



VOCA Newsletter Crime Victim Services Unit



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Visit the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence [website](#).

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Important Reminder VOCA– Quarterly Reporting

When reporting Volunteer Hours on your VOCA Quarterly Report, there are a couple of issues to keep in mind. The 'Total Number of Volunteers for the Quarter' can include project specific volunteers or all victim service related volunteers. The 'Total Volunteer Hours for the Quarter' can reflect all of the hours donated by the aforementioned volunteers.

This next part seems to be where a number of programs struggle with what to report. The 'Total Volunteer Hours towards Match for the Quarter' should reflect only those hours that your agency uses as a match source for the VOCA Grant. If your agency does not use volunteer hours as match, this box should be '0', thereby reflecting that volunteers are not counted toward the match for your grant. If your agency does use volunteer hours as match, this box should reflect the number of volunteer hours as reported on the Monthly Financial Reports during that same quarter.

...And remember that in order for volunteer hours to be used as match, the volunteers must be performing VOCA eligible activities, i.e. direct services to crime victims. Activities such as working in the thrift shop, cleaning the yard, facility maintenance, etc. are not VOCA eligible and cannot be used toward match.

NCVRW Funding Notice:

2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, is offering funding to aid 56 communities in conducting public awareness initiatives during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 26—May 2, 2009. Deadline: November 3, 2008.

This year's theme:

**25 Years of Rebuilding Lives:
Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act**

To learn more, click [NCVRW Funding](#).



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Chapter of Parents of
Murdered Children,
*for the families and
friends of those who
have died by
violence.*

This is the tenth year Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) has commemorated September 25 as the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. Last year, Congress passed House Resolution 223 officially recognizing Sept. 25 as our nation's National Day of Remembrance. September 25 was picked because it is the anniversary date of the murdered daughter of Charlotte and Bob Hullinger, POMC's national founders.

This special day provides everyone with an opportunity to remember those whose lives were taken senselessly by violence in this country — the babies, children, teenagers, and adults, both young and old. It may appear that they are another homicide victim statistic, but they can **never** be just a statistic to those who love them, those who grieve deeply for their loss, those whose lives were shattered beyond belief and whose worlds may no longer make any sense beyond going through the motions of living.

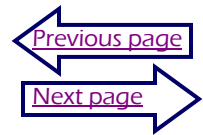
The local organization of POMC commemorated this year's day of remembrance by purchasing 6 billboards across the valley. Only twelve of the real victims of homicide are featured on the billboards — this is truly a very small representation of the 1,092 loved ones taken from our local members of the Phoenix Chapter. Imagine how many loved ones are represented by our National Office in Ohio.

Americans are murdered each and every day and their families experience untold suffering living a lifetime facing the aftermath of murder. Every 10 weeks in our country 3,000 people are murdered.

"We cannot restore wholeness to the lives of those who have suffered. We can, however, remember the victims and reach out to their survivors, whose courage is a continuing source of inspiration." John W. Gillis, Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, Washington D.C. and the father of a murdered daughter.

If you pass one of our billboards, join us in a moment of remembrance and prayer for the families left behind to pick up the pieces of their shattered worlds and re-design their lives to include a "new normal," as we can never be the same as before.

Please join us in remembering...

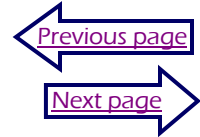


What's New at OVC?

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:
 - Responding to Sexual Violence on Campus (hosted by S. Daniel Carter and Margaret Mikkelson)
 - Assisting Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (hosted by Rachel Lloyd and Jay Albanese)
 - Delivering Victim Sensitive Death Notifications (hosted by Janice Harris Lord and Bill Jenkins)
 - 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)

2009 National Victim Assistance Academy
March 1-6, 2009
[American Airlines Training & Conference Center](#)
Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas Area



The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) in the U.S. Dept. of Justice sponsors the NVAA — it is comprised of education and skill-based classroom trainings for those who assist victims and survivors of crime.



Participants are eligible to receive CEUs for their attendance & completion of Tracks 1, 2, or 3.

Track 1, Foundation-Level Training, is an intensive 5-day training for those who have less than 3 years of experience in the victim services field and who work directly with victims. This training provides entry-level professionals and volunteers with knowledge, skills, and resources to serve victims and survivors of crime more effectively. The training lays the groundwork for building a career in the victim services field.

Track 2, Professional Skill-Building Institute, focuses on timely, specific topics that have a direct impact on provider's work. The specialized training courses, such as compassion fatigue/vicarious trauma, ethics in victim services, and providing culturally competent services to victims of crime, are for those who have been in the victim services field for at least 2 years. Track 2 is 5 days.

Track 3, Leadership Institute, helps administrators and leaders build and refine the necessary skills to effectively manage their programs. The Track 3 is 5 days.

[Learn More...](#)

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

Apache County—St. John's
December 11, 2008 / December 12, 2008
Coconino County—Flagstaff
February 26, 2009 / February 27, 2009
Greenlee County—Clifton
November 20, 2008 / November 21, 2008
Maricopa County—Phoenix
November 6, 2008 / November 7, 2008
Mohave County—Kingman
May 21, 2009 / May 22, 2009
Pima County—Tucson
January 22, 2009 / January 23, 2009
Santa Cruz County—Nogales
March 26, 2009 / March 27, 2009
Yuma County—Yuma
January 15, 2009 / January 16, 2009

Cochise County—Bisbee
January 8, 2009 / January 9, 2009
Gila County—Globe
January 29, 2009 / January 30, 2009
La Paz County—Parker
May 7, 2009 / May 8, 2009
Maricopa County—Phoenix
April 29, 2009 / April 30, 2009
Navajo County—Show Low
December 2, 2008 / December 3, 2008
Pinal County—Florence
February 5, 2009 / February 6, 2009
Yavapai County—Prescott
April 9, 2009 / April 10, 2009

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

