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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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# Creating A Trauma-Informed Court Environment

Courts are inherently negative environments. Defendants, witnesses, victims, attorneys, law enforcement officers are generally not coming to court because they want to. As a result, court environments are inherently stressful. All workplaces should be trauma-informed, and courts are no exception. Please click [here](https://ndaajustice.medium.com/creating-a-trauma-informed-court-environment-d73ec08caa47) to read an article posted by National District Attorneys Association on creating a trauma-informed environment.

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# Domestic Violence Up 8.1% During Pandemic

A review of U.S. and international studies compared changes in the number of domestic violence incidents before and after jurisdictions began imposing stay-at-home restrictions last year.

Please click [here](https://crimeandjusticenews.asu.edu/news/domestic-violence-81-during-pandemic) to read.

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# Female Victims Are People In Their Own Right

Female victims are people in their own right – not just some man’s wife, mother, sister or daughter. Trauma doesn’t have a gender. Please click [here](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/feb/17/female-victims-are-people-in-their-own-right-not-just-some-mans-wife-mother-sister-or-daughter?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other) to read the article about why as a society we should care about rape simply in so far as it harms many and various human beings.

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# Language Justice In Legal Services

Legal aid practitioners in the United States are all too familiar with the challenges that clients who do not use English as their dominant language face when seeking government-funded services, programs, benefits, and activities. Many legal aid organizations zealously advocate for their clients to enforce the legal obligations of federal and state-funded government entities, such as the courts or benefits agencies, to provide language services. Some may find it uncomfortable, however, to turn the lens inward and review their own organization’s language services and practices around serving clients who speak languages other than English. Yet, sometimes our boldest and most important advocacy begins at home. This article positions language justice as a critical part of effective and inclusive legal services.  Please click [here](https://s3.amazonaws.com/gbv-wp-uploads/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/02011457/2019-winter-LangJusticeLeeLundinNoguezMercadoUliasz.pdf) to read more.

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# 10 Tips To Have An Informed Conversation About Domestic Violence

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) recently posted an article with tips on how to begin having an informed conversation about domestic violence.

Please click [here](https://nnedv.org/content/10-tips-informed-conversation/) to read.

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# A Plan To Repair The Heart

The Harvard Crimson recently published an article about one individuals’ path to restorative justice.

Please click [here](https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2021/2/18/a-plan-to-repair-the-heart/) to read.

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# VOCA Fix To Sustain The Crime Victims Act of 2021

The VOCA Fix bill was introduced March 4, 2021 in the US House and Senate with bipartisan co-sponsors.  The bill has strong bipartisan support as well as the support of the wider stakeholder and advocacy community.  Please click [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1INcuxjAkN3VsIa0dYiLhq6KuLCxyA93Bv1ZHfi9GFWA/edit) to read information to educate Congressional leaders regarding the importance of the VOCA fix for victims.

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# Ensuring Services For Victims Of Crime: Penalty Financing And Local Coordination

A recent brief highlights that crime victimization is prevalent and costly due to negative short-and long outcomes, access to resources and support from victim services providers, and the need for replenishing the VOCA Crime Victims Fund. Recommendations are also made such as sustaining victim services, coordination between first responders and providers and support community access. The brief will also be broadly shared with legislators.

Please click [here](https://www.research2policy.org/services-for-victims-of-crime) to read.

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# Enhancing Law Enforcement Response To Victims

The International Association of Chiefs of Police released the second edition of its “Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims” Strategy to help build broader communitywide trust and confidence in the police; foster the healing process for victims; increase victim participation in the criminal justice process; and produce stronger cases to hold offenders accountable.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/grantee-news/strategy-helps-law-enforcement-connect-victims-and-build-community-trust) to read.

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# Gun Violence Epidemic

How has recent mass shootings affected victim service agencies? Please click [here](https://whyy.org/articles/gun-violence-epidemic-recent-mass-shootings-push-victim-service-agencies-into-overdrive/) to read an article about the work of victim/survivor agencies in the Philadelphia area.

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# Basics Of Sign Language Interpreting And Working With Interpreters

The National Resource Center for Reaching Victims offers a series of brief, videos about the basics of sign language interpreting and working with interpreters.

Please click [here](https://fast.wistia.net/embed/channel/u5h3pdx5pe) to view.

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The National Sexual Violence Resource center has provided information on resources to help commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in April.

Please click [here](https://www.nsvrc.org/saam) to read.

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# New Training Toolkit On Supporting Crime Victims With Disabilities

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that [61 million adults](https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/infographic-disability-impacts-all.html) in the United States live with a disability. It is therefore critical that the crime victims’ field is equipped to provide services to victims with disabilities. The recently released [Supporting Crime Victims with Disabilities Online Training Toolkit](https://reachingvictims.org/resource/supporting-crime-victims-with-disabilities-online-training-toolkit/) includes videos, educational resources, tools, and examples of culturally responsive best practices on how to effectively identify, reach, and serve victims of crime with disabilities.

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# National Crime Victims’ Rights Week

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| **Save the Date: NOVA's Observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week** |

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| **April 18 - 24, 2021 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)!** This year marks the 40th anniversary of NCVRW and the Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)’s NCVRW theme is [***Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities.***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tLOO5T7Gn1yF40DakCnnLMbjP-Cthlr329YSAIkKnGzuNbtgSl9_Ohettw_mNOs4xBuYEFPyP7GJMY6HOATBXMSzE7mX2BFZQPBXlb-LnfKuzm7i7AN_tp5gVnz9isjx9yZAt8qLuY-aT1AACe3YD9Lse18uG78V_g==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==) NOVA is looking forward to embodying this theme with our community by offering free training and exciting events throughout the week! We will also highlight our 2021 theme: [**United We Advocate, Together We Thrive!**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tF6XJw5jFP5XVuew3t9cVmmcuSMLKZIo100KWXvbHpksnIrY9GDQs5mDmzCiET4sbOCTeghM5-uTkPrJCSjQDdePPNRimDH5mJFFs8b-t4EZ&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==)  |

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| The past year has been difficult professionally and personally for our community. And yet, we are inspired by the many ways victim assistance professionals have continued to provide critical services to victims/survivors of crime and advocate on behalf of those in need. Through creativity and innovation, we have all learned how to advance and enhance our programs.We know it has not been easy. It takes strength and energy for a program to thrive. |

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| **As a result, this NCVRW we are not only celebrating advances in victims’ rights and our passion for change. We are also celebrating YOU! Self-care and program innovation will take center-stage as we work together to ensure dignity and respect for all those impacted by crime. #UnitedWeAdvocate** |

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| **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *All events are free and open to the public***Monday, April 19th****11:00am - 12:00pm (ET): SELF CARE*****Yoga & Trauma-Informed Meditation*** **Presenters:** Lauren McGrath, Yoga Instructor; Madison Alig, Reiki Master and Meditation Facilitator**1:00pm - 2:30pm (ET): BROWN BAG*****Crime Victims in Indian Country and the Rights They are Owed*****Presenter:** Leslie Hagen, National Indian Country Training Coordinator & Assistant Chief Learning Officer at the U.S. Department of Justice**Tuesday, April 20th**Engage All Day: #WhyWeAdvocate Social Media Campaign**1:00pm - 2:30pm (ET): VIRTUAL KEYNOTE** ***Keynote with Bridie Farrell*****Presenter:** Bridie Farrell is an advocate, survivor and former Olympic speed skater. She is a national leader for survivors of child sexual abuse and exploitation, and founder of [America Loves Kids.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tLOO5T7Gn1yFIfUho1tv-lDsmU-KRJQe97TlijGdPffsRKOWerzpEMvvDnJSylEV45v3kDVAmLuavTMQElb_GujJ_qsrAQX4APPozw9asc6G&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==) **Wednesday, April 21st****1:00pm - 2:15pm (ET): EXPERT PANEL*****Reflecting on 2020 and Looking to the Future of Victim Advocacy*****Panelists:** ***Claire Ponder Selib*,** Executive Director of [NOVA](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tMVLaRBFSVt317lnygDo9NDXrfQc_wyIEEfbZCSED997uByIXTO3wVAcU7fJU4O3MZLiHmac--atdLYjJSB-RIyiPSEJ4Hk0pA==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==); ***Dave Thomas,*** Program Manager of [International Association of Chiefs of Police](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tCp77suXslrFWugY3OdwF6xIfSflJqT9xlV6rbI39KAtF0-9vqDa8rCokKX3bZ7Be3ChJPpC2YMKl9e3ov5GgQ4Y624R4xEopg==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==); ***Joel Morales,*** Director of Operations at [The Center](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tLOO5T7Gn1yFarTOO9F7GLO_V8ioujc_YaJ5vuoHoZ0wd2niNT3ygyX0tACo74I3FUz39wTpEeFLhq2-u6w5QssoNrRGvouV-A==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==); ***Meg Garvin,*** Executive Director of [National Crime Victim Law Institute](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tCpGAfc7GTiwQCWPFWLKlfJG3OHsMc7OrievwkwgDzJB_RrC4dO9eULSMsFi_63xpQmwAAl03iVIa-_XtcDqIiRyrjPUlVvSILNWeY16oG6iWRqBPniKNGD5E4JaDUG3IGyTLfdKvHQDAdBCPq9ORoVPIxseGHq8eA==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==); and ***Abrianna Morales,*** Founder of [Sexual Assault Youth Support Network](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tLOO5T7Gn1yFlDraIn6PDmDjM0TiB-DanTGvivSCfu8BOuWPgbbTdOdSUS9B6xFMByMxUneTwYcGh3fFGSwcsKv-ZvGtJcsMng==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==) **Thursday, April 22nd****11:00am - 12:00pm (ET): SELF CARE*****Yoga & Trauma-Informed Meditation*** **Presenters:** Lauren McGrath, Yoga Instructor; Madison Alig, Reiki Master and Meditation Facilitator**1:00pm - 2:30pm (ET): CASE STUDY*****Adaptations for Creating Remote Accessibility*****Presenters:** Megan Staab, Director of Children’s Program at New Orleans Family Justice Center; Carly Smith, Director of Client Services at New Orleans Family Justice Center**Friday, April 23rd - Saturday, April 24th****11:00am - 12:00pm (ET): VIRTUAL 5K KICKOFF*****Coffee Chat with Coco O’Connor*****Presenter:** Coco O'Connor is a singer and survivor. Hear Coco’s story of survival and how her passion for running played a role, engage in Q&A about her experience and the resources that made a difference, and get inspired to walk, run or roll the 5k! |

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| **Buy a *United We Advocate* Tee Today!**  |
| For NOVA’s 2021 Virtual 5K, raise awareness for victims’ rights, trauma-informed practice and access to victim services for all! Put on your *United We Advocate* Teeand show your pride for being a part of this strong and thriving community of helping professionals![**Buy Your Shirt Today!**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Mg1qpy3MROi25Mr0tHOIOpe-Ww4bYjoC7J4VM5IWga3VauOy6TX_tLOO5T7Gn1yFgF5AhBl9Y2H_8SJ1DWB9xdMSxOkxC6aXwX9tRRmrqTCXMkut7nlq-r3C-XhNYOg3R1QnnpS6if0O3TxkyPgcuerzQkGDO-4xm2gvyHsaGcCn-721vvdvlg==&c=VhHwCC5v2TqcZc3FA2h9N20WY9IAt7SjEM1vhReXhOYuFLrTOT9lhg==&ch=6fJenPQVInM_UXb9p_idDc5Ipw4e9INO7QztPaiWB8hwwr2NuAsHUw==)***Multiple colors, designs and products available to fit every style!*** |

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| ***Now Enrolling*****NVAA Spring 2021** |
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| *"The NVAA confirmed my interest in victim advocacy and the training helped build my confidence**as I pursue a career in the field."**~ NVAA ALUM* |
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| [*NOVA's Victim Assistance Academy*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001iRu7Tlh5oAFqOF1DLIOAX6H7AQWhmDZbCD_mmnmgSOBtC_DpftskDx6a56UbRi-4x8-C-nrjqpvfVPm7BiLBU2qorwFwmVKkoq2w3zAYzN--j_AXmscMTn6TtCpgMQeZXfzJZw9b5V1wTUTSK0t6BVPuqNEjPnBbG1rqfPSkR65GvERZqINWrg==&c=1KgpDCR0wp6Pi84JHaCdMEKrU2mTiljWKsdTue7eLG24hNp0pyXvqA==&ch=ZPCdnuhZ659Ql5aBzsLRnw77sJJUPs3enQsEnY8mloRBBAS5kcMu0A==) (NVAA) is a 40 hour live distance learning training designed for new and aspiring victim advocates (or a great refresher). ﻿The training will be April 21-June 16, 2021 (every Wednesday), with two class options: **9am - 1pm ET** or **5pm-9pm ET.** Questions about the training or group rates? Email *nvaa@trynova.org*!  |

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# Trauma-Informed Care For AAPI Survivors: 3-Part Webinar Series

Presented in collaboration with four AAPI community organizations and shelters, this webinar series explores the impacts of trauma on AAPI survivors and communities. Presenters share insight about working with survivors in shelter and through immigration and legal cases; and discuss best practices for providing culturally specific, trauma-informed services, particularly within the context of COVID-19. Please click [here](https://www.api-gbv.org/resources/trauma-webinars-2020/) to access the webinars.

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# PPD Domestic Violence Seminar Series

PPD Domestic Violence Seminar Series:

**United for Support and Knowledge**

**Join the Philadelphia Police Department's four-part Domestic Violence Seminar**

**LOCATION: Hosted virtually via Zoom every Thursday in March**

**TIME: 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Session 2: Thursday March 11, 2021**

**Part 1: Police Response to Domestic Violence:**

Police Protocol for responding to domestic violence calls, how to file a police report and Victim Assistance Officer’s responsibilities

**Part 2: Domestic Violence Criminal Proceedings:**

Criminal process for domestic violence, what to expect in court, and Stay away orders vs Protection from abuse orders

**Session 3: Thursday March 18,2021**

**Part 1: Protection from abuse orders and Police Enforcement:**

How to file and where, new Covid-19 Procedures, who can file for a PFA

**Part 2: Domestic Violence and Gun Confiscation**

**Session 4: Thursday March 25, 2021**

**Safety Planning and Resources**

Types of Safety Planning, How to get help, Compensation and Resources

**JOIN OUR ZOOM SERIES**

**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84988188903**

**Meeting ID: 849 8818 8903**

Questions? Contact Captain Maria Ortiz-Rodriguez, *Community Relations*

Email: Maria.Ortiz-Rodriguez@Phila.gov

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# National Advisory Committee On Sex Trafficking Of Children And Youth Best Practices And Recommendations

The National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States invites states and relevant stakeholders to join consultation calls on [best practices and recommendations](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3Da1b27976-fe2941ad-a1b24849-0cc47adc5fa2-b7084efc52b96996%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05CYsmM0XINUB0sQ5J-oj4KfzGHsznlFXEeCf3nZZBujgMeHxISiBiE8isUCQ8ZMzlbCc_IOgSC-iLzz7MEaQ7AEYrsaiNoNdGzqYd5UMvzhZDSZfyagzZq3WXJYZsoaNVMbE-VASwVtA6EfEihifdGYPaP_ildGzd0LoPyx5mxwlgLfAS0HZRyhRmipbEfxWByRhi04yO81GY%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877538013%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=N0qK0R2YA7Aky6A403Ced%2BRxbJ%2FOOq%2Bfi%2BRXUD3NTyE%3D&reserved=0) to strengthen responses to the sex trafficking of children and youth. Each topical call will focus on one of the 12 areas addressed in the Committee’s interim report. The purpose of these calls is to provide states and relevant stakeholders with a better understanding of the components in each section of the Committee’s report, guidance for responding to this section of the report using the State Self-Assessment Survey, and an opportunity to ask clarifying questions to the Committee members. You can register for any of the sessions listed below:

**Demand Reduction** | **When:** Monday, March 15, 2021. [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3Dfa64d41b-a5ffecc0-fa64e524-0cc47adc5fa2-343cebd15d537ff1%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05CirBikXS17td11DHRSuoheiH21kkATinK8iiUOFE7h139a8_4RhvJSNVb3542sKyns0waZuuA3QmHyq4pvYTNrIqXNpTzT8RiZShlJb-W3fIiNwwpquad6p3pB163mol3mbK1EZ8Ca-3q4W0CwErtrA%253D%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877577837%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=9ysnxn0a1kO5VOiK9a983AWW9LcnvxErdPtzJ%2FYlCis%3D&reserved=0)

**Prevention** | **When:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021. [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D22176c3f-7d8c54e4-22175d00-0cc47adc5fa2-1b43423c11c401df%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05CFOHofNxnyrIOcZKWeL9mFy96Rps4-GLk6xaIfZtLN91cOxApSRcq8bMMO5TNGSYXOO-uFEfKRRqfbAnyExMFsnSW-Ef4L7bA7e0i9Zh9AT3urUtRkUvydbWIT3dSYkXVxBo4xJ2aSjV-Ve-DHNXbQA%253D%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877577837%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=WiPgFTOS94rvIIZVCKB60Obh%2FlmkSr%2FVnbvFKRTqy3M%3D&reserved=0)

**Legislation and Regulation** | **When:** Monday, March 22, 2021. [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3Dc574d178-9aefe9a3-c574e047-0cc47adc5fa2-054baac5008770d4%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05CrAvG5j5Fdi_PGi77qkBvQKw11xTgZu7g-m0NW35ylPVa6mTAxFO1QON7P-MfvYn3aAzzKp4K238M7KpVxXaUBvQVp7mkswAJMjnJZ5huF8JoSCPGngbe0rfnb7DC1-bP5YtqNtvHvh9OOrggjB_sNQ%253D%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877587794%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=2tj6upQrqT1vptDf3yVDGlzfXbq41sDBpIPdKwgsdsM%3D&reserved=0).

**Research and Data** | **When:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021. [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D02c706db-5d5c3e00-02c737e4-0cc47adc5fa2-e73904b463b8f815%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05CeWvzjzsutRjPw4BZt1rLRQB7TSbpLwAMZCtdVDmvdkx7vkwGVxH4HXbcf_139doXjFzQnWhqx8854j5Sbd3kfvPayBMRp5uKgf4sWGga_JO76hKLDJdz6m8WfzGGFzsepkHbyESIqAusKQzNCuAz4g%253D%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877587794%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=Qzv34i20DQxevLM3gyMx200%2F%2FTVPM62khbNHFaE%2FV9s%3D&reserved=0)

**Funding and Sustainability** | **When:** Monday, March 29, 2021. [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D09de045b-56453c80-09de3564-0cc47adc5fa2-26a296c52bf08221%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05Ci1NnKSMEXbHuEWXBeaZkCqYUkUR7iFCC9Y34IcB84Gd_3Jj5RO9eI3mh56rH_CBYxHRTMGZMrlwMptODAj81j-4YjH2nvqxybkj0C_HVTF4hy_oCTjaY1htVyUp-97KxCpApH_6iYKKNq6r6Mm0rwg%253D%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877597749%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=v7PDRrPJv4ZxtmkzXbh%2Bem2%2FVksS%2FYiImcECiLzBvK8%3D&reserved=0)

**Multidisciplinary Response** | **When:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021. [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D14b6936c-4b2dabb7-14b6a253-0cc47adc5fa2-ef35c1c49a20b38c%26q%3D1%26e%3D013a45c6-40b9-4484-97b7-37ad664f0901%26u%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fr20.rs6.net%252Ftn.jsp%253Ff%253D001LgzaRYgNx8zEsjF1PGr-hx_lU4hisayONFUoSQ6QV_cjEhqjeHQqaXgaeuPQU05CNYCb8Q7ewQFrVvboSEOrlJWV7yOvMZrVzNLxaXXUnZoaau5BbxECDsA4utkNt8MxJpdFwMlWmPvFQCSu0N5tv0MWH4xoaqReY6NpOCFEcASEmEaU3IcYsP7epcyCXKDKYdqe-ZGGPF-UDbgj3B96uw%253D%253D%2526c%253DIMpfOFg9eFqu5EIHKQnjTd1vSc_P35zrK2PJJXLUMnbwHfSGe1rsCg%253D%253D%2526ch%253D36OkUu1DzZw4-BKe3tY1nsb-OWz-N4VCoRttjCvBzmtTt--mY7jB5w%253D%253D&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C621236c73aea49bbe95508d8d202dddd%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637490258877597749%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=rzS%2F%2BZWpb3Qz6Ir7BktdPgb1LspUXlogXa%2B1JGnvuvg%3D&reserved=0)

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following training will be held on March 17, 2021.

* Basic Compensation - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on March 24, 2021.

* Loss of Support Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

 The following trainings will be held on April 7, 2021.

* Transportation Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic - 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on April 14, 2021.

* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* “Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” - 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on April 21, 2021.

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

The following training will be held on April 28, 2021.

* Basic Compensation - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 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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# 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.

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# Pike County – Employment Opportunities

Dickson House Children’s Advocacy Center at the Pike County District Attorney’s Office is a facility dedicated to child victims of sexual and physical abuse, neglect and witnesses to violent crime. Dickson House provides a safe and child-focused environment for the beginning steps of criminal and/or child protection investigations. Children who visit Dickson House are referred to community resources to address mental health concerns arising from their victimization.

Please click [here](file:///C%3A/Users/ledorsey/Documents/TF%20CBT%20Job%20Positions.docx) to view current job opportunities.

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# Your Safe Haven Inc (Bedford County) – Employment Opportunity

Your Safe Haven Inc is a private non-profit comprehensive crime victims center seeking a highly motivated Executive Director.

Please click [here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.yoursafehaven.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7Cc3ac1b3802ca4284449b08d8c8939836%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637479884095447311%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0&sdata=tlC%2FYf07LFNKBRv8S%2FPI9inVNg4uBSERo4erPC17i2k%3D&reserved=0) for a complete job description and more details.

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# Crisis Shelter – Employment Opportunities

Since 1981 the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County has been the community’s response to violence and abuse, serving victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Other Serious Crimes and Older Victims of Any Crime, as well as services to Human Trafficking victims, while also working to prevent violence and abuse through prevention education, intervention training and public awareness.

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

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# Transitions of PA – Employment Opportunities

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.

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

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# Safe Berks – Employment Opportunities

Safe Berks provides safe haven and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our advocacy and education programs increase awareness of oppression and promote the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Please click [here](https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/All/30c7801b-0ca4-49dc-80bf-6558d7b75f0e) to view current job opportunities.

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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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# The Crime Victims' Center of Chester County – Employment Opportunities

The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County, Inc. (CVC) is a private, community-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) comprehensive victim services agency. CVC is the designated provider of services to sexual violence victims for Chester County, however we serve victims of all types of crime including domestic violence.

Please click [here](file:///C%3A/Users/ledorsey/OneDrive%20-%20Commonwealth%20of%20Pennsylvania/ETO%20Administrator.doc) to view current job opportunities. Interested candidates can email their resume to ChristineZ@cvcofcc.org.

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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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# 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.

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