



## **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia**

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### COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY

#### COMMEMORATES

#### NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) will acknowledge National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a training session that will provide information on this topic to CSOSA staff. Special guests from the United States Attorney's Office and other professionals in the field of crime victims' rights will be making presentations.

The history of National Crime Victims' Rights Week began in 1982 when President Ronald Reagan assembled a task force of nine national leaders to travel the country and listen to service providers, criminal justice professionals, and victims. The Task Force's Final Report listed 68 recommendations for meeting victims' needs, including the need for a Federal constitutional amendment. The momentum generated by this report helped spur passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, which now supports thousands of assistance programs throughout the Nation.

The theme for CSOSA's program this year is "Fulfill the Promise." The training session will take place on April 8, 2003, at 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., conference room 2066, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30p.m. Speakers include Dr. Lorraine Chase, Supervisor, Domestic Violence Unit, United States Attorney's Office; Ms. Jan Withers, Victim Services Coordinator, Maryland Crime Victim's Resource Center; and Ms. Stephanie Snowden, Director of Client Services, Women Empowered Against Violence.

Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director of CSOSA stated, "CSOSA is proud to help commemorate the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and focus attention on what our nation must do to "fulfill the promise" of dignity and respect, of services and support, and of justice for crime victims."