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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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# Attention RASA/VOJO Programs: 1st Quarter Reports

Program & fiscal reports for the 1st Quarter of the current 2021-2022 RASA/VOJO grants must be submitted in Egrants by **Tuesday, April 20th:**

**NOTE:** Please be reminded that all clients served during the 1st quarter are considered NEW, therefore the RASA and VOJO Victims Served Sections in your quarterly report should show the same number for Questions 1 and 2 of these sections.

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

For fiscal report questions, please contact the fiscal staff person listed on your grant.  For technical assistance with Egrants, please contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887.

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# Justice And Mental Health Collaboration Program Implementation Science Checklist Series

Criminal justice and behavioral health agencies are increasingly adopting evidence-based practices (EBPs) to advance behavior change among the people they serve. While EBPs can help reduce recidivism and improve public health and safety, their success is often hindered by lack of capacity to implement them properly. But as people who have behavioral health needs continue to encounter criminal justice and behavioral health systems across the country, there is a greater need to ensure that these EBPs are implemented with fidelity. By taking a research-based approach to implementation, known as implementation science, agencies can improve or strengthen the EBPs they deliver for people in the criminal justice system who have behavioral health needs. The implementation science checklist series is intended for professionals who direct and oversee programming in the fields of corrections, community corrections, behavioral health, and social service agencies. The collection of eight checklists will help you assess your agency’s evidence-based practice implementation efforts and use a research-based approach to ensure that investments in evidence-based practices yield desired outcomes

 Please click [here](https://csgjusticecenter.org/publications/justice-and-mental-health-collaboration-program-implementation-science-checklist-series/) to read.

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# Opioid Programs Would See $4.28 Billion From Purdue Case

Months of negotiations in which state officials demanded more money from the Sackler family for the role Purdue Pharma LP played in fueling the opioid crisis paid off with a larger Chapter 11 restructuring plan.

Please click [here](https://crimeandjusticenews.asu.edu/news/opioid-programs-would-see-428-billion-purdue-case) to read more.

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# DocuSAFE

**DocuSAFE** is a free app that helps survivors collect, store, and share evidence of abuse, such as domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, online harassment, and dating violence. Survivors can document abuse by logging individual incidents, including any photos, screenshots, or video documentation of threatening messages, harassing social media posts, unwanted repeat calls, or online impersonation, among other abusive behaviors.

Please click [here](https://www.techsafety.org/docusafe) to read more.

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# House Reauthorizes VAWA; Senate Outlook Uncertain

The House voted to renew the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) adding firearm restrictions for convicted domestic abusers and other new provisions to a law that has helped combat domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking but expired in 2019.

Please click [here](https://crimeandjusticenews.asu.edu/news/house-passes-bill-bolster-crime-victim-fund) to read more.

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# President Biden Statement

President Biden made a recent statement on the Passage of the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021* in the House of Representatives.

Please click [here](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/17/statement-by-president-biden-on-the-passage-of-the-violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-of-2021-in-the-house-of-representatives/) to read.

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# COVID-19 Bill Includes $450M For Domestic Violence Services

Against a backdrop of increasing domestic violence during the pandemic, federal assistance through the $1.9 trillion stimulus bill pending in Congress could make a life-changing difference for families with mental health, childcare and economic challenges.

Please click [here](https://crimeandjusticenews.asu.edu/news/covid-19-bill-includes-450m-domestic-violence-services) to read more.

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# Other Voices: The COVID-19 Anniversary Effect

Human beings have a strong connection to dates on the calendar. Birthdays, anniversaries and holidays all impact our emotional state without us consciously choosing that. Certain dates evoke strong memories and feelings and cause us to reflect on the ways our lives have changed — or not. The same is true for people who have experienced trauma: The date affects them every year. We serve members of our community who were impacted by the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue on Oct. 27, 2018. The secular date is so significant that it forms the name of our resiliency center, the 10.27 Healing Partnership. Publicly, the annual commemoration honors the 11 men and women we lost that day. Privately, we help individuals and their loved ones cope with the strong and tumultuous feelings that arise each October. And in contrast to an individual trauma, a traumatic event that is experienced by a broader community means that we all have those tumultuous feelings at the same time.

Please click [here](https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2021/03/14/Other-Voices-The-COVID-19-Anniversary-Effect-Maggie-Feinstein/stories/202103140039) to read more.

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# 31% Of Women Have Faced Violence, WHO Report Says

Nearly one in three women worldwide is subjected to physical or sexual violence during her lifetime, pervasive criminal behavior that has increased during the pandemic

Please click [here](https://crimeandjusticenews.asu.edu/news/31-women-have-faced-violence-who-report-says) to read more.

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# After A Sexual Assault, Where Can You Get A Medical And Forensic Exam

There is a national shortage of nurses and doctors trained to conduct sexual assault forensic exams. NBC News mapped where they’re available in each state.

Please click [here](https://www.nbcnews.com/health/sexual-health/after-sexual-assault-where-can-you-get-medical-forensic-exam-n1240035) to read more.

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# Ongoing Commitment To Victims Of Human Trafficking

The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) created a brief providing aggregate data across OVC human trafficking grant programs as reported in Trafficking Information Management System (TIMS) Online from July 2015 through June 2020. The data reflects the work of OVC-funded grantees and the clients they have served with award funds.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/ovc-tims-report-508.pdf) to read.

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# Funding Is Crucial For Rape Crisis Centers

Raliance created a one-page Infographic about funding challenges facing rape crisis centers.

Please click [here](https://www.raliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/FundingforRCC2021_Final508.pdf) to read.

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# 2021 Race Against Racism

A 5K race cannot end racism but naming the need to create change and working together can make a difference. All proceeds from the [Race Against Racism](https://ywcalancaster.org/raceagainstracism/) will support the [Center for Racial and Gender Equity](https://ywcalancaster.org/programs/crge/)(CRGE) and our community programs of education, training, advocacy and change.  We will keep running until injustice is rooted out; institutions are transformed, and the world sees women, girls and people of color the way we do:  Equal, Powerful, Unstoppable.

Please click [here](https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Lancaster/YWCALancasterRaceAgainstRacism) to register.

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# The Evidence Hour: Housing Stress and Child Maltreatment

[The Evidence Hour: Housing Stress and Child Maltreatment](https://victimresearch.org/event/the-evidence-hour-housing-stress-and-child-maltreatment/) looks at the results of a recent systematic review of studies on this topic, revealing what we know about this connection and where more research is needed. This information is important to all who are working for systemic change to prevent family violence as well as those striving to help victims and families.

**March 31 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

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# Virtual Conference On Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Trauma And Resilience

This annual conferences on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. We consistently bring together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

Please click [here](https://web.cvent.com/event/b56056fc-3228-4f76-a68a-26f146aca469/register) to register.

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# National Crime Victims’ Rights Rally 2021

**National Crime Victims’ Rights**

**Rally 2021**

SAVE THE DATE-VIRTUAL EVENT

Join the Crime Victims Alliance of PA in honor of Crime Victims’ Rights Week

**APRIL 19 at 11:00AM**

<https://www.facebook.com/CrimeVicPA>

Join us each day at 11:00am to hear survivor’s stories and learn about victim service agencies throughout the week.

\* In lieu of exhibit tables, CVAP would like to highlight the great work that is being done across PA. if you would like your agency featured please contact lmryan@pa.gov with your agency name and contact.

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# 2021 NCVRW Resource Guide

The OVC  2021 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide is now available!  The 2021 NCVRW Resource Guide contains a wide array of outreach tools and sample materials to help you quickly and capably develop and carry out your NCVRW awareness campaign and other public awareness campaigns throughout the year.  The guide contains materials designed to inspire your community and raise awareness of victims’ rights and promote this year’s NCVRW theme—Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities.

Resource Guide highlights include suggestions for raising awareness in your community, sample materials for traditional and social media, a history of the crime victims’ rights movement, and original artwork to unite this national effort.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/ncvrw2021/overview) to access the Guide.

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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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| **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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| [*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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# 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 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:

**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 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.

**On March 17, 2021 the CUL 105: Understanding and Helping Crime Victims on the Spectrum course was added.

This course is designed to give people from a broad range of disciplines the knowledge and skills they need to communicate with and help victims with autism. First, the course will explore the possible causes of autism to understand the early brain changes that happen before birth. Then, it will describe how the brain and behaviors of victims with autism differ from non-autistic individuals. Finally, the course will identify various accommodations that people can make when supporting autistic individuals.**

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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.

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

The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **April 7, 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 by Wednesday, **March 31, 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.

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**PA Crime Victims Website**

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