



VOCA Newsletter

Crime Victim Services Unit

Due to Drop in VOCA Funds, Lower Awards Likely in 2008

The Federal FY 2008 Appropriations Bill passed in late December and includes a \$590 million cap on VOCA funding. As a result of the cap, the Federal VOCA program has taken a significant hit for the second year in a row. This will result in major cuts to state victim assistance programs.

Arizona's VOCA award has dropped by approximately \$1.3 million over the past two years.

<u>AZ VOCA Awards</u>	
2006	\$7,610,000
2007	\$7,298,000
2008	\$6,311,000

DPS plans to hold a renewal process for FY08. However, due to the cuts previously described, the 2008 award amounts will likely be made at a lower level than the 2007 awards. DPS is currently reviewing various options for adjusting awards based on the limited funding available. Once a final plan is in place, current grant recipients will be notified.

Programs currently funded by DPS/VOCA should begin preparing for a reduced VOCA award amount in FY08.

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Publication— DNA: Critical Issues for Those Who Work with Victims (April 2007)

This 24-minute DVD (NCJ 211970) raises awareness for criminal justice practitioners, advocates, and others who work with crime victims dealing with the issue of DNA evidence.

The video highlights the collection/preservation of evidence, the crime's impact on the victim, victim notification, and victim involvement and participation in the process.

DVD is FREE!

Shipping charges apply

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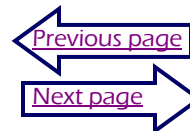
VOCA Quarterly Reporting Tip

Emergency Legal Advocacy is defined as assisting victims with filing temporary restraining orders (injunctions and other protective orders), and elder or child abuse petitions.

Remember... these types of services should be reported in the category of Emergency Legal Advocacy.



Great Beginnings Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program



“Great Beginnings” is a new program utilizing best practice standards for providing mental health services to young child victims in the child welfare system.

exposed to family violence.

The program provides:

- ◇ Comprehensive Developmental Assessments provided by a Masters Level Clinician with an Infant Mental Health specialty. Assessment to be conducted with standardized tests, observation, developmental/cognitive testing, and interaction.
- ◇ Treatment intervention, focusing on the development of relationships with the primary caregiver.

Methods of intervention include:

- ◇ Relationship based therapy

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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 Intimate Partner Stalking (hosted by Michelle Garcia)
- Working with Survivors of Homicide and Other Traumatic Events (hosted by Carroll Ann Ellis)
- Serving Sexual Assault Victims in the Military (hosted by Delilah Rumburg)
- The Crime Victims' Rights Act (hosted by Steve Twist)
- Recruiting/Retaining Volunteers (hosted by Daniel Gregory)

Children removed from their homes suffer a loss of the only relationships they know. Without immediate clinical intervention, these children may suffer a permanent loss of the ability to form trusting relationships necessary for healthy development. Great Beginnings will support children in Pima County from birth to 5 years of age in the foster care system, in kinship care, or who are victims of child abuse and neglect, and/or

Victims' Rights Week: April 13-19, 2008

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

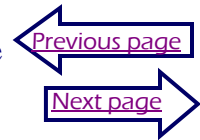
*Justice for Victims,
Justice for All*

Each April since 1981, OVC has helped lead communities throughout the country in their observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). Rallies, candlelight vigils, and a host of commemorative activities

are held each year to promote victims' rights and to honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.

Planning Online: OVC offers the National Calendar of Crime Victim Assistance-Related Events to help you coordinate your NCVRW activities with other national victim-related observances planned for April. Use it to plan ahead or to submit field events.

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



For workshop descriptions & scholarship details, click TTAC below & visit OVC's Training & Technical Assistance Center



Compassion Fatigue/Vicarious Trauma	Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training
1/29–1/30 St. Louis, MO	4/29–4/30 Philadelphia, PA
8/19–8/20 Spokane, WA	10/15–10/16 Portland, ME
Identity Theft	Providing Culturally Competent Services to Victims of Crime
2/20–2/21 Albuquerque, NM	9/16–9/18 Lincoln, NE
Responding to School Violence	Supporting Children Living with Grief/Trauma
3/11–3/12 Portland, OR	10/8–10/9 Reno, NV
Mental Health Response to Mass Violence and Terrorism	Enforcing Victims' Rights
3/25–3/27 Savannah, GA	10/29–10/30 Charleston, SC
The Ultimate Trainer	Working with Victims with Disabilities
4/1–4/3 Charleston, WV	12/10–12/11 Los Angeles, CA

Casa de los Ninos—Great Beginnings...

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offered to the child and caregiver working on parent-child relationship problems, parental issues, and attachment problems.

- ◇ Developmentally Based Psychotherapy addressing a child's emotional/behavioral problems between the ages of 2.5-5 years of age. This

approach seeks to maximize a child's functional emotional development (how children organize their emotions in play and interaction).

- ◇ Play therapy
- ◇ Developmental interaction and play with child and caregiver.

Additionally, "Great Beginnings" will provide a 20-hour training session to foster and kinship

families caring for young children to support the continuation of healing in the child's home environment. Training topics include: impact of trauma, separation/attachment problems, functional emotional development, parent-child attachment, and grief/loss.

For more details and referral information, contact Dr. Chuck Chiverton at (520) 624-5600.

Save the Dates! May 4-9, 2008

2008 National Victim Assistance Academy
Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center
St. Louis, Missouri

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Check out AzCADV's new and improved website

- How to identify Domestic Violence
 - Domestic Violence Facts
 - Resources
 - Safety Options
 - Teen Dating Violence
 - Legal Advocacy Hotline
 - Training Opportunities
- plus much more...



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DPS Annual Victim Assistance Survey

The 2007 Annual Victim Assistance Survey results have been finalized. DPS requested input from 126 programs throughout Arizona (102 were VOCA funded and 24 were Arizona Native American programs not currently funded through DPS/VOCA). DPS received a total of 102 completed surveys and all were submitted via WAGS (Web-based Automated Grants System). The purpose of the survey was to identify gaps in services and victim populations that are currently underserved.

Participants rated the availability of stated crime victim services within their geographic area. The top

ranked services identified as most often available were:

- Information, Referral, and Connection
- Crisis counseling via phone or hotline
- Assistance in filing victim compensation claims
- Crisis counseling & Victim rights advocacy (tied at #4)

The top three services identified as rarely available and needed were:

- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Interpreter/Sign Language
- Emergency Legal Advocacy

The top ranked victim populations most often identified as underserved were:

- Victims in rural areas
- Victims of diverse cultures
- Disabled victims
- Teen crime victims & Elderly crime victims (tied at #4)

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. Your participation provides valuable information regarding the needs of the victim services' community.

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

Yuma County—Yuma

January 17, 2008 / January 18, 2008

Pima County—Tucson

January 24, 2008 / January 25, 2008

Gila County—Globe

January 31, 2008 / February 1, 2008

Mohave County—Kingman

February 21, 2008 / February 22, 2008

Pinal County—Florence

March 6, 2008 / March 7, 2008

Santa Cruz County—Nogales

March 13, 2008 / March 14, 2008

Coconino County—Flagstaff

March 27, 2008 / March 28, 2008

Yavapai County—Prescott

April 10, 2008 / April 11, 2008

LaPaz County—Parker

April 17, 2008 / April 18, 2008

Maricopa County—Phoenix

April 22, 2008 / April 23, 2008

Training is FREE — Registration is required
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