend!  (This is ONLY for ETO Case Management agencies!)

Please contact Nick Hartman at (717) 265-8732 or nihartman@pa.gov to let him know if your agency would like to participate.  Please register as soon as possible by providing Nick with the following information:

Agency Name

Number of staff attending

Primary Contact Person and Telephone Number

**EASTERN REGION**

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Women’s Center of Montgomery County

(Colmar Office)
2506 North Broad Street
Colmar, PA 18915

**CENTRAL REGION**

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: DAUPHIN COUNTY

PCADV Offices

3605 Vartan Way, Suite 101

Harrisburg, PA 17110

**NORTHEASTERN REGION**

DATE: Monday, May 2, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: LUZERNE COUNTY

Victims’ Resource Center

71 North Franklin St
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

**WESTERN REGION**

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: BUTLER COUNTY

Cranberry Township Municipal Building

2525 Rochester Road

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**NORTHWESTERN REGION**

DATE: Thursday, May 5, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: ELK COUNTY

 Community Education Council of Elk & Cameron Counties

 4 Erie Avenue

St. Marys, PA 15857

(Third Floor Conference Room)

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# Human Trafficking Training

Human Trafficking Training

 When: May 24-25, 2016

 Time: 9:00AM- 4:00 PM, 9:00AM- 12:00PM

 Where: Days Inn Penn State

 Fee: $110

 Workshop description: This workshop will outline the current State and Federal laws on Human Trafficking.  It will also provide valuable insight and information into the trauma experienced by trafficking victims from a clinical perspective.

 Trainers: Susan Brotherton, Arielle Curry, Shea Rhoades

PCCD Approved Hours: 9

 To register click [here](https://www.jcjcjems.state.pa.us/TPS/defaultpts.aspx) and click on training workshops.

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# VCAP Update Webinar – April 29, 2016

In the continuing effort to communicate with those agencies interested in VCAP, staff will be holding this Webex to provide updates relative to compensation. Of particular note will be an overview of the Relocation benefits, as well as the Out-of-Network policy VCAP implemented in 2013. This Webex is a good opportunity for local advocates to interact with the VCAP Manager and Supervisors on compensation related issues. Those interested in participating in this Webex are encouraged to forward any topics they would like to see addressed. Those topics can be forwarded to the VCAP Manager, Jeff Blystone, at jblystone@pa.gov. To register for the Webex, please go to the link provided below.

VCAP Updates
Friday, April 29, 2016 1:30 pm
Event number: 646 940 790
Event password: VCAP#1
Event address for attendees: <https://copa.webex.com/copa/onstage/g.php?d=646940790&t=a>

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# PDAI Victim Services Training News

Register now for the following trainings:

Children's Advocacy Centers and Victim Services Collaboration, Thursday, May 26, 2016
The Centre County Children's Advocacy Center, 129 Medical Park Lane, Bellefonte, PA at 8:30 am
Moving to Bonfato's Restaurant, 205 Park Place, Bellefonte, PA
Registration fee is $25.00. Scholarships are available.
Register online [here](http://www.pdaa.org/wp-content/plugins/civicrm/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=3513&qid=580787).

Human Trafficking, Tuesday, June 14. 2016
The Giant Community Center, 2300 Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17110.
Registration fee is $25,00. Scholarships are available.
Register online [here](http://www.pdaa.org/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/event/info&id=324&reset=1).

Serving Victims through the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy, Tuesday, June 21, 2016
The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, 3 South Penn Square, Philadelphia PA
Registration fee is $25,00, Scholarships are available.
Register online [here](http://www.pdaa.org/wp-content/plugins/civicrm/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=3514&qid=580787).

If you have questions, please contact Donna Hull, Victim Services Training/ SAVIN Consultant at 484-947-4837 or donna@dhullconsulting.com.

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# ****Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings****

The following trainings will be held on April 28, 2016.

Restitution Basics – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=copa&service=6) to register.

Relocation Expenses Clinic (with Recent Updates) – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3568265264&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3568265593&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on May 12, 2016.

Loss of Support Clinic – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570488921&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

Loss of Earnings Clinic – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570489205&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on May 24, 2016.

Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic  – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570488392&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

Basic Compensation -1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec0701lsp13/eventcenter/enroll/register.do?formId=0&formType=0&loadFlag=1&siteurl=copa&confId=3570489500&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on June 29, 2016.

DAVE Training - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm. Click [here](https://copa.webex.com/mw0401lsp13/mywebex/default.do?service=7&main_url=%2Ftc0601lsp13%2Ftrainingcenter%2Fdefault.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dcopa%26main_url%3D%252Ftc0601lsp13%252Fe.do%253FAT%253DMI%2526%2526Host%253DQUhTSwAAAALm8myg7_znfDx4kyc2zPbtECDclAmDzpFbBObPdV) to register.

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.

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# Victim Assistance Cyber Safety Workshop

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is providing a training on Cyber Safety. The Victim Assistance Cyber Safety Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

 The training will be held at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in the Ray Harley Training Center, Three South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA. The training is **free,** includes lunch and all materials and is approved for 7 hours of annual PCCD training credit.

Click [here](https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ec6w5q092f2cabfe&oseq=&c=&ch=) to register.

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# Free Webinar:  Reducing Barriers to Safety: Securing Economic Relief Through Protection Orders

Date: May 5, 2016

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm EDT

This webinar will explore how protection orders can be used to address the economic needs of survivors by covering:

* the link between economic security and physical safety;
* the landscape of economic relief in civil protection order law;
* concrete strategies for accessing and enforcing economic civil protection order relief;
* the role of criminal protection orders in promoting economic security; and
* building partnerships between civil and criminal attorneys and advocates to strengthen economic security for survivors.

This webinar is open to OVW Grantees and the general public and the target audience is attorneys, advocates, law enforcement and court personnel.

For Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credit for attorneys, please check with your state bar for CLE requirements and related fees. We will provide webinar materials and an attendance certificate (upon request following the webinar) to those who are applying for CLE credit with their state bar.

Click [here](https://bwjp.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/register.pl?activity_id=pcbxphk&user_id=) to register.

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# New Policy Paper on Human Trafficking

The Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation has published a new policy paper: “Sex Trafficking and the Hotel Industry: Criminal and Civil Liability for Hotels and their Employees.” Click [here](http://cseinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Hotel_Policy_Paper-1.pdf) to read more.

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# ****Join Us Around the Table with Dr. Howard Zehr****

Center for Community Peacemaking (CCP) invites you to our 2016 Annual Dinner with the "grandfather of restorative justice," Dr. Howard Zehr on Thursday, April 28th from 5-8:30PM at Shady Maple Banquet Center, East Earl, PA. Join us for a delicious dinner buffet, auction and program featuring restorative justice pioneer Howard Zehr. Tickets are $40 before March 15, $45 thereafter. Get tickets online at [www.AroundtheTable.org](http://www.aroundthetable.org/) or call (717) 397-2404 for more info.

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# Why I Stayed and Why I Left My College After I Was Raped

Whether or not they choose to report the assault, survivors on college campuses face an impossible dilemma of staying on a campus with her assailant or leaving the school. Neither choice is wrong. Cosmopolitan.com spoke with two women who were raped at their respective colleges — one woman who chose to stay after reporting her crime and another who chose to leave. Click [here](http://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/news/a55705/why-i-stayed-and-why-i-left-my-college-after-i-was-raped/) to read more.

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# 5 Ways to Cope with Family Bullies

Bullies are everywhere. One of the most insidious and destructive forms of bullying is family bullying, because it’s often done in the name of love. Family bullies often pretend to (or believe they can) help by [offering criticism](http://tinybuddha.com/blog/how-to-deal-with-criticism-well-25-reasons-to-embrace-it/). But a majority of the criticism is usually designed to make the bully feel better rather than to help the victim. Click [here](http://tinybuddha.com/blog/5-ways-cope-family-bullies/) to read more.

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# Domestic Violence During Pregnancy Doubles Risk Of Premature Birth

Women who experience domestic violence while pregnant are twice as likely to give birth to a premature baby or a baby with low birth weight, according to a new study. Click [here](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/domestic-violence-pregnancy_us_56e08c21e4b0b25c9180994c) to read more.

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# New Research will Change the Way We Think About Depression

The way we have been thinking about depression is broken. Depression is widely considered to be a mental illness – an disorder of the mind – but new research has challenged that, and the findings will change the way we think about and treat depression. Click [here](http://www.heysigmund.com/new-research-will-change-way-think-depression/) to read more.

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# Resensitization: Coming Back to Life after Trauma

[Trauma](http://www.goodtherapy.org/learn-about-therapy/issues/ptsd) dysregulates the body. It moves energy levels away from baseline to extremes of hyperarousal (“too much,” panic, overwhelm) and sometimes hypoarousal (“low,” lethargy, emptiness), not only alternating but sometimes getting stuck in either extreme. Click [here](http://www.goodtherapy.org/blog/resensitization-coming-back-to-life-after-trauma-0223154) to read more.

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# As Pennsylvania Confronts Clergy Sex Abuse, Victims and Lawmakers Act

Nearly 15 years after Boston suffered through a clergy abuse scandal dramatized in the recent movie “[Spotlight](http://www.nytimes.com/video/movies/100000004099537/anatomy-of-a-scene-spotlight.html),” Pennsylvania is going through its own painful reckoning. From the State Capitol in Harrisburg to kitchens in railroad towns, people say they have been stunned to read evidence that priests they knew as pastors, teachers and confessors were secretly abusing children — findings the grand jury report called “staggering and sobering.” Victims are coming forward for the first time to family and friends, and alumni of parochial schools are pulling out their yearbooks, marveling at how smiling faces hid such pain. Click [here](http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/04/05/us/pennsylvania-clergy-sex-abuse.html?_r=3&referer=http://m.facebook.com) to read more.

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# The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. If you would like any training events, fund raisers or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Stacie Brendlinger at sbrendling@pa.gov by Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

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[www.pcv.pccd.pa.gov](http://www.pcv.pccd.pa.gov)

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