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OVC News...

New Mass Violence and Terrorism [webinar recordings](#) now available: Helping Victims of Mass Violence & Terrorism: The First 24 to 48 Hours – Part 1 and 48 Hours and Beyond – Part 2. This web training series highlights the importance of communities, states, and regions planning a response to incidents of mass violence and terrorism using the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) resource, Helping Victims of Mass Violence & Terrorism: Planning, Response, Recovery, and Resources Toolkit. The first webinar in this series provides a detailed overview of how to use the Toolkit. Subsequent web trainings delve deeper into sections of the Toolkit. Customized technical assistance is available to city, county, and state-level organizations to help implement the Toolkit. If you would like to request mass violence and terrorism customized technical assistance, please contact us by email at TTAC@ovcttac.org.

Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) Online Expert Q&A: "Law Enforcement Response: Approaching Your Work with a Trauma-Informed Lens." May 29, 2019 | 2PM EDT. Summary: Victims react to the psychological trauma of a crime in various ways. In order to ensure they receive the care they need; you must become familiar with the impact of trauma and the concept of trauma-informed care. This session will provide insight into the surprising similarities of victims and police officers that will help connect the complex thought patterns of a victim in trying to survive the moment and in the long term. [Register today](#). Note: This session will be recorded and posted on the Expert Q&A Past Sessions tab when available.

[Meet](#) this year's National Crime Victims' Service Awards recipients. These exceptional individuals and organizations were recognized during the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 12, 2019, in Washington, D.C.



The National Survey of Victim Service Providers. In 2017, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and OVC conducted the first National Census of Victim Service Providers (NCVSP) which helped create a national roster of all active victim service providers in the United States. The National Survey of Victim Service Providers (NSVSP) will collect more detailed information on topics such as service provided to crime victims, staffing, and organizational constraints for service providers in order to better understand the type and scope of victim services nationwide. In April, BJS and OVC sent an informational letter about the survey to a nationally representative sample of victim service providers and, in May, they will disseminate an invitation to complete the NSVSP online survey. If your agency is selected, OVC encourages your participation to help represent other agencies with similar characteristics.

ITVERP Launches Online Application to Streamline Claims Process. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) released a new online application and [claims tracking portal](#) for the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP). Since 2006, ITVERP has been providing financial support to victims of international terrorism for specific out-of-pocket expenses they may have



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incurred as a direct result of their victimization. Eligible claimants can now file ITVERP applications online, upload supporting documentation, and track claims from start to finish. Paper applications will continue to be available for those who prefer them. Case managers are also available to assist with online or paper applications. Visit the [ITVERP site](#) for more information about the program, including eligibility criteria and the claims process.

Funding Opportunity: [FY 2019 Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime](#). Through this program, OVC will support national-scope initiatives and regional initiatives (that can be replicated nationally) to maximize the use of technology to improve and increase access to crime victim services. OVC will give priority to proposals that have a national scope, as those projects may have the potential to serve more victims, but an exceptional proposal that is initially regional in scope could certainly be competitive. Projects could include, but are not limited to: Development of new national app(s) or creation of another technology platform designed to serve victims of crime; Development of regionally focused app(s) or creation of another technology platform designed to serve victims of crime; and expansion or enhancement of existing services and/or hotlines on digital, online, or text platforms or an app that uses technology to provide services, referrals, tools, and information to victims of crime. OVC expects to make up to 7 awards in the range of \$500,000 to \$2 million each, with an estimated total amount awarded of up to \$8 million.

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>.

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Resources...

The Centers for Disease Control CDC has released a [report](#) on suicide among American Indians and Alaska Natives. The report used 2003 to 2014 data from 18 states participating in the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). Analysis of National Violent Death Reporting System data from 18 states showed AI/AN suicide decedents were younger and had higher odds of living in a nonmetropolitan area than did non-Hispanic whites who died by suicide. Suicide and non-suicide deaths of friends and family, as well as alcohol use preceding death were associated with AI/AN decedents more often than non-Hispanic white decedents. The high prevalence of suicide among the AI/AN population and the comparative differences in suicide circumstances among AI/AN decedents illustrate some of the disparities this population faces. Focused, yet comprehensive, suicide prevention and intervention efforts are needed that incorporate culturally relevant, evidence-based strategies at the individual, interpersonal, and community levels.



Native PFLAG. Native PFLAG's goal is to keep families together and foster the traditional teachings of being LGBT/Two-Spirit. To facilitate this goal, we provide a safe place for ALL members of the family to share their feelings and experiences with others who have been down the same road. Background: [PFLAG](#) was founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. PFLAG is a national non-profit, uniting people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT). PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and full societal affirmation of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG has over 400 chapters and supporters crossing multiple generations of families in major urban centers, small cities and rural areas in all 50 states. [PFLAG Phoenix Native American Chapter](#), also known as "Native PFLAG", is the only chapter in the country that is focused on supporting Native American communities and emphasizes traditional Native American LGBT/Two-Spirit teachings. Native PFLAG held its first meeting on June 14, 2001. Click on the photo below to see a video of our chapter's founder, Sheila Lopez.

Check out the [Healing Justice Project](#). Healing Justice is a national nonprofit organization addressing the individual and collective harm caused by wrongful convictions, through restorative justice and justice reform. Healing Justice serves all who have been directly harmed in these cases: crime victims, survivors, and their families, as well as the innocent who were wrongly convicted and their families. This organization also offers programs for others who have been affected by these cases: jurors, judges, police, prosecutors, victim advocates, and other justice and social service providers.

OJJDP's Updated AMBER Alert Best Practices Guide Now Available. The Office of Justice Programs has announced the [publication](#) of OJJDP's updated "AMBER Alert Best Practices" guide. This resource provides a "what works" approach to responding to cases of missing or abducted children at the state and regional levels. "Protecting children—especially those whose lives are in imminent danger—is fundamental to the mission of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention," said OJJDP Administrator Caren Harp. "This new resource will give our regional, state, and local AMBER Alert partners the latest information, solicited from veteran public safety officials and seasoned experts, on how to respond swiftly and effectively to child abductions."

"The Redemption Project with Van Jones is a [new eight-part CNN Original Series](#), created and executively produced by Jonas Bell Pasht and Jonah Becher of Citizen Jones and Academy-Award®-nominated director Jason Cohen. Offering a rare glimpse into the restorative justice process of victim/offender dialogue, each episode follows the victim, or surviving family members, of a life-altering



crime as they journey to meet face-to-face with their offender in the hopes of finding answers or some sense of healing. Van Jones serves as a guide for the viewer throughout this transformational experience. Through unique access to the U.S. prison system, this powerful series explores the human potential for redemption."

New [publication](#) from Center for Victim Research: "Who Experiences Violent Victimization and Who Accesses Services? Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey for Expanding Our Reach"

Training & Events...

The Urban Unangaġ (Aleut) Culture Camp will be held June 17 – 21 this summer at APIA's central headquarters in Anchorage. This year marks the 12th year of the camp; a major milestone! The free one-of-a-kind camp is open to community members of all ages residing in the Greater Anchorage area and Alaska; however, participants are primarily of Unangaġ or Aleut descent. Please [apply](#) through the appropriate application! Application can either be printed, signed and sent in by going to our website or you can use the online application links below! Application categories include: [Youth](#); [Adult](#); [Child](#). Applications are due on (or before) May 31st!



Register for SMART's 2019 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability. July 17–28, 2019, Chicago, IL [Join](#) the SMART Office to learn about tools, techniques, and information vital to monitoring sex offenders and combating sexual assault and child sexual abuse. Take advantage of this opportunity to network with sex offender registry personnel, law enforcement and prosecutors working in these areas across the country. Hosted by the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking, the 2019 symposium will support state, local and tribal partners' initiatives and efforts to prevent and respond to sexual offenses.

[Applications](#) Being Accepted for Local School-Justice Partnerships Certificate Program. The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University (CJJR) has released a request for applications for a field-based version of the 2019 School-Justice Partnerships and Diversion Pathways Certificate Program. This new version of the training will be held September 23-27, 2019, in partnership with the National Association of Counties, American Institutes for Research, and the National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice. This year's program allows a total of seven multi-disciplinary teams, of up to eight people each, from one state to jointly apply to hold the training locally. The program will focus on creating a safe and supportive school climate, addressing exclusionary disciplinary policies, school-based diversion programs, and more. Apply by May 24, 2019.

Attention 2016 and 2017 Southwest Grantee Programs: The Southwest Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grantee Regional Training Workshop (re-scheduled) has been approved...

REGISTRATION emails have been sent out for the re-scheduled OVC Grantee Regional Training Workshop planned for Spring 2019. All grantee programs are now encouraged to register and now book travel for this workshop! A draft agenda can be emailed to your program upon request. Locations and dates are included below:

Southwest Regional Training (DOJ approved): May 14-16, 2019. Hosted by the Pueblo of Isleta. Albuquerque, NM. *Only for 2016 and 2017 grantees located in CA, NV, AZ, NM, CO, KS, OK, and MS.*

Registration and Travel Information:

- Click [here](#) for the registration link for the training workshop.
- We encourage each of you to bring at least three (3) people to the regional training workshop. This team can consist of program staff as well as professionals within your community to include Program Managers, Victim Advocates, Tribal Leaders and Law Enforcement.
- To make reservations at Isleta Resort and Casino under the group room block, please call 1-877-747-5382 and reference room block code UTS0519. The Isleta Resort and Casino offers a free shuttle service from and to the Albuquerque International Sunport-ABQ. This shuttle pick-up must be reserved through the hotel prior to your arrival.



The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College is excited to announce the addition of one new staff member to our team! Help us welcome Kevin Poleyumptewa...

Kevin Poleyumptewa is a Program Coordinator with the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College. Kevin works with program efforts funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. This includes providing training and technical assistance for the OVC American Indian/Alaska Native Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance and Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Programs. Prior to this, Kevin provided fatherhood and healthy relationships programming in communities, jails and juvenile residential treatment facilities, as well as training, workshop and keynote address for various Native American tribes, communities, conferences, high schools and youth programs. Through this work he has assisted in anti-gang efforts throughout Arizona.

Mr. Poleyumptewa has served as the State Director for the non-profit Fathers and Families Coalition of Arizona and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Fathers and Families Coalition of America. Kevin is also the owner of two businesses, SunDance Career Services and Moonlit Dreams Photography.

Raised on the Hopi reservation, Mr. Poleyumptewa understands the dynamic of reservation life and the struggles associated with hanging on to culture/tradition and surviving in a modern world. In addition, the effect this has on the future of our children and our Native Communities. He has had the opportunity to travel across the country providing workshops and training to various communities, agencies, and organizations. However, his most rewarding title is that of "Dad." Married for 20 years, Poleyumptewa is father to two daughters and one son.



Steve Siegel, pioneer of crime victims' rights movement and Unified Solutions Board Member, retires after 36 years as "conscience and compass" of Denver DA's office...

Steve Siegel recently retired as the Director of the Special Programs Unit for the Denver District Attorney's Office. Siegel started his career with the Denver District Attorney's Office in 1983, after seven and one-half years in the First Judicial District Attorney's Office in Colorado. Siegel has earned many career highlights, which include administration of the Denver Victim Assistance Law and Enforcement Board. The creation and/or supervision of cutting-edge Criminal Justice Programs is an integral part of Siegel's work. These programs include the Denver Anti Trafficking Alliance (DATA); Cold Case DNA Project; Justice Review Project (Post Conviction DNA Innocence Review); Witness Protection Program (which was recently named a model of innovation by the National Association of Prosecuting Attorneys); Victim Services Network (VSN); Juvenile Diversion Program; Domestic Violence Fast Track Program; Community Advocacy Program and the Rose Anom Family Justice Center; Elder Abuse Forensic Collaborative, Communities Against Senior Exploitation (CASE); the Drug Endangered Children Collaborative; and Courtrooms to

Classrooms. The Denver Victim Services 2000 Project (or VSN) is designated by the U.S. Department of Justice as the single urban site in the United States for a demonstration model of a victim services network. Siegel is the past Chair and current member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Victims of Crime. He was appointed by the Governor as a founding member of the Colorado Criminal Justice Commission. Over the course of his 43-year career, Siegel has been a catalyst for the development of inter-agency protocols that have been replicated nationwide on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, and Victimization of the Elderly and Disabled. Steve Siegel is a 2006 recipient of the National Crime Victim Service Award and is an active member of the Board of Directors for Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc.

Click [here](#) to read about Steve Siegel's life and work in the Denver Post.

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