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OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC) NEWS

OVC Director Joye E. Frost Retires. After almost 20 years with OVC, Director Joye Frost retired on December 31, 2016. Ms. Frost started working at OVC as a program specialist and subsequently served as OVC Acting Director and Principal Deputy Director before being appointed as the OVC Director by President Obama on June 14, 2013. Among her many accomplishments during her tenure at OVC, Ms. Frost launched the Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services initiative to expand the reach and impact of the victim assistance field. She forged closer ties with State Victims of Crime Act administrators and championed the integration of innovation with research in OVC's efforts to build capacity in the field. She also expanded OVC's work to assist underserved victims, including boys and young men of color, LGBTQ individuals, and American Indian/Alaska Native communities and oversaw the complex process of drafting the VOCA Assistance Rule, which the Department released in summer 2016.



Joye Frost joins Unified Solutions at the First National Skills Based Training/Conference at the Choctaw Nation Casino & Resort- May 2010

Acting OVC Director. Marilyn M. Roberts has been appointed to serve as OVC Acting Director effective January 3, 2017. Previously, Ms. Roberts was OVC's Deputy Director for the State Compensation and Assistance and Operations Division, where she had oversight of OVC's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula grant program, and internal operations, including budget, training and technical assistance, and communications functions.

2017 National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. Join Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony. During the Ceremony, OVC will recognize individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting crime victims and victim services. When: 2:00–3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on April 7, 2017; Where: National Archives—William G. McGowan Theater 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408; Attendee Entrance: Constitution Avenue, between 7th and 9th Street, NW. Learn more about this event and register to attend. Register by March 24, 2017. <http://www.ncvrw.org/>



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New publication from Office for Victims of Crime (OVC): "State-Tribal Crime Victim Liaison Demonstration Program: Tribal Outreach to Establish Trust and Increase Awareness of Victim Services."

<https://www.ovc.gov/library/State-Tribal-Crime-Victim-Liaison-Demonstration-Program.pdf?ed2f26df2d9c416fbddddd2330a778c6=zvtwmaasss-znbbmwff>

OVC has compiled a list of mobile applications that provide information and resources about various types of victimization. OVC Funded Apps: Tech Safety, AVIATOR, Identity Theft Resource. Federal Apps: KnowBullying, Operation Predator, SAMHSA Disaster, Safe Helpline, Suicide Safe, Sweat & Toil: Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking Around the World. Non-Governmental Apps: Love is Not Abuse, MY3, PC SAVES Helpline, VINEmobile.

<https://www.ovc.gov/library/mobileapps.html>



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Approximately 1 in 10 teenagers nationwide who were in a relationship within the past 12 months were hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object by their dating partner, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report. To raise awareness and explore ways to prevent teen dating violence, President Obama has proclaimed that February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. OVC highlights the

following websites, which provide comprehensive information about preventing dating violence and assisting its victims.

<https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/topic.aspx?topicid=119#tabs2>

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), visit

<http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

The current issue of Justice Today from the OJP Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) highlights recent events, the Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit, new resources, and more!

https://www.bja.gov/JusticeToday/OctNov_2016_newsletter.html?ed2f26df2d9c416fbddddd2330a778c6=qozmieennp-garriml

Child Welfare Trauma Training Toolkit from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. The Child Welfare Trauma Training Toolkit course assists those in the field of child welfare who wish to learn more about child welfare and trauma. The backbone of the course is the newly released second edition of the Child Welfare Trauma Training Toolkit which teaches basic knowledge, skills, and values about working with children who have experienced traumatic stress and who are in the child welfare system. The toolkit guides practitioners and others in supporting children's safety, permanency, and well-being through case analysis and corresponding interventions tailored to them and to their biological and resource families. This comprehensive training curriculum is twice the size of the first edition and includes a Trainer's Guide, Appendices, Slidekit, Participant Manual, Supplemental Handouts, recommended reading and resources, Comprehensive Guide, and an accompanying CD-Rom. <http://learn.nctsn.org/login/index.php>

On January 2, 2017 the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNA) released a report outlining the successes of the President Obama's administration and tribal communities. While highlighting the success, this report also outlines the priorities that the council will continue to work on. The report entitled, "A Renewed Era of Federal-Tribal Relations," can be found at https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/whcna_report_1.2.2017.pdf

The Children's Bureau has issued ACF-ACYF-CB-PI-17-02. This Program Instruction provides guidance to states on implementing provisions in CAPTA, as amended by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA), relating to infants affected by substance abuse. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/im1605>



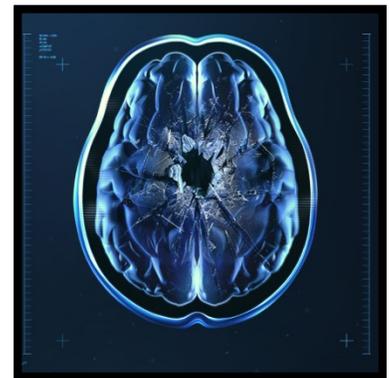
Visit the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs website for a compiled listing of resources and publications available to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and tribal programs. <https://ojp.gov/programs/aiana.htm>

Federal Register - Recognition of Tribal Organizations for Representation of VA Claimants. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulations concerning recognition of certain national, State, and regional or local organizations for purposes of VA claims representation. Specifically, this rulemaking allows the Secretary to recognize tribal organizations in a similar manner as the Secretary recognizes State organizations. The final rule allows a tribal organization that is established and funded by one or more tribal governments to be recognized for the purpose of providing assistance on VA benefit claims. In addition, the final rule allows an employee of a tribal government to become accredited through a recognized State organization in a similar manner as a County Veterans' Service Officer (CVSO) may become accredited through a recognized State organization. The effect of this action is to address the needs of Native American populations who are geographically isolated from existing recognized Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) or who may not be utilizing other recognized VSOs due to cultural barriers or lack of familiarity with those organizations. Effective Date: This rule is effective February 21, 2017. VA invites all interested tribal organizations to consider beginning the process of becoming a VSO. For more information, please visit VA's website: <http://www.va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp>.

TRAININGS AND EVENTS

Join The United States Department of Justice in Changing Minds about Children's Exposure to Violence. In October 2016, the Department of Justice (DOJ) launched Changing Minds, a national public education campaign to raise awareness, teach skills, and prompt public action in response to children's exposure to violence in the U.S. This multiyear campaign, established through DOJ's Defending Childhood Initiative, features digital and print content intended to reach adults who interact with children and youth in grades K-12. The new campaign website, ChangingMindsNOW.org, provides resources and tips on how to support children who may have been affected by violence.

<https://changingmindsnow.org/?ed2f26df2d9c416fbddddd2330a778c6=kvblbjbxj-kkmmjlx>



Call for Workshop Proposals for the 2017 National Training Institute. December 5-7, 2017. Portland, Oregon. Do you have an idea for an important workshop? If you, or someone you know has a workshop to propose, the National Center for Victims of Crime wants to hear from you! Deadline to Submit a Proposal: Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Topic areas of particular interest for the 2017 National Training Institute include: Underserved Populations, Victims with Disabilities, Elder Abuse, Children and Adolescents, Violence against Women, Military, and Law Enforcement. <https://victimsofcrime.secure-platform.com/a/>

Visit the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) website to register for Victim Assistance Training (VAT) modules. 50 training modules are currently available and can be taken ONLINE! <https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspTrainingLanding.cfm>

Hotline Standards and Practices National Inquiry. DC is working to strengthen Hotline practices and with that wants to determine if their hotline staff are in line with any established professional standards for child welfare hotline staff around the country. If your state can shed some light on your Hotline practice standards they would greatly appreciate it.

- What are states' educational and/or licensing requirements for hotline staff?
- Do any states have certification requirements for hotline staff? Are there certification requirements that focus on the softer skills/customer service? Interviewing?--As well as the more technical pieces?—screening, assessment entering the report into the system, timeliness, accuracy of the reports?
- What metrics do other states use to assess performance of hotline staff?
- What is the ratio of staff to call volume?

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