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* + [WebEx Online Trainings Available](https://copa.webex.com/mw3200/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)

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# 14th Pathways For Victim Services Conference

OVS is very excited about the upcoming Pathways Conference and we look forward to seeing you there! The conference will be held at the Hershey Lodge and Conference Center in Hershey, PA on the following dates:

Monday, May 8, 2017

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

*The registration for this event is now closed.*

For details, please click [here](http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-pathways-for-victim-services-conference/event-summary-05b8d26fcfba40e784c80e6a28817877.aspx).

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# Attention STOP Team Members

The Administrative Offices of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) has completed their creation of bilingual protection order forms and they are now available on the Unified Judicial System (UJS) of Pennsylvania website.  The protection order forms are also fillable.  The links to the forms are provided below.

<http://www.pacourts.us/forms>

<http://www.pacourts.us/forms/for-the-public>

<http://www.pacourts.us/forms/for-the-judiciary>

<http://www.pacourts.us/judicial-administration/court-programs/interpreter-program>

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# ATTENTION ALL VOJO PROGRAMS - Reminder Of VOJO Lapsing Funds

Recipients of 2016 VOJO (VJ) and/or 2016 JRI (JV) funds, denoted on your Award Letter as:

2016 VJ Award Amount $ xx.xx

2016 VJ Project Period 1/1/2017 - 6/30-2017

 And/or

2016 JV Award Amount $ xx.xx

2016 JV Project Period 1/1/2017 - 6/30/2017

This is a reminder that VOJO funds not expended or obligated from these funding sources by June 30, 2017 will lapse.

**Any outstanding obligations as of 6/30/2017 should be reported in the Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations column on the fiscal report for the period ending 6/30/2017**.

**It is the responsibility of the subgrantee to monitor these amounts**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fiscal Contact staff person listed on your VOJO grant.

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

The following training will be held on May 2, 2017.

* Crime-Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666580&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666580&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following training will be held on May 4, 2017.

* ”Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666585&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666585&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following training will be held on May 11, 2017.

* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666670&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666670&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following training will be held on May 17, 2017.

* Loss of Earnings Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666752&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666752&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following training will be held on May 23, 2017.

* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666814&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666814&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following trainings will be held on May 25, 2017.

* Basic Compensation - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666820&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666820&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.
* Transportation Expenses Clinic - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666815&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666815&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) to register.

The following training will be held on May 30, 2017.

* Loss of Support Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [Click here](https://copa.webex.com/ec3200/eventcenter/enroll/join.do?confId=2998666760&theAction=detail&path=program_detail&siteurl=copa&confViewID=2998666760&internalProgramTicketUnList=null) 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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# PDAI Training: Serving LGBTQ Victims

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Butler Area Library

218 N McKean Street

Butler, PA 16001

The registration fee for one-day trainings is $25.00. No food or beverages will be provided at one-day trainings unless otherwise posted.

Registration for all trainings will be on the PDAA website at <http://www.pdaa.org/>, please click on the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute.

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# Option B Helps People Build Resilience And Find Meaning In The Face Of Adversity

OptionB.Org is dedicated to helping you build resilience in the face of adversity—and giving you the tools to help your family, friends, and community build resilience too. Please click [here](https://optionb.org/) to read and share personal stories, join groups for solidarity and support, and find information from experts.

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# PREA Standards in Focus

PREA Standards in Focus is a new feature designed to provide a quick synopsis of a PREA standard, the intent and purpose, implementation tips, challenges, and a few audit issues related to the standard to assist in further awareness and education. FAQs and resources are directly linked to provide ease of access and bundle in one place. Please click [here](https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/node/5261) to read more.

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# ****Scholarships Available For 2017 National Victim Service Conferences****

The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) is pleased to announce the availability of funding for scholarships to attend eligible national victim service conferences. This funding is made available through a grant awarded to PDAI by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the purpose of subsidizing the costs associated with attending these training conferences. These costs may include registration fees, per diem (for food), and reasonable transportation and lodging expenses. The scholarships are only available to victim service professionals to attend any national conference focused on victim service training. To qualify, the applicant’s entire job focus must be on providing support, information, and assistance to victims. Any eligible conference must be completed within the 2017 calendar year.  Only one person per agency can receive a scholarship and only after providing a sufficient justification of need. Recipients are selected based upon the information provided in the application, the number of scholarships previously awarded, and remaining available funding. Please click [here](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/2017%20PCCD%20Scholarship%20Application.docx) for the Scholarship Application.

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# Advoz: Upcoming Events

**Mediation Training – Module 2**

April 27 - April 30

Sessions run Thursdays 1-5:30 pm, Fridays 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and Saturdays: 8:30-5 pm.

1st Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

140 E Orange Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Practice each step of the mediation process with discussion of topics like ethics. Participants practice their new skills by role playing three times as a mediator and one time as a disputant with outside role players. Participants leave empowered with a full set of skills to informally and formally mediate disputes and conflicts in participatory ways in which all are heard and everyone contributes to the solution. Successfully completing the course qualifies one for consideration as an Advoz volunteer mediator, contributing to community peace-building and gaining valuable experience that can translate to many other fields.

For more information, to view daily agendas and to register: [www.advoz.org](http://www.advoz.org).

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# Save The Date: 4th Annual Victims’ Rights Conference

Crime Victim Center is hosting our 2017 "Crime Victims' Rights Conference: Strength; Resilience; Justice" on Friday, April 28th, from 9am to 4:15pm, at the Bayfront Sheraton in Erie, PA. Seating is limited to the first 75 people to register.

This conference will host a range of amazing speakers in three breakout sessions, in addition to a speaking program during lunch.

Event Location:
**Bayfront Sheraton**

55 W Bay Rd,

Erie, PA 16507

*The registration for this training is now closed.*

For the agenda and other information for those already registered, please click [here](http://www.cvcerie.org/education/2017-crime-victims-rights-conference/).

*Application has been made for continuing education credits for Nursing Home Administrator and Activity Professionals as well as Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors.*

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# Peace: The Next Generation With Dr. Arun Gandhi

Whether race, gender, age, culture, class or politics, we are being asked every day how we can build a culture of peace in a divisive world, especially for our youth and the generations to come.

We invite you to be part of the foundation of an event to build a culture of peace in the next generation in a conversation Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas Gandhi and founder of the M.K. Institute for Nonviolence. The event will also recognize Scott LaMar, host of WITF’s Radio Smart Talk as recipient of the first Dignity in Dialogue Award. Musical guests will be father-daughter duet John and Helena Protopapas with sitar, violin and voice.

Kick-off Dinner for Center for Community Peacemaking & Conflict Resolution Services

On **Thursday, May 4, 2017**, Dr. Gandhi will speak at a dinner celebrating the merger of two long-standing community organizations, the Center for Community Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution Services. With an expected audience of 400-500 at the Spooky Nook Event Center, it promises to bring a diverse cross section of our community for a reception with silent auction, cultural arts presentation, buffet dinner and program featuring Dr. Gandhi.

Spooky Nook Olympic Hall

75 Champ Boulevard
Manheim, PA 17545

$65 Ticket Price per person, $125/pair and $450 for table of eight. Sponsorships are also still available.

Learn more and order tickets online at: <https://advoz.org/event/around-the-table-with-arun-gandhi/>

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# Save The Date: Second Annual Bucks, Montgomery, And Philadelphia County Regional Forensic Nursing Conference

Friday, May 12th, 2017

Abington Jefferson Health

1200 Old York Road

Abington, PA 19001

8:00am – 5:00pm

*Please click* [*here*](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=C32844B09A3814F84D82D3100660108A.worker_registrant?llr=6nqn8gdab&oeidk=a07edn2kijc6204c134) *to register and view the agenda.*

**Topics Include**

Cultural and medical considerations for transgender individuals during a medical-forensic exam

Courtroom testimony techniques

Trends in forensic serology and DNA technology

Campus sexual assault

Sexual Assault: The police Investigation Perspective

Role of the forensic nurse coroner

Best practices in SANE case review and peer review

**Speakers Include**

* Dr. Rachel Levine, Physician General of Pennsylvania and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine
* Ron Smith, forensic identification and investigation specialist
* Pennsylvania State Police Crime Lab
* Jonathan Kassa, Director of Higher Education for Allied Universal
* Pamela Gay, RN, York County, PA Coroner
* Jana French, Nursing Director of Washington DC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program and International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Board Member

*We will be applying for CEUs for Registered Nurses*

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# Save The Date: 2017 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network VOCA Grantee Training

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:00am – 5:15pm
Thursday, June 8, 2017 8:00am – 3:15pm

The Harrisburg Crowne Plaza
23 South Second Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Please plan to join us on June 7 & 8, 2017 for the 2017 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network VOCA Grantee Training. This training is targeted to all new VOCA Grantees but we welcome all of the Domestic Violence Advocates Community of PA. This training will fulfill the requirements of the 10 hour mandatory VOCA Grantee training but is not just relevant for VOCA Grantees. It was developed in consultation with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The training agenda will include sessions on:

* Trauma Informed Advocacy.
* Vicarious Trauma to providers of services.
* Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting, Identifying Conflicts of Interest, Referrals and Competent Representation.
* Unique Features of Representing Child and Elderly Victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Including Child Advocacy Centers. The Intersection of Civil Legal Proceedings and Child Protective Services Law.
* Immigration/U-Visas/Language Access/Interpreters, Being Culturally Informed, Including the LGBTQ Community.
* Current Developments in the PFA Law, Strangulation Bill, and Court Decisions Impacting Representation in PFA and PVSI cases, Addressing Temporary Protection Orders In Light of Court Requirements of Due Process. This session will also include discussion of VOCA restrictions on activities including accessibility and off-site delivery.
* A general session on Representing Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
* Victim-Centered Services In the Context of Petitions Being Filed Directly by the Victim, Sometimes with Advocacy by Shelters, Followed by Appearance of Lawyers, Working from Pleadings Already Filed, and Indirect Criminal Contempt.
* Access to Court Records and Presenting Special Evidence in Court (Rules of Evidence/Social Media).
* Counseling the Client As A Whole, Strategies Regarding PFA Cases and Related Relief Including Custody, Support, Retaining Utility Services, Housing, and Damages/Special Rights for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*At least 2 Ethics hours and 8 Substantive CLE Credits will be offered (At no cost to attendees)*

Please click [here](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee07v3vd6d03ca3e&llr=7mhlfkqab) to register online.

For questions contact Kelly Bock Yeckley at kbockyeckley@palegalaid.net or 717-236-9486, ext. 201.

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# Save The Date: KCIT Basic Crisis Response Training

**June 19-22, 2017**

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson

State College, PA

Training Fee: $250 (*Fee includes hotel accommodations, training materials, breakfast and lunch each day*)

Application Deadline: May 12, 2017

Please click [here](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eczzpl4g2a84648b&llr=6nqn8gdab) to register and for more information.

This training is sponsored by the Keystone Crisis Intervention Team. KCIT provides crisis intervention services to victims of crime and their communities in the aftermath of a traumatic event in Pennsylvania.

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 aftermath of a community crisis.

Please note: Completion of this application does not secure a seat in the training. You will be notified if you have been selected for this training course. All applicants will be notified by May 19, 2017 if they were accepted into the training. Decisions are based on several factors.

For more information or questions please contact: Michelle Kern, KCIT Coordinator at 215-343-6543, or by email at michelle@novabucks.org

* *This training has been approved for 25 PCCD training hours.*
* *This training has applied for approval by the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors for 25 CEUs.*
* *Funding for this project is made available in part through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).*

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# The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. If you would like any training events, fundraisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Heather Hewitt at hhewitt@pa.gov by May 3, 2017.

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

**PA Crime Victims Website**

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

**Twitter:** [@PaCrimmCom](https://twitter.com/PaCrimeComm)