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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).

* + [Additional RASA/VOJO/VOCA Approved Training](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/RASA-VOCA-VOJO-Trainings.aspx)

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# Pandemic Has Worsened Situations For Many Domestic Violence Victims

Every domestic abuse situation is different and not always physical. Please click [here](https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/investigators/pandemic-has-worsened-situations-for-many-domestic-violence-victims/2606400/?fbclid=IwAR3kKHp-V-2FITIqNvKUyFmmeuXfGwfE8nOSlNoE5G7wLFb1JkY3JRg7SMg) to watch this report on how emotional and financial abuse unfolds in relationships.

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# The Dirty Little Secret Keeping Domestic Violence Hidden In A Pandemic

Domestic violence calls went up in various counties in the Philadelphia region since the COVID-19 pandemic paralyzed normal life. Please click [here](https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/investigators/the-dirty-little-secret-that-is-keeping-domestic-violence-hidden-even-in-a-pandemic/2601071/) to read an investigation that reveals gaps in the reporting process -- particularly within the health care industry.

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# Elizabeth Smart Explains Why She Never Told Her Parents About Abuse By Kidnappers

The child safety advocate shared her reasons for why she didn't want to tell her parents about the abuse she endured after being kidnapped at 14 in 2002.  Please click [here](https://www.nbcwashington.com/entertainment/entertainment-news/elizabeth-smart-explains-why-she-never-told-her-parents-about-abuse-by-kidnappers/2493244/) to read more

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# Guidance For Using Hotels To Meet Survivors’ Immediate Safety And Housing Needs

Many victim services programs have long used hotel and motel stays to stretch emergency housing capacity, accommodate households who need to opt out of community shelter models, and as a bridge to imminent shelter openings or other housing. With the onset of COVID-19, increasingly more domestic/sexual violence and human trafficking programs are utilizing hotels as part of their pandemic response strategy. Just as in ordinary times, safe placement in hotels can provide more flexibility in how survivors’ immediate safe housing needs may be addressed during the current health crisis. Please click [here](https://www.safehousingpartnerships.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/Hotel-Guidance.pdf) to read more.

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# Juvenile Violent Victimization

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) bulletin provides an overview of juvenile violent victimization. The data in this bulletin are derived from three datasets— the National Crime Victimization Survey, the National Incident-Based Reporting System, and the National Vital Statistics System. The bulletin examines juvenile violent victimization from 1995 to 2018. The OJJDP funded this analysis to provide practitioners and researchers with recent information about the characteristics of both juvenile victims and juvenile victimizations, and how these variables change over time. Please click [here](https://www.ojp.gov/library/publications/juvenile-violent-victimization-1995-2018) to read.

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# Advancing Understanding, And Informing Prevention Of Public Mass Shootings: Findings From NIJ Funded Studies, Part 1

In recent years, NIJ invested in several research projects to advance understanding and inform prevention of public mass shootings.

This NIJ webinar is the first in a two part series summarizing the newest findings of one of the NIJ-funded research projects, titled “The Nature, Trends, Correlates, and Prevention of Mass Public Shootings in America, 1976-2018.” The panel of renowned experts will discuss the nature and contagion of mass public shootings and discuss what to anticipate in the future based on an innovative forecasting technique. The panel will also address what researchers have learned about the mass public shootings that have occurred and those that have been averted, as well as the effect of state gun laws on mass public shootings. A follow-up discussion will center around implications the findings have for the criminal justice system and on prevention. Please click [here](https://nij.ojp.gov/media/video/26171) to learn more.

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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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# New Consolidated Victim Service Program Standards

At the November 10, 2020 Victim Services Advisory Committee, two service standards were approved and added to Consolidated Victim Service Program Standards.

*The Language Accessibility Standard* is a new standard that offers victim service providers with basic minimum requirements that are consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to adhere to when providing services to and interacting with individuals within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who have Limited English Proficiency.

*The Cultural Responsiveness Standard* is a new standard that provides core standard requirements to meet a basic level of cultural responsiveness.

The two standards have been updated in the Consolidated Victim Service Program Standards and can be located at [Consolidated Victim Service Program Standards](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/Consolidated%20Victim%20Service%20Program%20Standards%20-%20CURRENT.pdf) or on the PCCD [website](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Pages/Victim-Services--Rights,-Services,-Technology-and-Training.aspx).

OVS staff will begin to review the new standards during the 2021 monitoring schedule. All Victim Service Providers are encouraged to review the applicable standard(s) and ensure their policy(ies) conforms to the standard. If you have any questions, please contact the program contact that is associated with your grant in Egrants.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Brian Swoyer at [bswoyer@pa.gov](mailto:bswoyer@pa.gov) or 717-265-8724.

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# Job Openings In The Office Of Victims’ Services

The Office of Victims’ Services (OVS) at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) currently has vacancies for Criminal Justice System Specialists within the Victims Compensation Assistance Program. These positions are responsible for providing financial reimbursement/guidance and other compensation related services to victims of crime, their families and/or significant others, and other claimants.

You can apply for the Criminal Justice System Specialist 1 vacancy at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pabureau>. In the Search box, type Criminal Justice System Specialist and hit enter.  If any jobs are currently open, they will be listed.  Unlike in the past, there is no examination where a prospective candidate can be placed on a list with a score.  Under the new system, the score you receive is for that particular job announcement.  Interested candidates will need to apply for each individual position.

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# Crisis Center North – Employment Opportunity

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.

Crisis Center North is seeking an Economic Empowerment Advocate. Please click [here](CCN%20Economic%20Empowerment%20Advocate%20Job%20Description.doc) for the full job description. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

Interested applicants may send their cover letter, resume, and salary history to [hotoole@crisiscenternorth.org](mailto:hotoole@crisiscenternorth.org)

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# Transitions of PA – Employment Opportunity

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Transitions of PA is a nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes in Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties. Established in 1976, Transitions provides prevention education, professional training, legal advocacy, civil legal assistance, counseling, and shelter.

Transitions is seeking a Chief Operating Officer with leadership and fiscal management experience. The full job description can be found at [www.transitionsofpa.org](http://www.transitionsofpa.org). Resumes will be accepted until December 21st or until the position is filled.

Interested applicants may send their cover letter, resume, and salary history to [admin@transitionsofpa.org](mailto:admin@transitionsofpa.org).

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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.

Full Time Counselor- Candidate will hold a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work, Psychology, Human Development Studies.  Person will be responsible to provide counseling with an active caseload.  Primary duties would be to work with our Child Advocacy Center referrals but is not limited to other clients.  Assist with hotline coverage, hospital accompaniment, support groups, and outreach.  Must have experience with telehealth, doxy.me, case management database systems, and zoom.

Part Time Therapist- Candidate must be a Licensed Therapist and have Trauma experience.  Person will be responsible for providing Therapy with an active caseload.  Primary duties would be to work with clients referred from the Agency’s Counseling Dept.  Person will also assist with hotline coverage, hospital accompaniment, support groups, and outreach.  Must have experience with telehealth, doxy.me, case management database systems, and zoom.

Please visit [www.crimevictimscenter.com](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.crimevictimscenter.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C811cb80662de416bad6508d8986b77e0%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637426934760681758%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Etr6JTS8EtDepASzuckiQe8JGde9G4Zqzvb%2F%2BFUECdg%3D&reserved=0) to view full job descriptions.

Send resumes to Andrea Hibbs, Executive Director at [ahibbs@crimevictimscenter.com](mailto:ahibbs@crimevictimscenter.com)

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# Havin – Employment Opportunity

The mission of HAVIN Inc. is to provide supportive services and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and their significant others; to increase public awareness, and effect critical changes in public policy in response to sexual and domestic violence.

**HAVIN, Armstrong County’s Domestic and Sexual Assault Center** is seeking a part-time Shelter Advocate. Part-time approximately twenty hours per week. Must be willing to work flexible hours, including weekends, evenings, nights and holidays. HAVIN is an equal opportunity employer**. Applications must be received by Friday, January 15, 2021. No phone calls please.**

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to)**:

* Shelter Advocate's provide coverage of shelter while on duty; including intake and exit process for residents.
* Provide crisis and information and referral coverage on 24-hour hotline.
* Supervise operations of the shelter and agency's offices including general cleaning, building maintenance and clerical duties.
* Maintain records and complete reports as directed.
* Assist in maintaining inventory of shelter supplies and donations.
* Shelter Advocate's provide crisis and ongoing counseling, information and referral to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, individually and in groups.
* Arrange and/or provide transportation for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
* Provide child care/supervision.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITIES**:

* **Shelter Advocates MUST be willing to work flexible hours-primarily afternoons/evenings, overnight (midnight to 8am), weekends, and holidays.**
* Applicants must be able to walk up and down two flights of stairs and lift and carry up to thirty pounds.
* Must have valid PA driver’s license.
* Shelter Advocate's will be required to undergo a drug test, criminal, including FBI, and child abuse clearances.
* Applicant must be able to work independently yet compatibly with others; must be able to work with those in crisis.
* Shelter Advocate's must complete HAVIN's domestic violence/sexual assault training program.
* Shelter Advocate's must abide by all applicable confidentiality standards of the program.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITIES:**

* Specific training and/or knowledge of domestic violence/sexual assault issues.
* Training and/or experience in crisis intervention or in working with people in residential settings.
* Successful Shelter Advocates are dependable, organized, self-motivated and team players.

Applicants may apply [here](https://www.indeed.com/job/part-time-shelter-advocate-non-profit-4947e269130d64ad).

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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.

NSC is currently hiring:

* Director of the Survivor Services Program
* Part-Time Contracted Bilingual Therapist: LPC or LCSW

To apply, please visit [https://nscphila.org/about-us/careers](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnscphila.org%2Fabout-us%2Fcareers&data=04%7C01%7Csbrendling%40pa.gov%7C36511156e8dc4d6c656308d87b3290f3%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637394804690632816%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=PHz7VzznLwEVNAGQ2kd4vbEaSQzhfKlJnhwg%2FHVnlTE%3D&reserved=0)

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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.

[Client Advocate](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/TPLV%20Client%20Advocate%20102020.pdf)

[Community Advocate](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/TPLV%20Community%20Advocate%2010232020.pdf)

[Legal Advocate](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/TPLV%20Legal%20Advocate%2010232020.pdf)

All interested parties must submit a cover letter and resume to [hr@turningpointlv.org](mailto:hr@turningpointlv.org).

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# Domestic Violence Service Center – Employment Opportunity

Change the world in real time ...

Domestic Violence Service Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours/week) **Staff Attorney** to work with a non-profit law firm to represent clients in civil legal matters with an emphasis in family law.

Applicants should have at least one year of experience in family law and victim advocacy. A law degree from an accredited law school and license to practice law in Pennsylvania required. Applicants must also pass PA Child Abuse History clearance, PA Criminal Background Check and FBI Criminal Background check.

To apply, please send your resume to [skremski@dvsclc.org](mailto:skremski@dvsclc.org)

Domestic Violence Service Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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# Mission Kids – Employment Opportunity

**Make a Difference for Children.** Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center: A Place of Healing and Justice for Child Abuse Victims is seeking a full-time Forensic Interviewer. The Forensic Interviewer is a critical member of our multi-disciplinary team, responsible for gathering detailed information about events from our most vulnerable populations, as well as facilitating the conversations with our multi-disciplinary team members.

**Great Team.** For the past decade, Mission Kids has been a leader in the field to protect and heal our most vulnerable children. The staff have an unyielding commitment to their clients, as well as each other. Staff are drawn to Mission Kids because of their commitment to the mission; but stay because of the organization’s investment in them.

**Great Work Environment and Benefits.**Mission Kids provides a supportive, collaborative work environment that focuses on the growth and development of employees. Great benefits package includes generous paid time off, self-care activities, 403b match, and a great health, dental and vision plan.

[Forensic Interviewer](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/Mission%20KidsFI2020.pdf)

If you are interested, please send cover letter and resume to [jobs@missionkidscac.org](mailto:jobs@missionkidscac.org). Mission Kids does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin(ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Mission Kids is an equal opportunity employer.

Mission Kids is a nonprofit organization with a drive to achieve healing and justice for victims of justice by providing collaborative services, advocacy, leadership and education. To learn more please see our website at [www.missionkidscac.org/.](https://missionkidscac.org/)

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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. For full job descriptions and application process please visit our website: [https://awomansplace.org/get-involved/](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fawomansplace.org%2Fget-involved%2F&data=02%7C01%7Csbrendling%40pa.gov%7C05605b711196466a36e808d7e6103c13%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637230829715543440&sdata=crkTLivE1w%2Bz%2FaffAbsTKBDUZRftplAHRgjpzYrABJ0%3D&reserved=0)

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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.

[Forensic Nurse Examiner – Contractor](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/FNE%20(Contracted)%20Job%20Announcement%20-%20Final.pdf)

[Part-time Human Trafficking Task Force Organizer (27 hours/week)](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/Human%20Trafficking%20Task%20Force%20Organizer.pdf)

[Training Coordinator](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/Training%20Coordinator.pdf)

[Director, Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center](http://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/OVS%20Newsletter/Director%20of%20the%20Bucks%20County%20CAC.pdf)

Located in Bucks County, PA, the Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC), a service of NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance), provides a safe and child-friendly environment in which the CAC staff, law enforcement, child welfare, prosecution, advocacy, medical and mental health professionals collaborate to implement effective and coordinated investigations of suspected child abuse and connect child victims and their families to medical, mental health, and other social services.

**Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Applicants must send a cover letter with salary requirements in addition to their resume to** [Careers@novabucks.org](mailto:Careers@novabucks.org)**. AA/EOE.**

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# NEW! 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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# NEW! 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" \t "_blank).

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# NEW! 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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# **New! Effective Strategies To Investigate And Prosecute Labor Trafficking In The U.S**.

Please join the virtually adapted ***Effective Strategies to Investigate and Prosecute Labor Trafficking in the U.S****.* five-part training series. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and AEquitas, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, are excited to offer this highly demanded labor trafficking training virtually. Through interactive, peer-to-peer engagement, participants will have the opportunity to engage with subject matter experts on labor trafficking investigation and prosecution strategies happening throughout the country.  This no-cost, five-part, online training series is designed to enable police and prosecutors to proactively identify victims of labor trafficking and effectively investigate and prosecute traffickers using a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach. Participants who attend all five training events can obtain a certificate of completion.  Please click [here](https://www.myiacp.org/event-information?id=a0l3s00000LWzl7AAD) to register.

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on January 6, 2021.

* Stolen Benefit Cash Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Relocation Expenses Clinic - 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on January 12, 2021.

* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic - 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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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# Immigration Services For Victims Of Crimes & U Visas

This training will give an overview of immigration services for victims of crime and how to provide coordinated comprehensive services. This includes compensation assistance and referrals for language and culturally appropriate counseling services. This presentation will also cover the U visa, U-Domestic Violence visa, and will help define and recognize trafficking. This will include a focus on labor trafficking and temporary guest worker programs and avenues of relief for labor trafficking victims, especially T visas and civil litigation.

Please click [here](https://www.ciclt.net/sn/events/e_signup.aspx?ClientCode=pdaa&E_ID=500271&RegType=ATT) to register.

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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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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, **December 30, 2020**. 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, **December 23, 2020**.

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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