



VOCA Newsletter Crime Victim Services Unit

The DPS Crime Victim Services Unit received 41 applications for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These 41 applications represented one-year budgets totaling \$1,947,260. The overwhelming response to the grant announcement obviously reflects the dire situation that many organizations are facing during this economic downturn. While DPS is thankful for the funding received, the \$930,000 (for a two-year period) did not come close to meeting the needs of the applicants requesting funds. In the end, DPS was able to support a total of 14 projects statewide.

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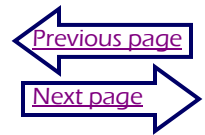
VOCA Grant Renewal in March

Start preparing now for the upcoming renewal process for your current DPS/VOCA grant. In early March, DPS will open the renewal process for the upcoming FY11 grant period. As in the past, DPS anticipates that grants will be renewed for an additional year at the current FY10 funding level. If your agency has experienced changes in hourly rates, fringe benefit costs, or other operating expenses, you should start preparing now to reflect those changes in next year's budget. The bottom line total will remain the same, but minor modifications may be necessary due to fluctuations within your budget. Agencies will have between three and four weeks to modify and submit your FY11 grant application. An email regarding the upcoming renewal process will be sent to the current project contacts listed in WAGS. Agencies should verify that the contact information is correct and if changes are necessary, notify your grant coordinator immediately.

Congratulations!

Haven Family Resource Center
&
Maricopa Cty Attorney's Office

2010 Grant Recipients of
OVC's National Crime
Victims' Rights Week
Community Awareness Project



IMPORTANT!!

DPS/VOCA Quarterly Report Tips

Program Report Narrative — Volunteers:

Toward the end of the Narrative section, agencies report volunteer activity. The first box, "Total Number of Volunteers for the Quarter," should identify the number of volunteers who donated time to the VOCA funded project during the quarter. The second box, "Total Volunteer Hours towards Match for the Quarter," should be completed ONLY if volunteer hours were included in the agency budget as in-kind match for the VOCA funded project. This box should identify the number of volunteer hours that were actually reported as match (on the Monthly Financial Reports) for the respective quarter. If volunteer hours are not used as match, enter "0" in this box. The third box, "Total Volunteer Hours for the Quarter," should identify the number of volunteer hours that were devoted to the VOCA funded project.

Program Report Victim Statistics — Type of Victimization:

In this section, subgrantees should identify the number of new victims that accessed services through the VOCA funded project. This should include both primary and secondary victims to whom direct services were provided. The secondary victims should be identified in the same victim category as the primary victim.

When possible, utilize the VOCA category that most closely relates to the victimization type. Victimization types listed in "Other" should be specified and should identify the victimization type, not necessarily the criminal charge. For example, Protection Order violations should be listed under the category for which the order was issued, i.e., domestic violence, assault, etc. Another example is "Witness to Violence" which should be reported under the category of the violence witnessed, i.e. homicide, domestic violence, assault, etc.

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What's New at OVC?

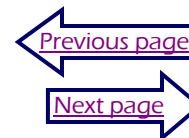
Web Forum

- 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:
 - Serving American Indian Victims of Sex Trafficking (hosted by Suzanne Koeplinger & Alexandra [Sandi] Pierce)
 - Stalking in the Workplace (hosted by Michael Proctor & Rebecca Dreke)
 - Working with Victims of Gang Violence (hosted by Jeffrey Bergman & Pamela Kelly)
 - Serving Elder Abuse Victims in Indian Country (hosted by Melissa Riley)
 - Helping Children Exposed to Domestic Violence (hosted by Sherry Hamby & Miriam Berkman)
 - Providing Campus Crime Awareness (hosted by Alison Kiss)
 - Working with LGBTIQ Survivors of Violence (hosted by Avy Skolnik)

Upcoming Trainings & Conferences



Victim to Victorious!... The Journey Continues



August 22—25, 2010
Hilton Salt Lake City Center
Salt Lake City, UT

Arizona South Asians for Safe Families presents

HIMMAT1 — Healing with Courage: Understanding the Impact of Family Violence on our Communities with special focus on the South Asian Community

Saturday, March 6, 10 am—5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 9, 6 pm—8:45 pm

Thursday, March 11, 6 pm—8:45 pm

Friday, April 23, all day session

Scottsdale Civic Center Library, Gold Room

AZ POST approved

Registration \$70

To register call 1-877-SAFE-711 or email asafsf@gmail.com or info@asafsf.org. Website: www.asafsf.org

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

Yavapai County—Prescott

March 4, 2010 / March 5, 2010

Pima County—Tucson

March 25, 2010 / March 26, 2010

La Paz County—Parker

May 6, 2010 / May 7, 2010

Maricopa County—Phoenix

March 18, 2010 / March 19, 2010

Mohave County—Kingman

April 29, 2010 / April 30, 2010

Training is FREE — Registration is required

[Register online](#)

Reminder: Victims' Rights training is required for all VOCA funded staff & their immediate supervisor



Click TTAC for workshop descriptions & scholarship details and to visit OVC's Training & Technical Assistance Center

Identifying & Responding to Elder Abuse

Jacksonville, FL

March 23-24

Supporting Children Living with Grief & Trauma

Urbana, IL

May 4-5

Fundraising and Grant Writing 

Los Angeles, CA

May 18-19

Enforcing Victims' Rights

Milwaukee, WI

June 16-17

The Ultimate Trainer


Boston, MA

August 17-19

DNA Collection & Utilization in Sexual Assault Cases 

Beaverton, OR

September 21-22

Working with Victims with Disabilities 

Louisville, KY

October 5-7

Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training

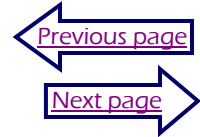
Fairfax, VA

October 26-27



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Check out posters now available at the NCVRW website, click the link below.



Save the Date!!

Carnegie Center, 1101 W. Washington, Phoenix

April 19, 2010 @ 9 am

Please join the Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard in celebration of the 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and presentation of the 2010 Distinguished Service Awards.

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Program Report Victim Statistics — Type of Services Provided:

Subgrantees are to report the number of victims receiving a particular service for the first time only, not every time a service is provided. Information and Referral is counted as one service, even though several different types of referrals may have been provided.

Report only those services that are provided through the VOCA funded project. If your agency does not provide shelter service but refers victims to shelter, this would be considered an Information and Referral service, not Shelter. If your agency does not provide Therapy but refers victims for therapy services, this would be considered an Information and Referral service.

Emergency Financial Assistance should only be reported if VOCA or matching funds are included in the VOCA Agreement for this purpose.

Per the VOCA definition, A. Crisis Counseling and G. Information, Referral and Connection are "in-person" services and should only be reported when those services are provided "in-person". The specific categories for these "by phone" services are D. Crisis Counseling via phone/hotline and M. Telephone contact (information, referral and connection).

When possible, utilize the VOCA categories that most closely relate to the Service type. For example, services such as case management, safety planning, assessments, DV education, life skills training, employment assistance, translation, and transportation for other than court related reasons should be reported under Personal Advocacy.

Emails and home visits after the initial contact with a victim should be reported under Follow Up Contact.

Restitution services should be reported as Criminal Justice Advocacy.

Traditional Healing services should be specifically identified as "Other - Traditional Healing."

As always, if you are unsure how to report a particular victim or service, please contact your DPS/VOCA grant coordinator for guidance.

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New Resources & Studies

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Are you searching for ways to improve performance measures
and evaluate your program's success?

Then check out [OVC's new Technical Assistance Guides](#).

The four guides listed below were developed to strengthen
system or community-based victim assistance organizations.

Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation

Conducting a Needs Assessment

Hiring a Local Evaluator

Protecting Human Subjects (related to research)