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# VOCA Newsletter Crime Victim Services Unit

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**07/08 Grant Period Ends** are due on July 30, 2008. See page 4 of this newsletter for annual survey details. As usual, all reports must be completed and submitted via the Web-based Automated Grants System (WAGS).

The end of the 07/08 grant period means that it's time to complete the necessary year end reports and adhering to the submission deadlines is an important part of closing out your current grant.

The final Monthly Financial Report (MFR) is due July 15th, the 4th Quarter Program Report, Annual Narrative Report, and Annual Survey

If you did not fully expend your VOCA funds, an Agreement Amendment Request must be completed prior to submitting the final MFR.

Should you have questions about the reporting requirements, please contact your VOCA Grant Coordinator.

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## DV Awareness Day Friday, Aug 8 @ 6:40 pm



Join the Arizona Diamondbacks & the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence at Chase Field as the D-backs take on the Atlanta Braves.

On D-backs Domestic Violence Awareness Day, five dollars from each ticket purchased through this special discount offer will go to support the AzCADV and other domestic violence prevention organizations in the Valley. In addition, there will be a pre-game on-field presentation and an information booth on the concourse to promote awareness to all fans attending the game.

As an added bonus, the first 25,000 fans through the gates will receive a free D-backs T-shirt. [Order your tickets now for the D-backs Domestic Violence Awareness Day.](#)

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### Important Reminder VOCA- Qtrly Reporting

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When completing your VOCA quarterly report, only include those services that are provided through VOCA funds. For example, if a referral is provided for services such as therapy or shelter, that should be counted as "Information, Referral, & Connection" (if in person) or as a Telephone Contact (if by phone). If referrals are provided to victims, they must be counted as a referral -- not the actual service for which the referral was made. Also, only count the 1st time any type of referral is provided. If you refer a victim to three different types of services, it will be counted as 1 referral.



## Arizona Sexual Assault Network

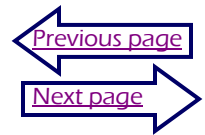
Written by Elizabeth Houde, President and CEO of AzSAN

April was National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and events were held throughout the state. The theme of this year's media campaign was that "Stranger Danger" no longer fits the description of a typical sex offender. In 90-96% of sex crimes, the perpetrator is someone known to the victim, such as a spouse, family member, co-worker, friend or acquaintance. In an effort to get that message out to the community, 58 publicity packets were distributed to media outlets throughout Arizona. The packets included statistical facts, event information, social marketing slogans, research and educational materials, and brochures from AzSAN and Coalition members.

In an effort to address the issue of sexual violence among Arizona's teens, outreach efforts are underway to dispel the misconceptions about sex crimes and sex offenders. Many teenagers do not know the difference between normal sexual activity and a sex crime. One outreach program that focuses on educating young people has created an unusual collaboration between AzSAN and the Sex Offender South Unit at Florence State Prison. Elizabeth Houde, AzSAN President, recently visited the prison and met with the inmates from this unit. Under their Restorative Justice Program, they raised almost \$7,000 for AzSAN. These funds are designated to create an educational manual primarily for adolescents — much like a driver's education pamphlet. The manual will clearly define Title 13, Sex Crime laws of Arizona and describe when a normal sexual relationship becomes criminal activity. Additional funding for this project comes from the Arizona Department of Health Services Prevention Program.

AzSAN will be hosting a nationally-advertised conference in Arizona called *Intimate Partner Violence: Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Victim Services*. The conference is tentatively scheduled for February 2009. Members of the Stalking Resource Center, the National Center for Victims of Crime, the Battered Women's Justice Project, the Resource Sharing Project, and the U.S. Dept. of Justice will be presenting and training. More information regarding upcoming events and trainings can be found on the calendar page of the [AzSAN](#) website.

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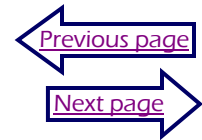
### ***What's New at OVC?***

#### **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:

- Assisting Victims of Domestic Abuse in Later Life (hosted by Bonnie Brandl & Jane Raymond)
- Ethics in Victim Services (hosted by Melissa Hook)
- Assisting Families of Missing Children (hosted by Duane Bowers & Abby Potash)
- Pediatric SANE Programs (hosted by Lucia Zuniga & Joan Meunier-Sham)
- Assisting Victims of Intimate Partner Stalking (hosted by Michelle Garcia)
- Serving Sexual Assault Victims in the Military (hosted by Delilah Rumburg)
- Collaborations on Faith-Based Initiatives (hosted by Rev. Theresa Mercer & Elaine Witman)

2008 Training Opportunities from OVC Office for Victims of Crime  
*Putting Victims First*



**Workshop & Scholarship Details  
available at OVC's Training &  
Technical Assistance Center**

Compassion Fatigue/Vicarious Trauma	8/19–8/20	Spokane, WA
Providing Culturally Competent Services to Victims of Crime	9/16–9/18	Lincoln, NE
Identity Theft	10/8–10/9	Reno, NV
Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training	10/15–10/16	Portland, ME
Enforcing Victims' Rights	10/29–10/30	Charleston, SC
Supporting Children Living w/Grief & Trauma	12/10–12/11	Los Angeles, CA

**AzCADV Annual Conference**

**Skills for the 21st Century:  
Advocacy Trends,  
Realistic Applications**

**September 23-24, 2008**

**Black Canyon Conference Ctr**

**9440 N. 25th Ave., Phoenix**

**Questions?**

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*"Strengthening the Heartbeat of all our Relations"*

**11th National Indian Nations Conference  
Justice for Victims of Crime**

**December 11-13, 2008**

Agua Caliente Reservation  
Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel  
Palm Springs, California

This national conference will provide opportunities for education, skills building, and strategies on a wide variety of important issues pertaining to victimization in tribal communities.

Questions:

Tribal Law & Policy Institute  
8235 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 211  
West Hollywood, CA 90046

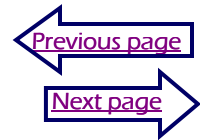
[conference@tlpi.org](mailto:conference@tlpi.org)

Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on December 10, 2008

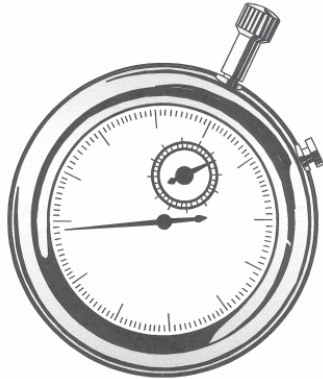
Registration Packets will be available later this year

Funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Dept. of Justice

Save the Date



## Arizona Crime Clock 2007



one VIOLENT CRIME every 17 min 52 sec	one MURDER every 18 hrs 52 min
one ROBBERY every 55 min 34 sec	one FORCIBLE RAPE every 4 hrs 53 min
one AGGRAVATED ASSAULT every 29 min 25 sec	

### Crime in Arizona 2007\*

**Entire report is now available  
Good source of local statistics**

\*Report compiled by the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety

### 2008 Annual Crime Victim Assistance Survey

#### Your input is critical!

Each year DPS conducts a survey designed to identify gaps in services and underserved crime victim populations. The results of the survey are used to identify potential areas that may receive priority in future funding cycles.

When you access your 2008 grant via WAGS, the Annual Crime Victim Assistance Survey link is active and the survey is ready to be completed.

**Submission deadline:  
July 30, 2008**



The Tucson Centers for Women and Children and The Brewster Center Domestic Violence Services will now be known as ***Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse.***

Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse CEO, Sarah Jones, commented, "This is an exciting time at Emerge! Throughout the community there has been incredible support for this merger and I am proud to announce the new name today."

Lori Bryant, Emerge! Board Chair, stated, "Our new name does three very important things. It conveys who we are and where we're going. By illustrating forward motion and growth, it captures the dedication and passion of our staff. And finally, and most importantly, it gives hope to those struggling to find peace and safety."

Stephen Krause, past Board president of The Brewster Center, added, "since many of our clients have experienced verbal, emotional, and financial abuse, we felt it was important for our

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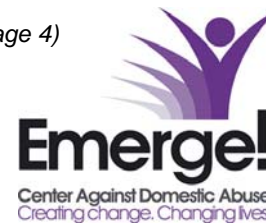
Visit the [azvictims](#) website

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# AzSAN

AzSAN is a statewide coalition funded primarily by the US Department of Justice. The organization works with the legislature, law enforcement, probation, service providers, forensic nurses, victim advocates, and others to help prevent sexual abuse and crime across Arizona. AzSAN is an active member of the Governor's Commission for Violence Against Women, the Arizona Department of Health Services Statewide Rape Prevention Planning Committee, and four legislative bodies. An AzSAN representative serves as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee for Juvenile Sex Offender Management under the Committee for Community Notification and as Secretary of the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services.

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new agency to reflect all forms of abuse. Our new name demonstrates our commitment to help anyone who is in an abusive relationship regardless of the form it has taken.”

Jones added, “When this process began we were committed to having the community play a large part in helping us determine a new name and look. We held six focus groups and over 600 people participated in our survey. The input gathered through that process enabled us to create a new look and feel that we believe is empowering and inspirational.”

Jones concluded, “Our public officials and donors must be thanked for their ongoing support of both organizations and domestic abuse prevention in general over the past years. We have been fortunate to have community leadership that recognizes that without a feeling of personal security and safety, you can't move forward in life. Our community also recognizes that there is still a lot of work ahead of us. One of our challenges in the near future will be to raise the funds necessary to increase services and programs for men and increase our shelters so no one in need is turned away.

[Know the facts about Emerge! Center Against Domestic Violence](#)