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* + [WebEx Online Trainings Available](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=pccd&service=6&rnd=0.6668060301536507&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fpccd.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fprogram%2FprogramDetail.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26internalProgramTicket%3D4832534b00000004f02f8b04a9132f726e6e4ce186c5f64209c4f9e1a94f0342f2c72bee2d69d4a5%26siteurl%3Dpccd%26internalProgramTicketUnList%3D4832534b00000004f02f8b04a9132f726e6e4ce186c5f64209c4f9e1a94f0342f2c72bee2d69d4a5%26cProgViewID%3D1727107%26PRID%3D9c0a5f356b9ee12dc7de27fe147bb352)Compensation Related: Basic Compensation 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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# Now Accepting Workshop Proposals for 2019 Pathways for Victim Services – Deadline June 28, 2019

Do you have a desire to teach others? Have you conducted a victim services-related research project, and are looking for a venue to share your results? Have you implemented a new program, and are wanting to share your success with others? We are seeking professionals who have not only developed worthwhile programs, but whom also have a successful track record in demonstrating those programs, to submit workshop proposals.

This year’s theme is “Stronger Together,” and we are seeking workshops proposals that facilitate cross-systems programs; community partnerships; and that are leveraging local and state government allied professionals to better address the needs of victims of crime.

Panel discussions with broad representation are strongly encouraged.

We are also seeking workshops whose primary aim is to put another tool in the victim advocate’s toolbox, and are requesting that workshop proposals include, when applicable, forms, assessment tools, templates for Excel documents, or other resources that facilitate either service delivery, or program analysis.

The following priority topics for the 2019 Pathways Conference will be given preference in the selection process. The priority areas are as followed:

* Human Trafficking
* Substance Abuse
* Working with Trauma
* Restorative Justice

The priority areas established by the Victim Services Advisory Committee will also be given preference. The priority areas are as followed:

* Emergency Shelter/Housing
* Telehealth Services
* Transportation
* Elderly Victims of Crime
* LGBTQ
* People of Color
* Victims with Disabilities
* Immigrants
* Limited English Proficiency
* Victims of Financial Crimes
* Children and the Homeless

Click [here](https://prdpccd.pwpca.pa.gov/training/Pages/2019-Pathways-Workshop-Proposal.aspx) to access the workshop proposal form.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, or workshop proposal process, please feel free to contact Ross Pelusi, Criminal Justice Specialist at 717-265-8713 or by email rpelusi@pa.gov.

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# Pathfinder Awards Nominations

Nomination information for the Pathfinder Award is now available on the PCCD website. Please review all sections, and downloadable materials to understand the process. The email address to submit information can be found on the website.

Awards will be presented at the 2019 Pathways Conference on December 3, 2019 during the lunch part of the conference.

Click [here](https://prdpccd.pwpca.pa.gov/training/Pages/2019-Pathfinder-Awards-Nomination.aspx) to learn more about the nomination process.

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# 2019 Pathways for Victim Services

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s Office of Victims’ Services is very excited about the upcoming Pathways Conference, and looks forward to seeing you there. The conference will be held at the Hershey Lodge on December 2nd – December 4th, 2019.

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# ATTENTION VOJO PROGRAMS – VOJO LAPSING FUNDS – PLEASE DON’T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOJO FUNDING BY DUE DATE OF JUNE 30, 2019!!!

Recipients of 2018 VOJO (VJ) and/or 2018 JRI (JV) funds, denoted on your Award Letter as:

2018 VJ Award Amount      $  xx.xx

2018 VJ Project Period        1/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

                        And/Or

2018 JV Award Amount       $  xx.xx

2018 JV Project Period         1/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

T**his is a reminder that *VOJO funds not expended or obligated from these funding sources by June 30, 2019 will lapse.***

Any outstanding obligations as of 6/30/2019 should be reported in the Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations column on the fiscal report for the period ending 6/30/2019.

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 1/1/2019-6/30/2019.

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

**If you have any questions, or need to request a copy of your Award Letter please contact the Fiscal Contact staff person listed on your VOJO grant.**

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# Compensation Corner

VCAP has an updated confidentiality policy that is effective immediately. Please be aware that maintaining confidentiality is paramount to preserving the safety, privacy, and trust of those seeking services. When a claimant is calling VCAP regarding their claim they will be asked to verify the following information: claim number, claimant name, date or birth and last four of the Social Security number (if applicable). When a provider is calling VCAP regarding a specific bill, the provider must have the claim number. When an employer is calling VCAP they must provide the claimant’s name, the claim number and the date of incident. When a district attorney’s office is calling to request information for restitution purposes, they must provide the offender’s name, crime date and incident number. When a victim advocate who is not already listed with the claim calls VCAP, we will not be able to provide information to the advocate until we have verbal or written permission from the claimant. This also applies for any other person who is calling about a specific claim, such as a family member. VCAP must have verbal or written permission from the claimant in order to speak with the caller and provide claim information.

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# Victims Compensation Online Trainings

Loss of Support Clinic on June 10th from 9:30am-10:30am

Transportation Expenses Clinic on June 10th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Loss of Earnings Clinic on June 19th from 9:30am-10:30am

Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic on June 19th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Counseling Expenses Clinic on June 27th from 9:30am-10:30am

Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic on June 27th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Basic Compensation on July 1st from 10:00am-12:00pm

Myths of Compensation on July 1st from 1:00pm-2:00pm

"Wow, That's Covered by Compensation" on July 11th from 9:30am-10:30am

Relocation Expenses Clinic on July 11th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Restitution Basics on July 23rd from 10:00am-11:00am

Funeral and Burial Expenses Clinic on July 23rd from 11:30am-12:30pm

Click [here](https://pccd.webex.com/pccd/onstage/g.php?PRID=9c0a5f356b9ee12dc7de27fe147bb352) to register.

All trainings count towards 1 hour of the required RASA/VOCA/VOJO training hours, with the exception of Basic Compensation, which counts towards 2 training hours, and DAVE training, which counts towards 2.5 training hours.

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# SAVE THE DATE! Victim/Witness Services Foundational Academy

Philadelphia – July 8-10, 2019

Doubletree by Hilton - Center City Philadelphia
237 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215.893.1600

Click [here](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/events/e_signup.aspx?ClientCode=pdaa&E_ID=500159&RegType=ATT) to register.

Registration for this conference is restricted to victim advocates currently employed in Pennsylvania and funded through VOCA, RASA and/or VOJO funding and providing services to all forms of crime victims. Priority will be given to those for whom attendance is mandatory. The PDAI reserves the right to decline registrants who do not meet the criteria.

Attendance is limited to 75 participants.  Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Tentative dates are as follows:

* Harrisburg, October 9th – 11th

**Please note the following changes for the 2019 Foundational Academies:** Because these academies are scheduled to be more convenient to attendees by cutting down the traveling distance, no overnight accommodations will be provided for the Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg academies. A continental breakfast and two break snacks will be provided.

Registration will open approximately 10 weeks prior to the week of the Academy. Priority will be given to those advocates for whom Foundational Academy training is mandatory.

For more information, please contact Amelia Smulktis, Restitution & Victim/Witness Training Consultant, at AJS@restitutionconsulting.com, or 717.333.2319.

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# Southwestern PA HCQU Seminar

Please visit us in Pittsburgh June 7, 2019 to hear national expert [Dr. Nora Baladerian](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.disabilityandabuse.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cjemoore%40pa.gov%7Cfcebcfb4906c4a3cb9d108d6dae7e22e%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C636937086925093083&sdata=WnwfHofRliOj141PnWnazPTvUaTN%2FMgS0Ikt8TVUC24%3D&reserved=0) discuss **Risk Reduction, Trauma-Informed Care, and Healing: Providing Trauma-Related Support for People with I/DD.**

Click [here](https://hcqu-training.kepro.com/content/pages/training.aspx) for more information.

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#  FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime is seeking applications for funding for the OVC FY 2019 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program. This program furthers the Department’s mission by assisting law enforcement to better support victims through the criminal justice process.

Click [here](https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdftxt/FY19_Law-Enforcement-Based-Victim-Specialist-Program.pdf) for more information.

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# New OVC Funding Opportunity

Through the [FY 2019 Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Flinks.govdelivery.com%3A80%2Ftrack%3Ftype%3Dclick%26enid%3DZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTkwNTI4LjYzNjk2NzEmbWVzc2FnZWlkPU1EQi1QUkQtQlVMLTIwMTkwNTI4LjYzNjk2NzEmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xNzQwODkxMiZlbWFpbGlkPWpibHlzdG9uZUBwYS5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWpibHlzdG9uZUBwYS5nb3YmdGFyZ2V0aWQ9JmZsPSZtdmlkPSZleHRyYT0mJiY%3D%26%26%26104%26%26%26https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ovc.gov%2Fgrants%2Fpdftxt%2FOpioids_FY-2019-CompetitiveSolicitation.pdf%3Futm_source%3Dnewsfromovc%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_content%3Dopioid_crisis_fy19_pdf_5.28.2019%26utm_campaign%3Dsolicitation_2019&data=02%7C01%7Cjblystone%40pa.gov%7Ced0dc2a379eb4edf174908d6e3b4c5e5%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C1%7C636946762895995204&sdata=jJ1Qd3XBhxXPGEPXAylKZJyGsiPYfiAij9xeci3z7ZI%3D&reserved=0) solicitation, OVC seeks to expand upon existing or establish new programs to provide services to children and youth who are victimized as the result of the opioid crisis.

Click [here](https://www.ovc.gov/grants/pdftxt/Opioids_FY-2019-CompetitiveSolicitation.pdf?utm_source=newsfromovc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=opioid_crisis_fy19_pdf_5.28.2019&utm_campaign=solicitation_2019) for more information.

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# Keystone Crisis Intervention Team: Trauma-Informed Death Notification Trainings

Death Notification can be part of anyone's job. It is not a fun task, but one that is so important to the survivors' healing. In this training, you will learn best practices in Death Notification as well as possible reactions by survivors and how to help.

August 16, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Giant Community Center

3301 Trindle Road

Camp Hill, PA 17011

Please click [here](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fevents.constantcontact.com%2Fregister%2Fevent%3Fllr%3D6nqn8gdab%26oeidk%3Da07efmpfqwf06ad9f29&data=02%7C01%7Csbrendling%40pa.gov%7C20bc565a4510485e305e08d6d3caab06%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C1%7C636929264745917914&sdata=Gm2CFHCjdtEkLGzyuaUSsWFhoCW8Cqct0GovtOamm1E%3D&reserved=0) to register. Training is provided free of cost.

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# Save the Date: VOCA Grantee Training

A free VOCA attorney CLE will be offered by P.L.A.N., the state administrator for Legal Aid programs. The program will be held on June 12 & 13, 2019, at the Harrisburg Hilton. The program is free and open to all VOCA recipients who assist in providing legal services to victims of crime.  Registration deadline is Friday, June 7th at 4:00 p.m.  This training will offer 12 Continuing Education Credits for both full days of training. For more information or to register, click [here.](https://palegalaid.net/events/2019-pa-legal-aid-network-voca-grantee-training)

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# PDAI Victim Services Trainings

Bridges Out of Poverty

Date: September 23, 2019

Time: 1 PM - 4 PM

Location: Linglestown Road, Harrisburg Giant Community Room

This is just a reminder that in addition to being the Restitution Consultant, Amelia Smulktis is the new Victim/Witness Training Consultant effective November 2018. To receive her quarterly *Restitution & Victim/Witness Training Newsletter* which includes important updates regarding Foundational Academy, Topical Trainings, and restitution, or to contact her with any other questions, please email her at AJS@restitutionconsulting.com. Jennifer Feicht remains as the SAVIN Consultant and can be emailed at jennifer@jlfconsulting.net.

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# OVC Funding Opportunities

Please click [here](https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx?utm_source=newsfromovc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=ovc_solicitation_rollup_5.30.2018&utm_campaign=solicitation_2018) to view all opportunities.

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# Program Highlights

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 Jennifer Moore at jemoore@pa.gov.

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# The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, June 19, 2019. If you would like any training events, fundraisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Jennifer Moore at jemoore@pa.gov by Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

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**PA Crime Victims Website**

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

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