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VOCA Newsletter

Crime Victim Services Unit

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The DPS Crime Victim Services Unit anticipates receiving funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Under this Act, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has received \$47.5 million which will be passed through to States under the VOCA Crime Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program. The State of Arizona's allocation of this formula based grant is \$930,000.

Stimulus \$\$

The funds will be administered in accordance with the Final Program Guidelines for the VOCA Crime Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program and the applicable provisions of the American Recovery and Restoration Act of 2009.

Application for this funding will be through the DPS Web-based Automated Grants System (WAGS). We anticipate publishing a Request for Grant Application sometime this summer. Contracts will be issued with October 1, 2009 start dates.

Are Killers Allowed to Profit from Murder?

The Never Again Foundation is taking action to prevent yet a second tragedy for families who have lost a loved one to domestic violence.



THE NEVER AGAIN
FOUNDATION
Hope Justice Healing

The Problem: Perhaps the greatest tragedy is learning that a loved one was murdered by domestic violence. Too often, however, these same families are later shocked to learn that the killer was somehow inexplicably allowed to financially profit from the murder.

How? In domestic violence deaths, the killer is usually the spouse, lover, or family member of the victim. As a result, the killer is often in the best position to know private financial information, including bank accounts, life insurance policies, and other assets of the victim.

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Events for SAAM - April 2009 (Sexual Assault Awareness Month)

4/21 (5:30 pm): Flagstaff - Take Back the Night City march starts at FMC Bridge and NAU's University Union—both circle Heritage Square and march to Theatrikos Theatre Company for "Speak Out" starting at 6:15 pm

4/29 - Tucson - [Dine Out for Safety](#)

4/30 @ 7pm - Flagstaff - "Branded" Film Screening & Panel discussion (a film about sexual trafficking in the Phoenix area). Contact Karen Hackler at (928) 233-2202 or khackler@northlandfamily.org

The Arizona Coalition Against
Domestic Violence
presents a
FIX THE HURT production

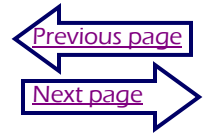
*Domestic
Violence*

THE MUSICAL?

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Herberger Theater Center
222 E. Monroe, Phoenix 85004

Written by Loren Marsters
Lyrics by Loren Marsters
Choreography by Ceci Cortez
Music by:
Lead Composer - Anne Hinton Pratt
Contributing Composer - Marc Doty
Arranged by - Bethany Treadway

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 each (plus box office charges) by calling the Herberger Theater Center box office at (602) 252-8497 or by going to www.herbergertheater.org (additional charges will apply to internet credit card purchases). For more details, please email AzCADV at execdir@azcadv.org.



What's New at OVC?

Web Forum

Every month, OVC's Web forum offers online discussions on high-interest topics in the crime victims' field.

If you missed any of the previous discussions, you can view them online now. Past topics include:

- Strengthening Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Privacy (hosted by Jessica Mindlin & Joanne Zannoni)
- Assisting Victims of Labor Trafficking (hosted by Florrie Burke and Katherine Kaufka)
- Safety Planning for Teen Victims of Dating Violence (hosted by Mitru Ciarlante and Candice Hopkins)
- Addressing Technology and Stalking (hosted by Michelle Garcia and Cindy Southworth)
- Enforcing Victims' Rights in Court (hosted by Carol Dorris and Meg Garvin)
- Serving Sexual Violence Victims in Native American Communities (hosted by Roe Bubar and Sarah Deer)

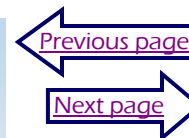
**The 35th Annual North American
Victim Assistance Conference**



**35 Years of Excellence in
Training, Advocacy & Empowerment**

**August 23 - 27, 2009
Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, AZ**

**Az Attorney General's Office—Training Dates
Victims' Rights 101 / Advanced Victims' Rights**



La Paz County—Parker
May 7, 2009 / May 8, 2009
Mohave County—Kingman
May 21, 2009 / May 22, 2009

Maricopa County—Phoenix
April 29, 2009 / April 30, 2009

Training is FREE — Registration is required
[Register online](#)

Arizona South Asians for Safe Families presents

Shakti—The Power in Empowerment **Saturday, April 18, 2009, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Fiesta Inn Resort & Conference Center (2100 S. Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282)

Registration \$60 (includes lunch)

To register call 1-877-SAFE-711 or email asafsf@gmail.com or info@asafsf.org. Website: www.asafsf.org

Terry Goddard - Arizona Attorney General

Urmi Basu - Executive Director, New Light, Kolkata, India

Empowerment of Victims of Domestic Violence & Children of victims of the sex trade

Firoza Chic Dabby - Director, Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence, San Francisco

Blanketed by Blame, Empowered by Support

Margaret Abraham - Professor of Sociology, Hofstra University, New York

Speaking the Unspeakable

Maha Alkhateeb - Co-Director, Peaceful Families Project, Washington DC

Gender Equity in Muslim Marriages: Islam as a Source of Empowerment

Maneesha Kelkar - Director, Manavi Inc., New Jersey

South Asian Cultures of Disempowerment & Empowerment

Also round table discussions and panel discussions with audience participation.



**Click TTAC for workshop descriptions & scholarship details
and to visit OVC's Training & Technical Assistance Center**

Curriculum Design for Victim Service Providers	Portland, OR	May 5-6
Enforcing Victims' Rights	Minneapolis, MN	May 19-20
Strategic Planning for Victim Service Leaders	Pittsburgh, PA	June 9-10
Program Evaluation	Salt Lake City, UT	Aug 11-12
Compassion Fatigue/Vicarious Trauma	Atlanta, GA	September 2-3
Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse	Providence, RI	September 29-30
Leadership in Victim Services	Rapid City, SD	October 14-15
Supporting Children Living w/Grief & Trauma	Baltimore, MD	October 27-28

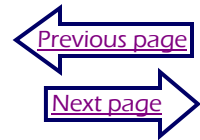
Join Governor Brewer to kickoff Crime Victims' Rights Week

Monday, April 27 @ 10 am

State Capitol, Executive Tower Lobby

This event pays tribute to crime victims and survivors who, for many decades, have joined together in mutual support and advocacy to promote victims' rights and services. It also recognizes the ongoing efforts of countless victim service providers, justice professionals, and allied professionals and volunteers who selflessly dedicate their lives to helping victims of crime. As part of the kick-off event, Governor Brewer will present the 2009 "Triumph Over Tragedy" Award.

Check out the Az Attorney General's Office calendar of events (to be posted soon)



[Arizona Events for Victims' Rights Week](#)

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While the rest of the family is grieving, the killer may attempt to profit from the crime. Even if the killer has already been caught and is in jail, the killer may drain the assets by mail, phone, or acquaintances. Once the killer obtains the assets, it is nearly impossible to ever get the assets back, since the killer will usually spend or hide them.

Arizona law states that killers are to be disinherited and cannot profit from their crime. However, to many people's surprise, this is not part of the criminal justice system. Rather, it is part of the civil justice system, and too often the families are not informed that they must also enforce the civil law until it is too late. Once families learn that the killer profited from the death of their loved one, they feel as if a second tragedy and injustice has been suffered at the hands of the killer.

A Solution: The Never Again Foundation is a non profit charity that provides legal assistance to families of victims killed by domestic violence. Its non profit mission is to prevent all killers from financially profiting from causing death, and instead fight to have the assets go to the rightful and appropriate family members of the victim. No other governmental or non profit agency provides this critical legal service. It is recommended that service providers assist victims in contacting the Never Again Foundation immediately following the occurrence of a domestic violence death.

For more information, visit our website at www.neveragainfoundation.org. You may download free copies of the pamphlet "Will the Killer Financially Profit", as well as watch online the highly acclaimed "Arizona Crime Victim's Rights" video.

(Contributed by the Never Again Foundation)

*****ATTENTION*****

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy will be held May 18 - May 22, 2009, at the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center. You can choose to attend all week (\$450) or by the day (\$100/day). For a daily agenda or registration information contact Cindy Heard at (602) 421-9354 or acvsavaa@yahoo.com.

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New Resources & Studies

Dating Violence CD Toolkit Available

During 2008 in Arizona, three teenage girls were murdered by their boyfriends or ex-boyfriends and one teenage boy committed suicide after killing his girlfriend. In a study conducted on dating violence, 1 in 5 female high school students reported being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and adult re-victimization.

The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence has developed a CD Toolkit of materials to assist educators, counselors, parents, youth advocates, domestic violence advocates and others who are concerned about dating violence. The CD toolkit contains handouts, resources, videos, links to helpful websites, a teacher's guide and more. The toolkits are available free of charge by call AzCADV at (602) 279-2900.

Women's Empowerment Group



WHAT: In collaboration with the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, A New Leaf (formerly PREHAB of Arizona) will provide a Women's Empowerment Group. The 12-Week "Empowerment Group" addresses self esteem and decision making skills.

WHO: A client must complete an intake assessment for services before acceptance into the program.

WHEN: The closed group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 10:30 - noon until completion of the 12-week sequence. The group begins on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

WHERE: Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, 2120 N. Central Ave, #250, Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 534-3088

HOW: A New Leaf Victim Advocacy Program receives funding through the Valley of the Sun United Way and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and is therefore able to provide these services at no cost to participants.

CONTACT: Nancy, Crisis Counselor, (602) 534-3088.