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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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# 2021 Pathfinder Awards Nominations NOW OPEN!

We are excited to announce the nominations for the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards for 2021 is now open. If you are interested in nominating an individual or program for one of the categories of the Pathfinder Awards, now is the time to consider who best embraces the spirit of the awards. Submitting a nomination is a great way to show respect and appreciation for the efforts made by our very own victim service advocates and allied professionals! Nomination information for the 2021 Pathfinder Awards is now available at the [2021 Pathfinder Award Nomination Form](https://na.eventscloud.com/eSites/622518/Homepage) .

Pathfinder Award Categories:

* Allied Professional
* Community Service
* Individual Direct Service
* Organizational Capacity Building
* Outstanding Student Activist
* Prevention Education & Outreach
* Program
* Survivor Activist

**Deadline for submission is July 30, 2021.**

If you have any nomination or eligibility related questions, please email  [RA-CD-PATHFINDER@pa.gov](mailto:RA-CD-PATHFINDER@pa.gov)

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# Now Accepting Workshop Proposals For 2021 Pathways For Victim Services – Deadline July 30, 2021

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

We are seeking workshops proposals that facilitate cross-systems programs; community partnerships; and that are leveraging local and state government allied professionals to better address the needs of victims of crime.

Panel discussions with broad representation are strongly encouraged.

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

Each proposal will be reviewed and scored by the committee.  Subjects to consider submitting a proposal for can include, but not limited to:

* Human Trafficking
* Substance Abuse
* Working with Trauma
* Restorative Justice
* Emergency Shelter/Housing
* Telehealth Services
* Transportation
* Elderly Victims of Crime
* LGBTQ
* People of Color
* Victims with Disabilities
* Immigrants
* Limited English Proficiency
* Victims of Financial Crimes
* Children and the Homeless

Click [here](https://na.eventscloud.com/eSites/622518/Homepage) to access the workshop proposal form.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, or workshop proposal process, please email  [RA-CD-PATHFINDER@pa.gov](mailto:RA-CD-PATHFINDER@pa.gov)

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# Save The Date! 2021 Pathways Conference

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s Office of Victims’ Services is very excited to announce preparation has begun for the 2021 Pathways for Victim Services Conference. This year’s conference will be held virtually on October 26, 27, and 28.

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# STOP Formula Grant 2022-2024 (Competitive) Funding Announcement NOW OPEN!

The Office of Victims’ Services (OVS) of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is pleased to announce the availability of up to $12 Million in federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant funding for projects beginning January 1, 2022. County governments and non-profit victim service agencies are eligible to apply for up to three years of funding, with projects not to exceed a total of $375,000 or $125,000 per year.

Under this solicitation, funds are being made available to support a multidisciplinary approach to improve criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems’ response to violence against women and to enhance advocacy and services available to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. The emphasis on the STOP Program is on the implementation of comprehensive victim services, healthcare, law enforcement, and prosecutorial strategies addressing violence against women that are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims and hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

Applications must be submitted in PCCD’s Egrants system no later than August 3, 2021**.**

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# STOP Formula Grant 2022-2024 (Competitive) Applicant Webinar

The Office of Victims’ Services will be hosting an informational MS Teams® online applicant webinar for the STOP Formula Grant 2022-2024 (Competitive) on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 3:00pm EST. The session will provide an overview of STOP funding, Pennsylvania’s new Implementation Plan and go over the competitive application process. To participate in this no-cost presentation, please click [here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWFhNjJiZWUtMzQyZi00YmU5LThmZTMtZDRlMjY4OGExNDY4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22eb479a07-20c5-4db3-981b-8f189f732fc1%22%7d) on the date and time of the webinar. For audio-only access, please call 267-332-8737, Conference ID: 602 248 553#. If you are not able to participate in this session, you may access it on our website. For additional information, please contact Natalie Novotny-Goles at [nnovotnygo@pa.gov](mailto:nnovotnygo@pa.gov).

This session will be recorded for those unable to attend. Participants will be ask consent prior to the start of the recording.

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# New Resource: Child Victims And Witnesses Support Materials

The Office for Victims of Crime recently released [Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials](https://ovc.ojp.gov/child-victims-and-witnesses-support?utm_campaign=news&utm_content=child_victim_support_materials&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsfromovc), which is intended to support children and youth during their involvement with the justice system.

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# Bipartisan Legislation Marks A Turning Point For Military Sexual Assault

On Wednesday, June 23, lawmakers introduced the Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act, bipartisan legislation that would move the decision to prosecute serious crimes in the military from the chain of command.The bill also contains plans to improve training on sexual assault response, living accommodations on bases, and professional development for prosecutors.

Please click [**here**](https://msmagazine.com/2021/05/28/vanessa-guillen-military-sexual-assault-memorial-day-military-justice-improvement-and-increasing-prevention-act/) to read more.

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# Accessibility Tip Sheet For Virtual Meetings And Events

This resource includes accessibility tips to consider for virtual events and engagements. Consider language and disability accessibility needs for all virtual meetings.

Please click [here](https://www.endabusepwd.org/resource/accessibility-tip-sheet-for-virtual-meetings-and-events/) to access.

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# U.S. Department Of Education Confirms Title IX Protects Students From Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights today issued a [Notice of Interpretation](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/202106-titleix-noi.pdf) explaining that it will enforce Title IX's prohibition on discrimination on the basis of sex to include: (1) discrimination based on sexual orientation; and (2) discrimination based on gender identity. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity offered by a recipient of federal financial assistance.  Read more [here](https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-confirms-title-ix-protects-students-discrimination-based-sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity).

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# VOCA Fix Update

As everyone knows, on March 17th, the House of Representatives passed the *VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Act Fund of 2021 (“the VOCA Fix Act”)* with overwhelming bipartisan support.  This critical legislation will prevent devasting cuts to federal funding for victim service programs through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).  However, there has not been movement on the Senate companion bill, S.611.  There was a “VOCA Day of Action” on April 21st, during National Crime Victims’ Rights week to encourage the Senate to pass S.611.  On June 8th, there was a second “VOCA Day of Action” that again encourages the passage of the VOCA Fix legislation.

Two attempts were made on June 17th and June 23rd to take the VOCA Fix legislation to the Senate floor, but unfortunately were unsuccessful due to an objection. Since 2018, Pennsylvania has seen a **67% decrease in VOCA funding**.  This funding is critical to providing essential services for individuals who have experienced crime victimization including counseling, emergency shelter, notification of criminal justice events, crisis intervention, civil legal services and more. The VOCA Fix legislation is critical to ensure that these important services are continued to those that have been harmed by crime. More information about the bill and the need for the VOCA fix can be found here: [Sign-On Letter, 117th Congress, VOCA Fix - Google Docs](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16RoPKfy0DCNv0kbH3VCekyYiKyuXIz6nxvfPzGYQLGM/edit).

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# Up The Block

The Trace’s Philadelphia-centric community engagement project for people affected by gun violence [*Up the Block*](https://www.uptheblock.org/en/), recently launched. Philadelphians who have experienced gun violence in any way can search for resources in their own neighborhoods and filter by the type of help they need, from victim’s compensation to post-incarceration resources to mental health support. The website is offered in both English and Spanish.

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# 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week - April 24 - 30, 2022

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Recognize those supporting victims and expanding access to justice.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fovc.ojp.gov%2Fnews%2Fannouncement%2F2022-national-crime-victims-service-awards-nomination-period-opens%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521532337%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9PqKdUI6bgIII1AVID6VVotfqRSgzgF1obFFbncV%2FYQ%3D&reserved=0) The nomination period for the 2022 National Crime Victims’ Service Awards is now open.  Each year, the Office for Victims of Crime recognizes extraordinary individuals, teams, programs, and organizations that demonstrate outstanding achievements in supporting victims and expanding access to justice during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW). In 2022, NCVRW will be commemorated April 24–30.  Recipients are selected from [**12 unique award categories**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fovcncvrw.ncjrs.gov%2Fawards%2Fabout.html%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521532337%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qyxhj%2BZuMq%2FHzeWyUNqFLNAmZg%2BjZlha5U1LECrZfsI%3D&reserved=0)and honored at the National Crime Victims’ Service Awards Ceremony.  [Learn about past honorees](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fovcncvrw.ncjrs.gov%2FAwards%2FadvancedGallerySearch.aspx%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521542298%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=p6HdL8WWknJ2DxR0ceh%2FprHu8wfR270YZvX3M5GGp2g%3D&reserved=0), and if you know a similarly deserving individual or group, submit your nominations for the 2022 National Crime Victims’ Service Awards by Monday, August 2, 2021.  Thank you for taking the time to recognize those who support victims and survivors of crime and make contributions in the victim services field. [NOMINATE TODAY](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fovcncvrw.ncjrs.gov%2Fawards%2Fpreparation.html%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521542298%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nS3qTgkrbwy6DmTsWoK%2BwLODWyFaNvBinvP1Sk4sGDA%3D&reserved=0) If you haven't already, subscribe to the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week [subscription list](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fovc.ncjrs.gov%2Fncvrw%2Fsubscribe%2F%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521552264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bjauece%2BZ%2B4JHWNdV6zGSrFHSVpLykUuofiOycWDs6c%3D&reserved=0) to stay up to date on the latest information and news. | | **Your feedback makes us better!** Let us know how we might improve our communications to better serve you. [Take a quick survey.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Fv1%2Furl%3Fk%3D0dcf2cc2-52541593-0dc80827-ac1f6b01770e-31a600dd54ebf9f9%26q%3D1%26e%3Daadf0c10-9cf9-4233-a6b7-7fc0158c4dea%26u%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fsurvey.foreseeresults.com%252Fsurvey%252Fdisplay%253Fcid%253Dd0FFchJxMJNB99s0MZpIsw%25253D%25253D%2526cpp%25255BCampaign%25255D%253Dhousing_assistance_ht_fy20_webinar_12.3.2019%2526sid%253Denews-link%2526utm_campaign%253Dncvsa2022%2526utm_content%253Demail1_announcement%2526utm_medium%253Demail%2526utm_source%253Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521552264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=mTA5KiRIocaxdAbOPRU85z3%2FRTmPy%2F%2F%2FNF1CAxgymic%3D&reserved=0) | | [facebook](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FOJPOVC%2F%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521552264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7qb3mZ7rDdjpV%2B1AyHu4eI9sbmTXaHuaLq6IUyBK99g%3D&reserved=0)[twitter](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FOJPOVC%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521562216%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MKDsKGRt2BnZ1E6N%2FpEeQisTbAgzvmj7ZOaroMQXI6k%3D&reserved=0)[youtube](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2FOJPOVC%3Futm_campaign%3Dncvsa2022%26utm_content%3Demail1_announcement%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dncvrw&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C3941ae35e15f456f5aab08d93734e0c8%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637601522521562216%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KCSd3VdXVnbIY23J5FIMUfaZGj939WItp1qZY2DwBQY%3D&reserved=0) | | |

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# Coordinated Trauma Support Services – Collaboration To Support Survivors Of Homicide And Other Traumatic Losses

Trauma affects individuals and communities in profound and unique ways. First responders and victim service providers may be seeking best practices to address the effects of trauma, especially for those who have experienced homicide and other forms of violence. This session provides participants with strategies to develop and deliver a coordinated response to victims that addresses the impacts of trauma using a replicable national model, Frontline Service's Traumatic Response Team.

Please click [here](https://www.ovcttac.gov/videos/dspPlayVideo.cfm?video=EQA_20210526_v2.mp4&folder=EQA) to view.

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# Advancing And Connecting Racial Justice And Sexual Violence Prevention During The COVID-19 Pandemic

Sexual violence preventionists know that racism is a root cause of sexual violence, and there can be no prevention or health equity in the absence of racial justice. Join the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and PreventConnect on this web conference where guests from Ujima, Inc. and Girls for Gender Equity will describe their racial justice and sexual violence prevention in action, what’s changed during COVID-19, and their guidance for how mainstream organizations and the movement to end sexual violence can pivot to new ways of doing our work.

July 14, 2021

11:00 am

Please click [here](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pdOyrpj8sHtyK6EcLkFQAZuoAsw22fR5x) to register.

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# Outcome Measurement System Youth Feedback Survey Webinar

The Outcome Measurement System (OMS) has given families and multidisciplinary professionals a voice in the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) process for the past decade, providing essential information to guide and improve our services.  The new OMS Youth Feedback Survey takes the program a step further by giving youth age 10 to 17 a direct voice to share feedback about their experience at the CAC.  In this webinar, we will briefly review how the survey was developed and lessons learned from the pilot project, with the full review from our [previous webinar still available by recording](https://learn.nationalchildrensalliance.org/products/outcome-measurement-system-youth-feedback-survey).  Based on the experiences of the pilot CACs and over 200 total CACs who have adopted this new survey in just the first 6 months of the program, we will share best practices to effectively collect surveys from youth and answer any questions you may have about this new resource.  **Whether you have already started offering this survey, or you are still considering it,** we encourage everyone to attend this webinar and learn how to amplify the voices of children to inform the work of the entire CAC field.

Please click [here](http://learn.nationalchildrensalliance.org/products/oms-youth-feedback-survey#tab-product_tab_overview) for more information.

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# NNEDV Virtual Technology Summit 2021

From the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV): “This unique training will focus on the intersection of technology and domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking. We will explore some of the ways technology is still evolving, including in our own use as agencies, as well as other intersections of technology and intimate partner violence. We’ll look at the digital divide, non-consensual image sharing, tech abuse and accessibility needs for survivors with disabilities, privacy during a public health crisis, and more.”

Please click [here](https://web.cvent.com/event/4a45b096-3de7-44c8-9f35-39981f322f74/summary) to register

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# 2021 SORNA Symposium

The [PA Office of Victim Advocate](https://www.ova.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx) invites you to the 2021 SORNA Symposium. This free, in person event will highlight where we are and where we are heading in our quest for safer communities where survivors thrive. July 21 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey. [Register early](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sorna-symposium-tickets-159897157703), space is limited.

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# Battered Women’s Justice Project Webinars

* **July 15th, 2:00pm -3:00pm CT**  
  [A Sample of Predominantly African American Domestic Violence Victims’ Response to Objective Risk Assessments](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbwjp.us11.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D554dc701fd0b3a38d610ccc2c%26id%3D29b3e3250b%26e%3D3f06977344&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7d666f1395bf42c139ac08d92b5ff777%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637588514081658016%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=VFM3RN%2BMM6jiN2szOBWPgxBM%2FZKppq5Rc8xL0mo5VmQ%3D&reserved=0)
* **August 12th, 2:00pm -3:00pm CT**  
  [Developing CCR Policies and Practices to Reduce Victim Intimidation](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbwjp.us11.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D554dc701fd0b3a38d610ccc2c%26id%3Dc13ea5a9f5%26e%3D3f06977344&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C7d666f1395bf42c139ac08d92b5ff777%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637588514081667977%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=VBffOgJxhk31oqCHb%2BPZjyXv4euQbQSerEWHwxRUr7g%3D&reserved=0)

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# 2021 Foundational Academy

Should an Academy need to be switched to a Virtual Academy via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions, participants will be notified, and registrations will automatically transfer.

As a reminder, there have been changes made to the attendance requirements for Foundational Academies. VOCA-funded attorneys doing Civil Legal Services for their agencies must instead attend and complete the PA Legal Aid Network Training. Additionally, licensed therapists, contractors, and consultants such as bookkeepers and accountants no longer need to attend. Please contact your PCCD Grant Monitor with any questions about the new attendance requirements. Each Academy is capped at 50 participants. To allow more agencies to send staff members, we are now limiting the number of registrations per agency/office to 8 for each Academy. Additional staff members can be added to the waitlist. We have two Foundational Academies remaining for this year: July 14 - 16 and October 13 - 15 and, if in-person, will be held at the Graduate State College. Accommodations and lunch are included with registration and there is no registration fee. Registration will open May 10th at NOON for the July Academy. Please mark your calendar and plan to register that day. Spots fill extremely quickly, usually within hours!

Please contact Amy Smulktis at [AJS@RestitutionConsulting.com](mailto:AJS@RestitutionConsulting.com) or refer to the [Training Calendar](https://www.pdaa.org/pdai-training-calendar/).

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

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

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

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

* Funeral & Burial Expenses Clinic - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Motor Vehicle-Related Crime Expenses Clinic – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on July 27, 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.

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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# Turning Point Of Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

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

Please click [here](https://www.turningpointlv.org/home/employment-and-contract-opportunities/) to view current job opportunities

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# Victims Resource Center – Employment Opportunities

Victims Resource Center is a non-profit organization serving victims of all crimes in Luzerne, Carbon and Wyoming Counties in Northeast Pennsylvania since 1974.  VRC provides non-judgmental support and services to victims, their families and significant others in addition to a wide variety of prevention education programs.  All services are confidential and offered at no cost.

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

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# Justice At Work – Employment Opportunities

Justice at Work is a nonprofit legal aid provider.  Our mission is to support low-wage workers as they pursue economic and social justice. We advance our mission through the provision of legal services, education, and advocacy.

Please click [here](https://www.idealist.org/en/nonprofit-job/d72c3347c9a4409b9dd9e8b4cba0dc13-admin-intake-paralegal-justice-at-work-formerly-friends-of-farmworkers-philadelphia) to view current job opportunities.

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# The Crime Victims Center Of Fayette County – Employment Opportunities

Community Resources of Fayette County, Inc. d.b.a Crime Victims Center of Fayette County, is a private, non-profit Community Based Comprehensive Victim Service Program.  We are located in Southwestern Pa in a rural, mountainous region with a population of 126,000.  We provide free and confidential services to victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes.

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

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# Domestic Violence Service Center – Employment Opportunities

Domestic Violence Service Center is a private, non-profit organization providing comprehensive services, shelter, advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence. DVSC offers victims and their children a place where they can be safe, a respite from abuse, a place where they can heal, a place where they can put their lives back in order and plan for a brighter and violence-free future. We want victims of domestic violence to know they are not alone.

We serve the counties of Luzerne, Wyoming and Carbon without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, handicap, mental health/intellectual disability or religion.

Our mission is to work toward the elimination of domestic violence.

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

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# Network of Victim Assistance – Employment Opportunities

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

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

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# Schuylkill Women In Crisis – Employment Opportunities

Schuylkill Women in Crisis (SWiC) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1983. SWiC’s mission is to provide comprehensive services, shelter, and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. In addition to assisting victims. SWiC works to confront the social issues that contribute to this problem. SWiC is motivated by the belief that all individuals are entitled to live free of the fear and pain caused by emotional and physical abuse.

Please click [here](https://www.s-wic.org/jobs/) to view current job opportunities.

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# Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center – Employment Opportunities

The Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC), a non-profit organization founded on the belief of equal access to justice, works to protect immigrants’ rights to freedom and opportunity in the United States and save the lives of the most vulnerable immigrants and their families.  PIRC provides free, effective legal representation, legal counsel, education, and advocacy to help immigrants obtain or protect their legal status.

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

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# Domestic Violence Services Of Cumberland & Perry Counties – Employment Opportunities

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP)! DVSCP is a private, non-profit organization that supports the empowerment of those who are experiencing domestic violence through the provision of direct services and the promotion of nonviolence through social and systems change.

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

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# Office For Child And Youth Protection – Employment Opportunities

The Office for Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) supports the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s commitment to create and maintain safe environments for the children who attend its churches and schools and provides compassionate and supportive assistance to individuals and family members of those who have been the victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.

Please click [here](https://archphila.applicantpro.com/jobs/1796507.html) to view current job opportunities.

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If your program is offering new or extended services, or implementing new initiatives that you would like to highlight, please submit your news article to Lea Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **July 14, 2021**.  If you would like any training events, fundraisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Lea Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov)  by Wednesday, **July 7, 2021**.

You have signed up to receive the OVS Newsletter from the Office of Victims' Services.  This newsletter will be sent to you on a biweekly basis via email.  If your email address changes or you would like to be removed from the OVS Newsletter distribution list, please contact Lea Dorsey at (717) 265-8733 or via email at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

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