

...about the changing profile of crime victimization.

With advancing technology, widespread use of the Internet, increased international tourism, and overseas job opportunities, issues of violent crime, terrorism, and mass victimization have become a major concern for agencies serving victims in the United States and abroad. To keep up with the changing profile of crime, OVC collects information from the field regarding new and emerging needs of crime victims. OVC identifies unmet needs and develops policies, protocols, and guidelines—which are then passed along to you via OVC publications, conferences, trainings, and technical assistance to improve your ability to serve victims of crime.

OVC provides these resources to the field through its Web site as well as through OVCRC and OVC TTAC. OVC also provides general resources to help victim service providers heighten awareness and effect change in their communities.

Visit the OVC Web site (www.ovc.gov) for the latest information on crime victim laws, policies, and programs.



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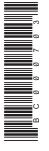
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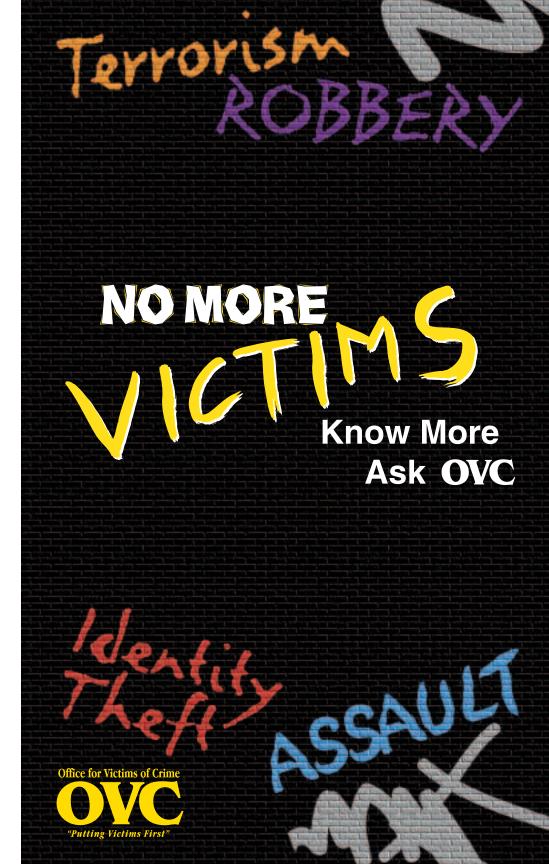


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"I believe the way to fight crime more effectively is by giving the victim more power and rights."

—A victim who received services from a VOCA-funded program in Minnesota

Information is power, and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is dedicated to helping you empower victims. OVC provides quick and easy access to funding information, training and technical assistance, publications, skill-building tools, and other vital information resources to enhance victim services.

Formally established in 1988 through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, OVC's mission has always been to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime.

OVC works with international, national, tribal, state, military, and local victim assistance and criminal justice agencies, as well as other professional organizations, to promote fundamental rights and comprehensive services for crime victims.

Make a difference by accessing the right information. OVC provides many of the tools you need—through the OVC Resource Center (OVCRC), the OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC), and the OVC Web site (www.ovc.gov).

Know More...

...to take action.
...to have an impact.
...to make a difference.

Know More ...

...about the latest justice information.

Whether you are drafting policies on domestic violence, searching for up-to-date research on child abuse, investigating a story on hate crime, or seeking statistics on the nature of victimization in the United States, turn to the OVC Resource Center for accurate and reliable justice information.

As a component of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), OVCRC has direct access to the most comprehensive criminal justice library in the world.

OVCRC produces, collects, maintains, and disseminates comprehensive information and resources for victim service providers and allied professionals. When you ask OVCRC for help, our knowledgeable information specialists will provide a response tailored to your needs. They will also make suggestions about additional or related resources and even assist you with research.

Ask OVCRC for

- Up-to-date research and statistics.
- · Victim-related publications.
- Other information resources and referrals.

For assistance, call 1–800–851–3420 (TTY 1–877–712–9279) or submit your questions using the online form at *http://ovc.ncjrs.org/askovc*. Information about victim-related issues is also available from OVCRC 24 hours a day through the Internet (visit *www.ncjrs.org*).

Know More...

...about individualized tools and strategies.

Ask OVC TTAC for help building and enhancing the skills you need to provide victimsensitive services. Using experts from the field, OVC TTAC can help you expand your understanding of victims' issues, assess your program needs, and establish sound policies—plus provide the support necessary to help you achieve your goals. OVC TTAC tailors assistance to your program's individual needs. Through consultation with TTAC's professional staff, mentors, and expert consultants, help is available to identify and secure speakers for conferences and workshops, provide training on victims' issues, find facilitators for focus groups and strategic planning meetings, and access other tools and skill-building activities aimed at effectively working with crime victims.

OVC TTAC offers scheduled trainings developed by OVC's discretionary grantees and maintains an annual calendar of training events.

For help in meeting all your training and technical assistance needs, just ask OVC TTAC. Log onto *www.ovcttac.org* for the latest OVC TTAC resources, call 1–866–OVC–TTAC (TTY 1–866–682–8880), or send an e-mail to *TTAC@ovcttac.org* for more information.

Ask OVC TTAC for

- Technical assistance and training tailored to strengthen your program.
- Experts to speak at your next conference or victim-related event.
- Onsite victim service consultants to help you when you need assistance.
- State-of-the-art training.

Know More...

...about the latest online resources.

The OVC Web site is the primary source of skill-building tools for victim service providers and allied professionals. Online you can find general resource publications, documents related to current critical issues, and conference opportunities for victim services and allied professionals to help you strengthen your program.

Visit the OVC Web site to

- Download OVC publications quickly and easily.
- Learn about available OVC grants and other funding opportunities.
- Locate an OVC-funded program that provides assistance to victims at the state or local level.
- Submit queries and requests to OVC via the Ask OVC online form.
- Access the comprehensive NCJRS Calendar of Events.
- Search the extensive NCJRS document collection.
- Obtain specialized products such as program guides, information packages, and videos.
- Link to national victim service organizations.
- Access information on current victim-related issues.