

New Tools and Resources for the Field . . .

In this issue, OVC's communications team would like to share information about newly released communication products designed to equip service providers and allied professionals with the knowledge and skills to better serve crime victims. It's been a busy season, with exciting, innovative products previewed at recent conferences and more in the final stages of production.

We work with grant specialists to actively promote OVC's publications, but each and every one of you can help spread the word—and do all crime victims a service. Are you working with a grantee who'd appreciate knowing about any or all of these products? Do you have other professional contacts who could use these materials? Information is for sharing . . . thereby helping to ensure that victims receive the most informed, compassionate services possible.

Here are our latest releases:

In Their Own Words: Domestic Abuse in Later Life (NCJ 227928), a multimedia training package with DVDs and accompanying training guide, uses the compelling voices of older victims to facilitate a dialog about the dynamics of abuse and effective response by service professionals. Presentations can be tailored to a variety of professional audiences.

The Responding to Elder Abuse DVD Series provides basic information about recognizing and responding to elder abuse for specific audiences, including—

- ***What Community Corrections Should Know (NCJ 223414)*** in order to identify and respond to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation they may encounter in their work with offenders.
- ***What Judges and Court Personnel Should Know (NCJ 223415)*** about the special needs of older abuse victims, including successful court-based initiatives.
- ***What Law Enforcement Should Know (NCJ 223413)*** when faced with elder abuse in homes or institutions, including reporting and collaborating with other organizations.

For more information, check out the Featured Resources on the home page of OVC's Web site.

. . . and More to Come in 2010!

OVC plans to unveil more products for a broad range of audiences over the next 3 months:

Expanding Services To Reach Victims of Identity Theft and Financial Fraud is a new e-publication that summarizes the efforts of four grantees to expand services to this underserved population. Previewed at the NCVC Conference, the e-pub provides practical tools that others can use to enhance services to ID theft victims without a major outlay of resources.

Gaining Insight, Taking Action: Basic Skills for Serving Victims updates and repackages in DVD format three popular videos/guides originally produced for the National Victim Assistance Academy: *Listen to My Story*, *Meeting the Needs of Underserved Victims*, and *Substance Abuse and Victimization*.

The ITVERP Report to Congress is the latest annual summary of ITVERP activities that demonstrates the importance of this program to victims and survivors.

The SART Toolkit: Resources for Sexual Assault Response Teams is a visually inviting, easily navigable multimedia package that will be housed on OVC's Web site. The toolkit is intended to provide a comprehensive resource for communities planning to establish a SART or improve the effectiveness of the coordinated response they already have.

The communications team is also in the process of updating and reissuing the HELP series of 10 brochures that provide basic information and resources for victims of various types of crimes. The new versions will be available in a convenient downloadable format to enhance accessibility, as well as in print. In addition, we're updating and reprinting many of our major products, responding to the continuing high demand for quality resources by the victim service field.

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