





Expanding Legal Assistance for Crime Victims

OVC has launched a new initiative to create an integrated, independent, national network of pro bono legal assistance providers for victims of crime. The initiative will:

- Increase the capacity of attorneys to provide culturally competent civil, administrative, and criminal legal assistance to all crime victims through the development of standardized training.
- Enhance relationships between organizations with expertise in specialized areas (e.g., civil legal assistance to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault; legal services for victims of human trafficking; immigration law related to immigrant battered women; enforcement of victims' rights in criminal proceedings; and legal assistance to victims of identity theft and financial fraud) to serve as project partners or subject matter experts.
- Develop a national cadre of pro bono legal specialists who can respond to assignments from pro bono programs, legal clinics and other legal resources to help meet victims' legal needs and/or who can provide specialized training and technical assistance.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Legal Assistance for Crime Victims: An OVC Capacity Building Initiative can send an email to TTAC@ovcttac.org. Individuals or organizations interested in serving as a partner or subject matter expert can find information about submitting a Statement of Interest at https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/dspLegalAssistance.cfm.



