

New Directions: Strategies for Implementation— Tools for Action Guide

The *Strategies for Implementation—Tools for Action Guide* provides valuable resources for implementing the recommendations, ideas, and promising practices contained in *New Directions*. The section on **Global Strategies for Implementation** suggests approaches for justice system agencies, victim service providers, allied professionals, public policy-makers, and interested citizens to consider when beginning the challenging task of implementing the many innovative programs, policies, and recommendations highlighted in *New Directions* on the local, State, Tribal, national, and international levels.

The section on **Suggested Events To Promote New Directions** identifies key first steps that can be undertaken to launch implementation efforts such as creating a statewide task force, sponsoring a community forum, and dedicating a conference plenary session. The **Tools for Public Speaking** section includes a sample speech and suggested talking points that can be used when making presentations about *New Directions*. The section entitled **Camera-Ready Resources** provides useful overheads formatted for reproduction to enhance speaker presentations, and camera-ready public awareness pocket cards that can be reproduced and distributed as hand-outs at a variety of professional training and community education events.

The section entitled **Getting the Word Out About New Directions** contains a variety of tools to increase public awareness, including a sample opinion/editorial column, press release, and newsletter article. Sample letters encouraging criminal justice agencies, allied professional associations, and public officials to take decisive action to implement *New Directions* are also provided in this section.

While *New Directions* contains nearly 450 pages of information, it can seem overwhelming to some first-time readers. Therefore, an **Index** is provided in this *Guide* for easy access to information contained in *New Directions*. In addition, the section entitled **Master List of New Directions Recommendations** provides a comprehensive overview of recommendations contained in each of *New Directions*' 18 chapters, formatted by chapter for distribution.

Also included is a **videotape and accompanying discussion guide** about *New Directions*. The Office for Victims of Crime supported the development of the *New Directions from the Field: Victims' Rights and Services for the 21st Century* videotape to serve as an introduction and overview of *New Directions*. The videotape will be distributed widely and as a result, the final section of this *Guide* provides suggested discussion questions for a variety of viewing audiences.