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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).

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# Advocacy Group Helps Families Of Murder Victims Cope

Nearly 500 families lost a loved one to gun violence in Philadelphia during 2020. Please click [here](https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/advocacy-group-helps-families-of-murder-victims-cope-with-the-loss/2652120/) to watch a report about Mothers in Charge and the healing they provide.

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# Grants Awarded To Reduce Sexual Assault On Campus

Governor Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania (PA) has announced that 37 colleges will receive as much as $30,000 each as part of his state’s “It’s On Us PA” campaign to combat campus sexual assault. These grants will provide funding from January 2021 to May 2022. Please click [here](https://local21news.com/news/local/gov-wolf-37-schools-awarded-its-on-us-grants-to-combat-sexual-assault-on-campus) to read more.

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# Court Tosses PA Victims’ Rights Amendment

A divided court is throwing out a victims’ rights Pennsylvania constitutional amendment. Please click [here](https://local21news.com/news/local/split-court-tosses-pennsylvania-victims-rights-amendment) to read more.

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# Family Support Line: Public Awareness Campaign

Over the past year, domestic violence, child abuse, and sexting increased as in-person social interaction decreased and screen time took over. COVID-19 presented many uncertainties for everyone, especially vulnerable children who are isolated from mandated reporters. As a result, Family Support Line created a Public Awareness Campaign consisting of two parts: a digital ad campaign and website redesign. The campaign serves as a resource for help and healing during these difficult times and beyond.

We partnered with the [female owned small business, Fiore Design](https://fioredesign.net/about/), to design ads that complement our new site, created by [Hopeworks alumna, Caloua Lowe’s firm, Zhane Designs](https://www.calouazhane.com/portfolio). The ads are geographically targeted to Delaware County children and encourages them to recognize the signs and speak up about child sexual abuse. They are sponsored ads via Instagram and Facebook that direct viewers to the Resources page of our website through a link in our Instagram and Facebook bios.

Through use of taglines like **“Help is available, healing is possible”** and **“We Care. We Listen. We Act**,**”** Family Support Line reassures children that they are not alone regardless of forced separation from friends, teachers, school counselors, coaches, etc., due to the pandemic. We will share these ads with other CACs and victims service organizations to expand child sexual abuse awareness to other counties and provide recognition for them as a trusted resource as well.

Family Support Line encourages you to share, repost, and engage with our ads to broaden their reach and assist in protecting Delaware County’s most vulnerable population. Check out our Instagram ([@delco\_familysupportline](https://www.instagram.com/delco_familysupportline/)) page to view our ads and visit our [website](http://familysupportline.org/?page_id=371) for additional information and resources!

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# How To Support Male Survivors Of Violence: A 5-year Initiative

This brief highlights a 5-year project to support male survivors of violence and their families, focusing on boys and young men of color. Over the course of the project, 12 demonstration sites collectively served over 10,000 program participants and their families, educated community partners who interact with male survivors of violence, and transformed victim services in their region. The report provides an overview of different program models, program components, referral processes and outreach strategies, understanding the service population, and practical lessons learned from serving survivors and boys and young men of color. Please click [here](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/566b074fbfe87338d2021874/t/5f73388eac31800543a8f233/1601386679) to read more.

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# Recommendations For Practice & Policy: Supporting LGBTQ+, Immigrant, & Communities Of Color

This data brief details the challenges facing domestic violence and sexual assault organizations and the survivor communities that they serve, with special recognition the communities hit the hardest by COVID-19: LGBTQ+, immigrant, and communities of color. This brief provides various practice and policy recommendations for organizations, advocates, donors, funders, and policy makers. Please click [here](https://csaj.org/library/view/recommendations-for-practice-policy-supporting-lgbtq-immigrant-communities) to read more

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# Sexual, Gender Minorities Much Likelier To Be Crime Victims

The first study of its kind has found that people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer or gender non-conforming are nearly four times as likely to be victims of violent crime than those outside such communities. Please click [here](https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2020-10-02/sexual-gender-minorities-much-likelier-to-be-crime-victims) to read more.

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# Human Trafficking At Home: Labor Trafficking In The United States

In any given year, an estimated two million plus domestic workers are employed in the United States, caring for children, seniors and other loved ones, cleaning homes and in general, making it possible for many busy people an families to juggle the competing needs of their lives. In most cases, these arrangements benefit both the workers and their employers. But isolated working conditions, limited legal protections and vulnerabilities including poverty and immigration status means that some domestic workers become victims of labor exploitation and labor trafficking. Please click [here](https://polarisproject.org/resources-and-reports/) to learn more.

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# Increasing Staff Capacity To Respond To Intimate Partner Violence/Human Trafficking During COVID-19

This webinar will offer a combination of self-care and organizational practice strategies to help prevent provider burn out and bolster staff readiness for implementing CUES, as well as trauma-informed and healing-centered practices. Lifetime exposure to violence is common and working with clients who are experiencing or have experienced trauma/violence can trigger painful memories and trauma for staff. A personal history of exposure to violence increases risk for experiencing secondary traumatic stress. We will share trauma-informed approaches offered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that recognize how trauma affects all individuals involved with the program, organization, or system, including its own workforce. Numerous studies tell us that in order to do this complex work the needs of providers cannot be ignored. Providers need supports for themselves and within their systems to promote healing centered engagement, which will also be covered in this webinar.

Please click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EmyxdT-vTeCzD4MLSSXr_g) to register for this event.

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# Compensation Corner – Sexual Assault Counseling Claims

On November 26, 2019, Governor Wolf signed [House Bill 962](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2019&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=0962&pn=2938) into law.  The bill added a new section under 42 Pa.C.S. §9730.3, which provides for counseling services for victims of sexual abuse.  $5 million was transferred to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund to be distributed by the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) in the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to immediately begin the administration of this counseling program.

Unlike standard VCAP claims, sexual assault victims seeking counseling services related to their abuse under this new claim process are not required to have reported the assault to police or other authorities to be eligible to receive these counseling benefits.  Other considerations typically taken up during the VCAP process, such as late filing, conduct, or non-cooperation, are also not included in this new claim process.

A direct victim of sexual abuse which occurred in Pennsylvania, who did not report or does not want to report the crime to authorities, is eligible to submit a claim for counseling services related to their abuse.  Direct victims of sexual abuse who do not meet other eligibility requirements to file a standard VCAP claim, or who may have been denied a VCAP claim in the past, are also eligible for this benefit.

Counseling services is defined as mental health therapy performed by, or under the supervision of, a psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, or licensed social worker.  A direct victim of sexual abuse who at the time of the crime was 18 years of age or older is potentially eligible for up to $5,000 in counseling services.  A direct victim of sexual abuse who at the time of the crime was under 18 years of age is potentially eligible for up to $10,000 in counseling services.

Based on the effective date of the law, counseling expenses can only be considered for counseling service dates on or after **November 26, 2019** that are owed to the health care provider.  **NOTE:** Only health care providers are eligible to receive direct payment for these claims.  Please note that the law requires that the total value of counseling services (i.e., the $5,000 or $10,000 counseling service limit) shall be reduced by the amount of any the following payments received or to be received by the direct victim: by the individual who committed the sexual abuse; under an insurance program or a health and welfare program; under a contract of insurance in which the claimant is the beneficiary; from public funds; under a pension program; by a party alleged to be responsible in whole or in part for the sexual abuse, without regard to the party’s criminal culpability; or payment already made under the Crime Victims Act.  PCCD staff will work with the health care provider and the direct victim/claimant to determine the amount eligible to be paid directly to the health care provider.

Since the law specifically states that funds can only be paid for counseling expenses owed to the health care provider, in instances where the claimant pays out of pocket, PCCD will attempt to make arrangements with the health care provider to reimburse the claimant so that PCCD can make the direct payment to the health care provider.  No payment will be made until verification has been received that the claimant has been reimbursed by the health care provider.

A direct victim/claimant must first submit a completed [Sexual Assault Counseling Claim form](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/Claim%20form.pdf). Once in receipt of the claim form, PCCD’s Victims Compensation Assistance Program staff will reach out to the claimant and their health care provider for copies of itemized bills, insurance benefit statements, and other similar paperwork to complete the claim process.

Sexual Assault Counseling claims can be filed online or by paper. The claim form can be found [HERE](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/Claim%20form.pdf).  A claim form can also be obtained by calling 1-800-233-2339 or emailing [ra-davesupport.@pa.gov](mailto:ra-davesupport.@pa.gov). A claim can be filed online [here](https://www.dave.pa.gov/Public/VictimLogin.aspx).

A recorded 10-minute online training can be found [here](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pccd&service=6).

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# Final RASA/VOJO Program Reports Due January 20, 2021

**Important Message For All RASA and VOJO Programs – Final Program Reports for the 2019-2020 Funding Cycle due January 20, 2021!**

**Final Program Reports for the 2019-2020 RASA/VOJO Funding Cycle will cover the time period from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and should be submitted in Egrants by no later than Wednesday, January 20, 2021.**

Below are instructions for the report sections that will need to be completed in the final program reports in addition to the report sections you normally complete.

**Other Standard Questions Section** – Please complete the questions in this section to recap the second year of the grant and be sure to enter a response to each question in this section, even if it is not applicable.

**Annual Training Certification Section** – Please complete this section to certify if all RASA and/or VOJO funded staff have completed their annual training hours for calendar year 2020.  All RASA/VOJO funded staff are required to complete at least 10 hours of annual training each calendar year (January through December).  If staff did not complete at least 10 hours of annual training in 2020, please list the following:  1) their name, 2) how many training hours they were able to complete in 2020, and 3) explain how they will make up the training hours still needed for 2020 in calendar year 2021.  This is in addition to the ten (10) training hours that will be required for 2021.

**REMINDERS:**

This is your Final Program Report.  Please **click on the “Final Report” button** on the main page.

You do not need to enter anything in the “Briefly List Activities Conducted During This Period” Section on the main page of the report.  You may simply enter “Not Applicable” in this section on the main page of the report and save it.

**It is very important to submit your program report in Egrants by the due date of January 20, 2021**.  PCCD applies a risk level to each sub-grantee.  One of the factors that impacts an agency’s risk level is delinquent quarterly reports.  RASA and VOJO Reports submitted later than January 20, 2021 may adversely impact the agency’s risk level.  If for any reason you are unable to enter your report data and submit the report by the due date, please contact our office to let us know so we may instruct you on how to proceed in order to avoid your report being delinquent.

If you should have any questions or need assistance completing your quarterly program reports, please contact Vicki McCloskey at [Vmccloskey@pa.gov](mailto:Vmccloskey@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8746, or Maria Katulis at [Mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:Mkatulis@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8741.

Quarterly fiscal reports for RASA and VOJO grants will also be due in Egrants by January 20, 2021.  If you have any fiscal report questions, please contact the fiscal staff person listed on your grant for assistance.

If you need technical assistance with Egrants, you may contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887 or [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).

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# Third Thursday Webinars

January 21 with Best Practices in Bullying Prevention: Examining a Three-Tiered Approach.

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# SMART Announces FY 2021 Funding Opportunities

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Grants up to $400,000 will be awarded, with no required match and a 36-month period of performance beginning October 1, 2021.   + **Eligibility:** States, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories and federally recognized Indian tribal governments that have elected to carry out SORNA * [Keep Young Athletes Safe](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3NtYXJ0Lm9qcC5nb3YvZnVuZGluZy9vcHBvcnR1bml0aWVzL08tU01BUlQtMjAyMS0zNjAwOD91dG1fY29udGVudD1kZWZhdWx0JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.u69EV8V5PYrgsXh9ZaTsWys00u97XRGon_Mo-PZSSKU%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162266019%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cLLMgKrQz1QVdUyMNfs2CdcJGkcq785WkD4inBHTnRs%3D&reserved=0): This funding is to design and implement a program that aims to safeguard amateur athletes through the prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee, each national governing body and each Paralympic sports organization.   + **Eligibility:** Nonprofit, nongovernmental entities with nationally recognized expertise in the identification and prevention of sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee, each national governing body and each Paralympic sports organization   In FY 2021 funding applications will be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs in a new two-step process, with initial information submitted to [Grants.gov](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ncmFudHMuZ292Lz91dG1fY29udGVudD1kZWZhdWx0JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.PbvM48WyCvTf4xRSnfNQQBZRjoetqzRw6MKlzKbPWeg%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162275963%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0Ql5mmoj%2FHVXmy7JyRQ5yL%2BVRx9bxesO85wySR51JeM%3D&reserved=0) and the full application in [JustGrants](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2p1c3RpY2VncmFudHMudXNkb2ouZ292Lz91dG1fY29udGVudD1kZWZhdWx0JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.f0fYIXs9WtumZneoll7Bf0Q01NOjuQgDTrIUAU2svwg%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162275963%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=a4LI3zZoev0kUU05hgOgsTh4jtdos6KdBbBGZOFofaE%3D&reserved=0).  **Grants.gov Deadline: Feb. 1, 2021, by 11:59 p.m., Eastern time**  Applicants must register with [Grants.gov](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2dyYW50cy5nb3Y_dXRtX2NvbnRlbnQ9ZGVmYXVsdCZ1dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.1M0bhW-pER9tUrdmNoTQooLh_7rMMuSOPdvjKvhA_30%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162285931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wK%2B53QvqZ3ImcrT4hJ2l%2Bkpj8LnUBm4i3Zagva0K9do%3D&reserved=0) before submitting an application. To register with Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numeric System (DUNS) and System of Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal. Then, applicants must submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov.  **JustGrants Deadline: Feb. 16, 2021, by 11:59 p.m., Eastern time**  The full application, including attachments, must be submitted in [JustGrants](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2p1c3RpY2VncmFudHMudXNkb2ouZ292Lz91dG1fY29udGVudD1kZWZhdWx0JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.7Tm2kHcmX49hKhdO0Ge_ADp3aGHewrYK-o9JUqisSi4%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162285931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kEMcx3xnryatrYy95mZVQj%2Bux1NN2yDd3m0Lk37kqMM%3D&reserved=0) by February 16, 2021, by 11:59 p.m., ET. Resources:  * The SMART Office will release an application guidance webinar for the Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program in January. More details will follow. * Visit SMART’s [funding page](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3NtYXJ0Lm9qcC5nb3YvZnVuZGluZz91dG1fY29udGVudD1kZWZhdWx0JnV0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.3NTVD91gEr0ZYFO9tOeQXESYVTP-HTltK1xzcnjpU14%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162285931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EgpgeKqeZzkbnLwg%2Fu%2FOHpVSm%2FLmGZTAUoCYTJ39ULc%3D&reserved=0) for details about these and other funding opportunities * [Subscribe](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3NtYXJ0Lm9qcC5nb3Yvc3Vic2NyaWJlP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PWRlZmF1bHQmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.DET-u_gQwDBq-J6bsVRbvGHR27m5KjLBKZm9dOhmgDw%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162295878%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dvtcNOr0R6QEMAih%2FzqB3057qpxienb%2FJ0l2vmQSHGk%3D&reserved=0) to email updates from the SMART Office * Review OJP’s [Grant Application Resource Guide](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vanAuZ292L2Z1bmRpbmcvYXBwbHkvb2pwLWdyYW50LWFwcGxpY2F0aW9uLXJlc291cmNlLWd1aWRlP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PWRlZmF1bHQmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.CM_JAJ7NhAffkDzdu3MPE4GhoKtezq5R3YwVe_pW2lo%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162295878%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wHPQXofSlxmD%2FXQWWqBG0Ln913LGlMNFPotlkwDsQEw%3D&reserved=0) * Contact the SMART Office at 202-514-4689 or at [AskSMART@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskSMART@usdoj.gov) for assistance * Follow SMART on [Twitter](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3R3aXR0ZXIuY29tL0RPSlNNQVJUP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PWRlZmF1bHQmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.s6Kk-yckYZW9tBZ_V0V3jZlTzvj_Qk5-JFyTRumcJJw%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162305832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dHgrpF00e0wvmHn9ii2vmi5UQsFJuSEoHHiTM3EbQQE%3D&reserved=0) and [Facebook](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTYuMzIxMzUxNDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mYWNlYm9vay5jb20vRE9KU01BUlQvP3V0bV9jb250ZW50PWRlZmF1bHQmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.KcrBBluMOxrM3rQAs6wE29sULq0XLUr450vpT47YAf4%2Fs%2F1064555770%2Fbr%2F92005256851-l&data=04%7C01%7Cmromanscot%40pa.gov%7C35648cd30e444487d08f08d8a20ea9e7%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637437531162305832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2WbwTowxgeby%2FLI5uPFrOW4U9VEErDQ2C%2BdiH6mGUyk%3D&reserved=0) | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |
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# Developing Effective CCR Responses To Address Danger

The Battered Women’s Justice Project is hosting a virtual conference that brings together members of coordinated community response teams, such as STOP Teams.  This series aims to increase effectiveness in such teams by strengthening roles, building relationships, and utilizing tools to improve the criminal justice response.

This conference will be held every Thursday in January.  Please click [here](https://www.bwjp.org/training/ccr-2020-ok-city.html) to register.

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# Trauma-Informed Witness Response In Homicide Cases And Webinar: Community Healing Trauma-Informed Witness Response In Homicide Cases

This training will teach participants on how to be trauma-informed when preparing a witness in the criminal justice process and how to work with multidisciplinary partners during this time. It will also assist participants on how to develop strategies to limit, identify and respond to witness intimidation.

​Watch a recording of this webinar [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aei4yHJQjd8&feature=youtu.be).

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# Asserting Victims’ Rights During COVID-19: The Evolving Landscape

Join NCVLI for a discussion of the ways in which the response to the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted victims’ rights legal practice. This online training will identify key rights that have been implicated by criminal justice system actors’ responses to the pandemic and articulate ways in which victims’ rights lawyers have been responding. As each jurisdiction’s justice system is continuing to adapt to this ever-changing reality, the training will include opportunities for practitioners nationwide to participate and share promising practices regarding how victims’ rights can be leveraged to help ensure that the justice systems respond to the concerns of victims.

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asserting-victims-rights-during-covid-19-the-evolving-landscape-registration-132578597153) to register.

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Victim service organizations and programs need to plan for sustainability in order to continue providing high-quality services to victims of crime. The **Sustaining Your Program’s Capacity To Serve Victims** training addresses what sustainability means, how to assess a program’s sustainability, the eight sustainability domains (Program Adaptation, Strategic Communications, Program Evaluation, Supportive Environment, Organizational Capacity, Strategic Partnerships, Resource Development, and Strategic Planning), and how to develop a sustainability plan. | | |  | | --- | | The [training](https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/NVAA/EMS/index.cfm?nm=nvaa&ns=ems&nt=sgo&nf=spcsv) will be delivered online, over the course of 6 weeks, beginning on January 25, 2021. Each week, except for the introductory week, will include a 75-minute facilitated webinar. In addition to participating in the webinar, you can expect to spend an hour per week completing written assignments, readings, or watching a video. Each webinar will be recorded, so if you are not able to attend one, you will be able to access the recording. CEUs will be awarded to those who complete all of the requirements.  You will find the training schedule [here](https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/NVAA/EMS/index.cfm?nm=nvaa&ns=ems&nt=sgo). **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 National Victim Assistance Academy and, like all OVC TTAC trainings, there is no cost to participate.  **Please note: Space is limited, so apply today to reserve your space.** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**APPLY TODAY**](https://ovcttac.wufoo.com/forms/ems-january-2021-sustaining-your-program/) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/PT13966/CustomDivider.png | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Instructors\* | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Marcie Davis and Lovey | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif |   **Marcie Davis**  **Santa Fe, New Mexico**  Marcie Davis serves as chief executive officer of Davis Innovations, a research and organizational development consulting firm focusing on outreach to underserved populations and leadership development. She has served as the director of underserved populations for the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs since October 2002. She recently served successfully as an instructor for the NVAA Leadership Institute and the Effective Management Series: Board Development. She is a nationally recognized victim assistance and disability advocate and trainer who leads a diverse staff in providing program development, leadership and management, training, technical writing, grant writing, and research and evaluation services to local, state, federal, and tribal governments and NGOs. Ms. Davishas a bachelor’s degree in Paralegal Studies and a master’s degree in Library Science, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. Ms. Davis is accompanied by her service dog, Lovey. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101116784221/S.gif | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://files.constantcontact.com/5bd6a69a701/98aeb632-f4d9-45b4-bc70-41f38765b70f.jpg | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/sys/S.gif |   **Laney Gibbes**  **Denver, Colorado**  Laney Gibbes is a local, state, and national consultant with more than 27 years of experience in the field of victim services. She has assisted communities in developing, implementing, and sustaining prevention, intervention, and treatment programming to address domestic and sexual violence and other victim issues. She provided financial management to numerous nonprofits in Colorado, including the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Advocates, the Boys and Girls Club, and Bridge Emergency Shelter. Ms. Gibbes also taught the Nonprofit Financial Management and Fundraising class in the master’s program of Social Work at the University of Denver as adjunct faculty. She developed the content for the NVAA Effective Management Series: Financial Management training and Sustaining Your Program’s Capacity To Serve the Community training. She holds a master’s degree in Social Work with a focus on Management and Administration from the University of Denver, a bachelor’s degree in Biology from Davidson College, and is a licensed clinical social worker.  *\*OVC TTAC instructors have no vested interest in any products, instruments, devices, or materials that may be used in this training.*  For more information about this training, please contact [nvaa@ovcttac.org](mailto:nvaa@ovcttac.org). | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/PT13966/CustomDivider.png | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) provides training to support professional development, enhance services to the community, and expand outreach to underserved victims of crime.* | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://files.constantcontact.com/5bd6a69a701/b7c529ec-9c1c-450a-99c5-f69bf7f9b382.png](http://www.ovc.gov/) | | |  | | --- | | [office for victims of cime training and technical assistance center logo](https://www.ovcttac.gov/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | OVC shares your mission and has a wide range of resources to help you accomplish it. Visit the [National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)](https://www.ncjrs.gov/index.html) online to register for services or to find out more. | | | | |   [Return to top](#_top) | |
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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on January 19, 2021.

* Loss of Earnings Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic - 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The following training will be held on January 26, 2021.

* Loss of Support Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The following training will be held on February 3, 2021.

* Basic Compensation – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following training will be held on February 9, 2021.

* Transportation Expenses Clinic – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.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 2.15.

Please click [here](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pccd&service=6) to register

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# Shaking The Table: Supporting Inclusive Leadership

This webinar recording provides an overview of how institutional racism shows up in programs, negatively impacts all staff, and interrupts safety and security for marginalized communities. Culturally relevant approaches and strategies that providers and organizations need and can employ to ensure racial equity in policies, programs and partnerships are identified and explored. Please click [here](https://reachingvictims.org/resource/shaking-the-table-supporting-inclusive-leadership/) to watch the webinar.

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# Criminal Jury Trials During COVID-19: Prosecution Leadership For A New Era

This webinar addresses the potential impact of pandemic safety measures on criminal jury trials and strategies for protecting the integrity of the proceedings. Presenters discuss strategies for triaging delayed cases; considerations of constitutional rights, including the 6th amendment right to a speedy and public trial, the 6th amendment right to confrontation,  and the 1st amendment freedom of the press; the use of juror questionnaires as a way to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19 during jury selection; and methods for adapting prosecution strategies to virtual platforms. Please click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDRiDiE9M_s&feature=youtu.be) to view.

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# 2021 Foundational Academies

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\*\*\*2021 Training Information is contingent upon the PDAA/I’s receipt of grant funding.

**Please note these additional, important details:**

* Lunch and accommodations (if requested) are included with registration and reservations will be made by the Training Consultant. Participants will be responsible for their own travel expenses (mileage, tolls, etc.) to State College, as well as other meals.
* *Registration will open to 50 for each Academy and is first-come, first-served for victim services providers required to attend for grant funding purposes – no spaces will be held prior to registration. Please check with your PCCD Grant Monitor to confirm staff members who are required to attend this training.*
* *Completion of Foundational Academy also includes additional online trainings which must be completed within 60 days after attending Academy BUT can be started at any time. Please contact me for the supplemental training form if you wish to begin working on this online training prior to registration.*

2021 Topical Training topics, locations, and dates are still pending due to issues surrounding COVID-19.

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# Pennsylvania Victim Services Training (PVST) Online Learning Management System

PCCD’s Office of Victims’ Services (OVS) offers its Pennsylvania Victim Services Training (PVST) Online Learning Management System to fill a need for easily accessible, high-quality, free training for victim advocates at PCCD-funded programs. PVST courses count for PCCD training hours and courses can be taken as the learner’s schedule permits. The PVST also keeps a record of a user’s course completion and credit hours earned.  The courses on the PVST are designed to complement, reinforce and enhance the PCCD Foundational Academy and the online offerings on the learning management systems operated by PCADV, PCAR and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

The PVST is resource center for PCCD funded programs and allied professionals whose work brings them into contact with crime victim populations to receive free, quality, and easily accessible training. The training is Pennsylvania-specific, web based, and can be taken on the student’s own timeframe. There are currently 24 approved programs, totaling 48 hours of training, on the PVST.

To access the PVST, please click [here](https://pavictimservicestraining.org/). The registration code is 7223.

**A new training module is available on the Pennsylvania Victim Services Training web site!**  
  
**On December 1, 2020 the CUL205: Mental Health and Criminal Victimization course was added. This training will give victim advocates, probation officers, and protective service agencies an understanding of the relationship between mental health and trauma from criminal victimization.**

**The training will enhance the ability of these groups to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and will equip them with communication skills, referral resources, and an overall understanding of how to navigate the mental health, public health, and private sector delivery systems.**

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# YWCA – Employment Opportunities

**The YWCA Greater Harrisburg is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.**

Please click [here](http://www.ywcahbg.org/) to view current job opportunities.

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# Crisis Center North – Employment Opportunities

Crisis Center North is a counseling and resource center that provides services to victims of domestic violence and their loved ones in northern and western Allegheny County via counseling, therapy, case management, legal and medical advocacy and economic empowerment services. In addition, the Center provides community trainings on topics related to intimate partner violence and teen dating violence, as well as prevention education programming to local schools.

Please click [here](file://CDHBGPRFPFIL001.pa.lcl/PCCD/OrgUnit/OVS/OVS%20Info/Information%20for%20Clerical%20Staff/OVS%20Newsletter/2020/CCN%20Economic%20Empowerment%20Advocate%20Job%20Description.doc) to view current job opportunities.

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# Crime Victims Center Of Fayette County – Employment Opportunities

Crime Victims Center of Fayette County is a private non-profit corporation founded in 1975. Originally known as the Women's Resource Center, our agency has expanded its services to become a comprehensive center to include all victims of violent crimes.

Please click [here](https://www.crimevictimscenter.com/index.php/about-us/employment.html) to view current job opportunities.

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# Neighborhood Legal Services – Employment Opportunities

NLS secures justice and resolves fundamental legal problems for those who are low-income and vulnerable in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence Counties by providing high-quality legal services and community legal education.  Founded in 1966, NLS has provided civil legal aid to more than 1.2 million of our low-income neighbors in need of legal assistance.

Please click [here](https://www.nlsa.us/job-opportunities/) to view current job opportunities.

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# Nationalities Service Center – Employment Opportunities

Nationalities Service Center (NSC) serves more than 5,000 immigrants and refugees each year from over 110 countries.  We provide comprehensive services in immigration law matters, community transition and integration, access to health and wellness, language access and proficiency, and job readiness training for immigrants and refugees. NSC’s mission is to welcome and empower immigrants to thrive in our communities and pursue a just future.  Our vision is that all immigrants achieve a life of safety and stability, sustainable opportunities, and meaningful community connections.

Please click [here](https://nscphila.org/about-us/careers) to view current job opportunities.

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# Turning Point Of Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is expanding its team! We are a non-profit working to eliminate domestic and intimate partner abuse in the Lehigh Valley.

Please click [here](https://www.turningpointlv.org/) to view current job opportunities.

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# Domestic Violence Service Center – Employment Opportunity

Change the world in real time ...

Please click [here](https://domesticviolenceservice.org/) to view current job opportunities.

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# A Woman’s Place – Employment Opportunities

A Woman’s Place (AWP), a community-based social change organization serving victims of domestic violence, currently has open employment opportunities.

Please click [here](https://awomansplace.org/) to view current job opportunities.

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# Network Of Victim Assistance – Employment Opportunities

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is a nonprofit organization serving victims of sexual assault and other crimes. Located in Bucks County, PA, NOVA is the comprehensive victim services organization in Bucks County.  With a 45-year history, NOVA has expanded to include a continuum of prevention and direct services to prevent and address the needs of victims of sexual abuse and other serious crimes.  NOVA is known across many disciplines and the community at large for its exceptional services and professionalism.  With a 4.5-million-dollar operating budget, NOVA continues to grow.  As a mature and fiscally sound organization, establishing sustainability is key to our future success -- serving all victims who need services, educating the community at large on violence prevention in our community, and providing top-ranked professional trainings.

Please click [here](https://www.novabucks.org/about/employment/) to view current job opportunities

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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 Lea Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **January 27, 2021**. 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, **January 20, 2021**.

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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