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OVC News...

Community Awareness Project - The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), in cooperation with the Office for Victims of Crime, is seeking proposals for innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide public awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all types of crimes during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 19-25, 2020. The 2020 NCVRW theme is "Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope." Approximately 90-100 communities will be awarded up to \$5,000 each in reimbursement for approved NCVRW public awareness activities through the NCVRW Community Awareness Project. Public agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based victim service organizations, faith-based organizations, tribal organizations, and community coalitions committed to advocating for the rights and services of crime victims are among those encouraged to [apply](#).



Announcing the 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme - Every year, OVC leads the nation in the observance of [National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#) (NCVRW). OVC is pleased to announce the 2020 NCVRW theme—Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope. NCVRW, which will be held April 19–25, 2020, brings communities together and educates the public about victims' rights, protections, and services.



OVC's Coping with the Holidays Resources: Coping with the Holidays for Victims of Crime - For those who have recently experienced a tragedy or lost a family member or friend, the holiday season may seem too much to bear. The OVC publication, [Coping with the Holidays After the Death of a Loved One or When You Are a Victim/Crime Survivor](#) offers resources and suggestions to help support survivors. Also view the [Mothers Against Drunk Driving: Coping with the Holidays Tip Sheet](#) for additional tips on coping during the holidays.

OVC TTAC Announces Two New Special Focus Areas - The Mass Violence and Terrorism [page](#) provides a range of resources to assist with developing a comprehensive plan to respond to the immediate and short- and long-term needs of victims of mass violence incidents. The Vicarious Trauma [page](#) provides an overview of the impact of vicarious trauma on individuals and on organizations, as well as resources designed to help you identify and address vicarious trauma proactively.

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>.

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Resources...

OVW FY 2020 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program - The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. LAV Grant Program funds may not be used to provide criminal defense services. Grant funds may be used to provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in matters related to or arising out of that abuse or violence. The objective of the LAV Grant Program is to develop innovative, collaborative projects that provide quality representation to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Apply [here](#).



AMBER Alert in Indian Country - The AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program has a number of resources designed specifically for Indian Country. Our programs are designed and delivered by practitioners who understand the unique dynamics of protecting children in Indian Country. From community assessments to helping tribal leaders identify needed resources, training and technical assistance, to accredited training courses designed specifically for the community, we are prepared to assist tribal communities in developing comprehensive child protection programs." Take a look at this quick, one-page, [resource guide](#).

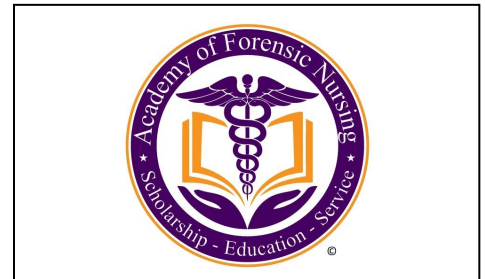
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) - RAINN provides survivors of sexual violence with the support services they need and deserve through the National Sexual Assault Hotline. Survivors can access help by calling 800-656-HOPE (4673) or by visiting online.rainn.org to chat one-on-one with a trained support specialist 24/7. It's confidential and secure, so users can feel comfortable getting the support they need. In 2015, RAINN expanded its services to reach Spanish-speaking survivors and their loved ones. Help is available in Spanish 24/7 at rainn.org/es. Together, the telephone and online hotline have helped more than 2 million people since 1994 — and the online hotline has seen a more than 100% increase in demand since 2010." Take a look at the full [National Sexual Assault Hotline Outreach Guide](#).

Deadline Approaching for Scholarships - In September, we announced that the Academy of Forensic Nursing (AFN) is sponsoring five professionals to attend our 2020 International Conference. The December 13, 2019 application deadline is quickly approaching!

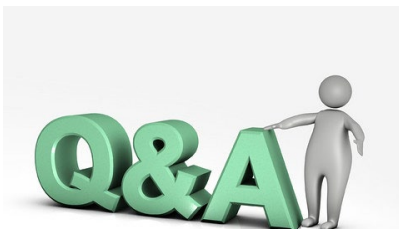
The following scholarships will be awarded:

- 1 [Law Enforcement Scholarship](#)
- 1 [Prosecutor Scholarship](#)
- 3 [Forensic Nursing Scholarships](#)

To Apply: Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. To apply, complete the application form and submit it to Katie@evawintl.org by December 13, 2019.



Training & Events...



Expect Q&A Recording Now Available - OVC TTAC has uploaded the recording for the, "Courageous Spirit: The Effects of Historical Trauma on AI/AN Communities" webinar. This session identifies the historical and traditional ways that domestic and sexual violence were addressed in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities prior to colonization and how historical experiences persist to have residual trauma in the community. Recommendations are provided to improve advocacy for native communities that have been affected by domestic and sexual violence. Take a [listen!](#)



Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) Enhances Public Safety

Capabilities of Tribal Governments - David Henry, mission advocate for the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) program, will share ways that Tribal communities can improve and safeguard their information for planning and operations. HSIN supports several Tribal communities for special events, infrastructure security, public safety, law enforcement and intelligence operations with regional partners to keep their communities safe. HSIN mission advocates deployed across the nation can provide Tribes new to HSIN the training, tools

and support to improve their operations, secure their communications, access national resources and integrate with neighboring state and local agencies. This upcoming webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11; 1:00-2:00pm ET**. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

OVC Vicarious Trauma Toolkit: Now What? Moving Forward with Your Vicarious Trauma Action Plan

- This webinar will provide information on using your VT-ORG results to create a realistic action plan that identifies specific tasks, persons responsible for those tasks, timeframes for completion, and a process for monitoring progress. You will also begin to navigate and explore the VTT's selection of resources to support your organizational efforts to address the needs of your staff. This upcoming webinar is scheduled for **Friday, December 6, 2019 12:00:00 PM EST - 1:00:00 PM ET**. Register [here](#).



Currently Accepting Papers - The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College is seeking papers for its annual Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference, which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 22-24, 2020. The 2020 theme is "The Art of Possibilities: Finding Solutions Through Innovation and Collaboration on Missing and Unidentified Persons Cases. The conference will focus on identifying innovative and effective technologies, approaches and strategies in the search, investigation, identification, recovery and reunification of missing persons, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their disappearance. State-of-the-art and collaborative solutions, tools and techniques for reuniting missing persons with their loved ones will be highlighted. The conference will also examine the complex and multifaceted nature of missing person cases and the unique needs of diverse and at-risk population groups such as aging individuals, LGBTQ, persons with differing abilities, indigenous/native populations, victims of trafficking, veterans and active military, transient populations, and others. Papers are being accepted at:

https://fvtc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0D4uf46KP2YCBdb. Information about the conference can be found at:

<https://ncjtc.fvtc.edu/training/details/TR00000143/missing-unidentified-persons>. Submission deadline is December 31, 2019.



Billing and Coding 101: Learn the Anatomy of Billing and Coding for Sexual Assault Patients like a Pro

- Recent payment denials and instances of patients receiving bills for sexual assault medical forensic examinations - in violation of VAWA - suggest that SANE program managers and hospital billing departments often lack knowledge to properly code requests for payment to state designated payers. This webinar is designed to help SANE program managers and hospital billing departments increase their knowledge to properly code requests for payment to state designated payers. This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 11:00 am PT / 12:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET. Register [here](#).

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