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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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# Domestic Violence Shelters Are Swamped. Experts Worry Surging Gun Sales Could Make Things Worse

Domestic violence increased across the country during the pandemic, studies show, and experts worry the concurrent explosion in gun ownership likely heightened the danger.

Please click [here](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/domestic-violence-shelters-are-swamped-experts-worry-surging-gun-sales-could-make-things-worse) to read.

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# A Rise In Domestic Violence During The Pandemic Brought About A Signal For Help

The pandemic spawned a secondary and tragic crisis. A dramatic increase in domestic violence as victims have been shut in with their abusers. Out of this dangerous condition has emerged a hand signal being called “Help Me.”

Please click [here](https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/wellness/e2-80-98help-me-e2-80-99-a-rise-in-domestic-violence-during-the-pandemic-brought-about-a-signal-for-help/ar-AAMbD25?ocid=BingNewsSearch) to read.

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# Domestic Violence May Look Different To Different People

Domestic violence can affect anyone, but the ways in which it appears may manifest itself or be received differently depending on the setting in which it occurs. Cultural context can play a large role in a survivor’s decision to leave an abusive relationship. The specific cultural setting may be determined by your race, gender, sexuality, class, education, or any number of factors.

Please click [here](https://www.thehotline.org/identify-abuse/abuse-in-specific-communities/) to read.

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# New Office For Victims Of Crime Director

Kristina Rose is the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) she was appointed to this position by President Joe Biden and sworn in on July 12, 2021.

Please click [here](https://ovc.ojp.gov/about/ovc-director) to read.

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# VOCA Fix To Sustain The Crime Victims Act Of 2021 Passed!

President Biden signed H.R. 1652 – the VOCA Fix – into law July 22, 2021.  Here is the link to watch the ceremony with President Biden, Vice-President Harris, and the bill’s coauthors from both the House and Senate **(it starts at the 1:01 point):** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URwsHN0c1NE](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DURwsHN0c1NE&data=04%7C01%7Ckabuckley%40pa.gov%7C753c2f3a45374b7c39ba08d94d650795%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637625918580663121%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JetQll73F9VaNKYo9KHGGFyQzuSJgim4CLMz%2FsD4eZ8%3D&reserved=0).

In addition, PCCD is engaging with the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) regarding the process for extending our 2018 VOCA Assistance award. If PCCD is approved to extend our 2018 VOCA Assistance award, victim service programs who received awards under the Victims of Crime Act 2020-2023 Funding Announcement and do not expend their first-year budget (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021) will **NOT** lapse those funds.  This means that those unused funds will be carried over into years 2 and 3 of the grant award period.  We will continue to keep you updated once more information becomes available.

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# One Nation Under Fire: A Week's Glance At Gun Violence Ripping Across America

Last year marked the deadliest year for shooting-related incidents in the U.S. in at least two decades, according to [Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/past-tolls) data with more than 43,000 gun deaths. But GVA's data suggests 2021 is on track to surpass those figures with more than 24,000 gun fatalities reported so far. ABC News partnered with the Gun Violence Archive, as well its owned stations and affiliates across the nation, to track the devastation. The findings reveal that gun violence, for many Americans, isn't far removed from everyday life.

Please click [here](https://abcnews.go.com/US/nation-fire-weeks-glance-gun-violence-ripping-america/story?id=78852666) to read.

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# The Cost Of Reporting: Perpetrator Retaliation, Institutional Betrayal And Student Survivor Pushout

The survey of more than 100 student survivors who formally reported sexual violence to their schools found a massive failure on the part of schools to fulfill their obligations under Title IX.In fact, 39 percent of survivors who reported sexual violence to their schools experienced a substantial disruption in their educations. Broken down, this means that 27 percent of survivors who reported took a leave of absence, 20 percent transferred schools, and nearly 10 percent dropped out of school entirely. These educational interruptions occur not because of sexual violence alone, but because of sexual violence exacerbated by schools’ inadequate or otherwise harmful responses to reports of violence. Survivors describe being blamed for the violence against them, being told the school could do nothing, facing name calling by school officials when seeking support, having their cases drawn out for years, and getting punished for their own assaults after seeking help.

Please click [here](https://www.knowyourix.org/thecostofreporting/)to read.

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# Reframing Elder Abuse Project

The National Center on Elder Abuse, in partnership with the [**FrameWorks Institute**](http://www.frameworksinstitute.org/), developed a communications strategy and toolkit that reimagines our cultural dialogue on elder abuse. The [**Talking Elder Abuse**](http://bit.ly/2lXqYgx) Toolkit provides resources and tips to improve the public’s awareness of elder abuse, enhance understanding of the underpinning issues, and elevate public exchange on the topic. Reframing Elder Abuse is a project that disseminates the [***Talking Elder Abuse***](http://bit.ly/2lXqYgx) Toolkit through presentations, webinars, social media, and listservs. The Reframing Elder Abuse Project has received  funding from the [**Administration on Community Living (ACL)**](http://acl.gov/), [**Archstone Foundation**](http://archstone.org/), and [**Grantmakers in Aging**](http://www.giaging.org/).

Please click [here](https://ncea.acl.gov/resources/reframing.aspx) to read.

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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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# Community Trauma Community Healing

Restorative justice is a collaborative approach to repairing harm caused by crime. Approaches often include facilitated discussions between those who caused harm and the victims and communities

who suffered as a result of the harm. The restorative justice process builds resiliency by incorporating principles of empowerment into the resolution process.

This symposium from the PA Office of Victim Advocate will examine restorative justice principles and practices and explore community trauma and community healing. We will hear from members of the community who have been impacted by the criminal justice system. Restorative justice embraces the cornerstone of justice, which is: all people have inherent value and life itself embodies the possibility of change.

***August 24 | virtual event***

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pa-restorative-justice-symposium-2021-tickets-163391312815) to register

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# 2021 National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) Summit

Clery Center’s 2021 National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) Summit on **September 8 and 9** will bring together campus safety practitioners and higher education leaders from around the country to explore relevant, actionable, and scalable strategies to meet tomorrow’s most pressing campus safety challenges today. Join for a two-day virtual micro-summit offering unique perspective panels, cutting-edge case study analyses, and networking opportunities for individuals looking to take their professional development to the next level. As with its of our National Campus Safety Awareness Month events and resources, **the summit will be completely free.** Registration is required. The Clery Center values inclusion and will be providing English closed captioning during this event.

Cost: Free! Registration is required and limited to 500.

Please click [here](https://clerycenter.org/event/ncsam-summit2021/) to register.

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# New TA Bundle From NRCDV: Community Care & Resilience

**This Technical Assistance (TA) Bundle includes TA and training resources from National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) to support those who wish to invest in healing-centered community care. This approach nurtures resilient and equitable communities where those most marginalized can thrive. It fosters collective healing and liberation.**

Please click [here](https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?u=fbe0aa58df871a5ba7f0190cd&id=059f585168) to access.

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# Guardian Ad Litem National Webinar Series: Introduction to Domestic Violence

This event is part one of five of BWJP's GAL National Webinar Series. BWJP will introduce the basics of domestic violence and intimate partner violence with a focus on how DV and IPV effect families.

Please click [here](https://vawnet.org/events/guardian-ad-litem-national-webinar-series-introduction-domestic-violence) for more information.

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# Rural Sustainability Part 1: Orientation & Training

We all know what it feels like to be dunked in to the deep end of the swimming pool before we really know how to swim. Confusing, scary, and uncertain! So how do we avoid dunking new advocates into the deep end when our work is so busy and there is so much work to be done? Join Leah Green and Val Davis for an interactive conversation about orienting, training, and supervising new rural advocates. This conversation will help rural programs set themselves up for sustainable sexual assault services with creative and supported advocates for years to come.

**Aug 12, 2021 02:00 PM CST**

Please click [here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fv7z5JXMSf6S04-3N7uw8A) to register.

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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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# Battered Women’s Justice Project Webinars

* **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

We have ONE last Foundational Academy opening for registration this year **which will be held in-person October 13 – 15, 2021** at the **Graduate State College**. Hotel room reservations and lunch are included with registration and there is no registration fee.

Registration will open **August 16th at NOON** for the October Academy. Please mark your calendar and plan to register that day. *Spots fill extremely quickly, usually within hours!* Registration will be posted when open on the PDAI Training Calendar at [www.pdaa.org.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pdaa.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C54f6625aae964682e80308d946d2dc43%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637618693721075874%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WjI0QeHvgeAxSfRdJZQvggJFgLRgHOY3gV1WGaPRBVY%3D&reserved=0) **You will need to scroll down to the listings for October, it will** [**not be listed at**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.pdaa.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cledorsey%40pa.gov%7C54f6625aae964682e80308d946d2dc43%7C418e284101284dd59b6c47fc5a9a1bde%7C0%7C0%7C637618693721075874%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WjI0QeHvgeAxSfRdJZQvggJFgLRgHOY3gV1WGaPRBVY%3D&reserved=0) **the top with the Save the Dates!**

Ongoing reminders: 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.**Additionally, 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.

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 August 3, 2021.

* Basic Compensation - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on August 11, 2021.

* Loss of Earnings 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 August 16, 2021.

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

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

* “Wow, That’s Covered by Compensation” - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
* Myths of Compensation – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

* Medical Expenses Clinic - 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on September 9, 2021.

* Crime Scene Cleanup Expenses Clinic - 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The following trainings will be held on September 15, 2021.

* Basic Compensation - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.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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# Mission Kids – Employment Opportunities

Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County is expanding our team! Our mission is to achieve healing and justice for victims of child abuse by providing collaborative services, advocacy, leadership and education.

Please click [here](https://missionkidscac.org/get-involved/careers-internships) to view current job opportunities.

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# YWCA Greater Harrisburg – 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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# Safe Berks – Job 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/Details/647628/Safe-Berks/Managing-Director-of-Client-Services) 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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# Blackburn Center – Employment Opportunities

Blackburn Center advocates for the rights of all individuals to live free from domestic and sexual violence and other forms of violence by eliminating the root causes of this violence and providing for the well-being and safety of survivors/victims.

Please click [here](https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Blackburn-Center/jobs) to view current job opportunities.

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# Turning Point Of Lehigh Valley – Employment Opportunities

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

Please click [here](https://www.turningpointlv.org/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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# 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, **August 11, 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, **August 4, 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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