

# VICTIM SERVICES TTA DIGEST



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## REMINDER: NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE SOON!



NCVC's **National Training Institute (NTI)** is a multidisciplinary institute that offers more than 80 victim-centered, practice-based, research-informed trainings to sharpen your skills, connect with peers, and reach across professions, including law enforcement, victim services professionals, counselors, and other allied professionals. You can register for NTI [here](#).

*Please note that we are offering a \$50 registration discount for law enforcement. To access this discount, please make sure you have selected law enforcement as your registration type, and enter the password **2019NTILE**.*

## VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

*Take a moment to read up on some of the topics that NCVC offers training on, and be sure to check out our website to view even more topics through our TTA catalog at [ncvctta.org](http://ncvctta.org).*

### POST DISASTER

While often overlooked in terms of disaster planning, post-disaster victim assistance plans or victim services' protocol can be instrumental in responding to disasters such as natural disasters, terrorism events, **mass violence events**, and political unrest. This training seeks to inform law enforcement on policies and protocols that can be included in the development of a post-disaster victim assistance plan. Some learning objectives include:

- Promoting post-disaster victim service partnerships, shared commitment, and collective action, that is victim-centered and results in high quality results for victims
- Educating law enforcement on how to incorporate various victim service resources and develop a unified community response plan

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a very pervasive issue in our communities today, which makes it a very pertinent issue for law enforcement and the victim services community. Domestic violence covers a breadth of issues including intimate partner violence and even child abuse in some cases, meaning that there is always more to learn in terms of prevention and identification. Some topics that the NCVC domestic violence training covers include:

- Identifying domestic violence;
- Victim safety and protection;
- Community coordinated responses to domestic violence; and
- Resulting child, family, and community trauma

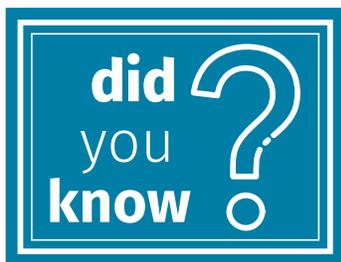


## EVENT HIGHLIGHT

### 2020 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Violence Across the Lifespan

April 14-16, 2010 | Washington, D.C.

End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) offers an annual conference that brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, and more to discuss sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, and elder abuse. This three day conference discusses emerging issues in this field as well as highlights promising practices. This conference brings together more than 2,000 attendees to participate in nearly 60 workshops. You can register for the **conference here**.



The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) offers an online tool that allows you to analyze data collected by the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) to analyze trends in victimization data.

The **NCVS Victimization Analysis Tool (NVAT)** allows users to analyze data on violent and property victimizations from 1993 to 2018. Some examples of data that can be analyzed include:

- Rates at which individuals victimized by different kinds of violent crimes report their victimization to the police
- The percentages of various relationships between victim and offender by violent or property victimization

The NVAT is a great resource for law enforcement and victim service providers to use to gain a better understanding of victimization trends in the U.S.

## Upcoming Webinars

### Raped, Then Jailed: The Risks of Prosecution for Falsely Reporting Sexual Assault Webinar

- Presented by: End Violence Against Women International
- Date: December 4, 2019 1 p.m. EST
- Description: Sexual assault victims have often faced sources of bias based on unjustified suspicions that their report is a false allegation. This webinar focuses on the scenario where victims summon the courage to report a sexual assault, only to be disbelieved, mistreated, and later charged (often erroneously) with false reporting or associated crimes such as obstruction of justice, interfering with law enforcement, or providing false statements.
- **Register for the 12/4 webinar here!**

### Tools for Addressing Gender Bias in Sexual Assault Response Webinar

- Presented by: End Violence Against Women International
- Date: January 8, 2020 1 p.m. EST
- Description: EVAWI offers a number of resources designed to explore the phenomenon of gender bias, both explicit (conscious) and implicit (unconscious), and the resulting stereotypes and attitudes that can influence the professional response to, and investigation of, sexual assault. In this brief 30-minute webinar, we will offer a tour of these resources to help identify the presence of gender bias, mitigate its influence, and address key questions about how bias can disadvantage (or advantage) the victim and/or suspect.
- **Register for the 1/8 webinar here!**

## VICTIM SERVICES NEWS



### Therapy Dog Lola Helps Victims In 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office

A U.S. Attorney's Office in Colorado has introduced a therapy dog, Lola, in their victim/witness office to help victims cope with their situation. "Not every crime has a clear cut answer, and Lola provides that bridge to help our most vulnerable deal with these tough situations and move on in life," stated U.S. Attorney Bruce Brown.

### Here's Why Domestic Violence Kills So Many Women and Children in America

This TIME piece does a deep dive into why, when murder rates have been going down in the U.S., domestic violence-related homicides remain so pervasive in our society. As Shannon Watts, director of Moms Demand Action, states in the article "every country is home to domestic abusers. Only America gives them easy access to an arsenal and ammunition."