

Victim Services TTA Digest

Your Monthly TTA E-Newsletter from the National Center



KEY FINDINGS: A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF THE CRIME VICTIMS FIELD

Read the report [here](#)

A TOOLKIT FOR WORKING WITH OLDER AFRICAN AMERICAN CRIME SURVIVORS

Check out this resource [here](#)

NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE STUDY FROM OKLAHOMA CITY: "OPERATION 922"

Learn more [here](#)

News Highlights

Ohio Awards CARES Act Funding to Victim Service Providers

Governor Mike DeWine announced that nearly three dozen local victim service providers have been awarded CARES Act funding ... [more](#).

National Sexual Assault Hotline Sees Record Demand During Pandemic--Many Callers are Children

As the coronavirus pandemic has engulfed the country, more children are reaching out to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network's Sexual Assault Hotline, which is experiencing its highest demand for services in its entire 26-year history ... [more](#).

Missouri Adds Greater Protections for Rape Victims and Streamlines its Rape Kit Testing

More than a year after the Attorney General's Office began investigating the state's backlog of untested rape kits, Missouri is adding greater protections for victims and a process for streamlining testing ... [more](#).

Blog Post: Where to Refer Victims of Sex Trafficking



The National Center recently wrote a blog post focused on increasing victim service providers' understanding of sex trafficking and knowledge of available resources. **Several key takeaways include:**

- In 2019, the National Human Trafficking Hotline announced that there were 11,500 reported cases of human trafficking. Of those, 8,248 were reported as sex trafficking.
- The [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) is an excellent resource that connects victims and survivors of sex trafficking with services and supports to find help and stay safe. [Call 1 \(888\) 373-7888.](#)
- Victims and survivors of sex trafficking can use the Legal Service's Corporations [interactive map](#) to find local legal assistance.
- The [Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program](#) (DVHT) follows a comprehensive approach and aids victims by providing housing options in the short- and long-term, as well as treatment for substance abuse, counseling, educational resources, employment services, and financial services.

Read our full blog post [here](#).

Promising Practices: Multidisciplinary Responses to Complex Homicide Cases

Literature discussing the value of multidisciplinary approaches to serving victims of crime is prolific. Holistic, coordinated support is integral in recovering from trauma. Multidisciplinary approaches serve as a promising practice for responding to victims of many types of crime, including sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, homicide, and others.

Multidisciplinary responses lead to more positive victim and survivor experiences, as victims often need a significant number of services and can be overwhelmed with the number of agencies and organizations with which they might need to interact.

Is your team or agency interested in learning more? **Our *Multidisciplinary Responses to Combatting Complex Homicide Promising Practices Report* will be available this fall.**

The report will discuss:

- Building a multidisciplinary team
- Improving responses & navigating challenges
- Conducting evaluations & collecting data
- Establishing policies & protocols
- Ensuring sustainability
- Working with survivors & the media
- Handling cases involving children
- Utilizing the National Center's TTA Resources

Stay tuned for this resource in an upcoming digest!

Upcoming Victim Services Trainings



Join the National Network to End Domestic Violence for its **8th Annual Virtual Technology Summit on Monday, August 3rd, through Friday, August 7th**. The Summit will focus on the intersection of technology and abuse and cover a wide range of technology-related issues. The Summit will be helpful for advocates, social service providers, law enforcement, and legal professionals who work with survivors of abuse. It will take place on Zoom and include 10 webinars over the course of five days.

Learn more and register [here](#).



Join the Dallas Children's Center from **Monday, August 10th, through Thursday, August 13th, for the Crimes Against Children Conference**. The conference provides practical and interactive instruction to those fighting crimes against children and helping children heal. It is conducted to provide training to those employed by government or nonprofit agencies in the fields of law enforcement, child protective services, social work, children's advocacy, therapy, and medicine who work directly with child victims of crime.

Learn more and register [here](#).

WHAT ARE YOUR TEAM'S TTA NEEDS?

Take the survey

Additional Upcoming Victim Services Events

"Building Relationships Between Communities and Police: What Prosecutors Need to Know"

August 5th, 3-4:30 pm EST, register [here](#)

*Presented by the Office of Juvenile Justice
and Delinquency Prevention*

"Brown Bag: August 2020 - Meaningful Engagement with People with Lived Experience"

August 11th, 2-3 pm EST, register [here](#)

Presented by Violence Free Colorado

"Asking the Right Questions: Collaborative Approaches and Strategies to Identify and Serve Child Sex Trafficking Survivors"

August 12th, 1-2 pm EST, register [here](#)

Presented by Justice Clearinghouse

