

Victim Services TTA Digest

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3/9 PSN WEBINAR: TRAUMA-INFORMED INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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News Highlights

Does your Law Enforcement Agency use Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Policies and Procedures?

The National Center is looking for agencies utilizing trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to policing willing to participate in a case study. If your agency is interested, [let us know](#).

Ohio's Department of Public Safety Strengthens Protective Services for Victims

The Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) recently announced more than \$4 million in federal grant funding to victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, court, and corrections agencies throughout Ohio... [more](#).

Newport News Saw Fewest Shootings Since 2012 Last Year

Crime was down in all major categories that the department tracks except aggravated assault. Many domestic violence-related charges such as strangulation fall into that category... [more](#).

Building Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Victim Service Providers

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Victim advocates and law enforcement officers play a critical role in establishing and maintaining victim engagement and cooperation throughout the criminal justice process. Law enforcement officers are usually the first responders at a crime scene, but they may not have the resources and specialized knowledge needed to serve victims in the aftermath of their victimization. Furthermore, law enforcement officers, victim services, and victim advocates often fail to respond to a victim's needs effectively and collaboratively. By building strategic partnerships between victim advocates and law enforcement, victims will gain access to critical services and resources that ultimately facilitate stronger investigations, opportunities for victims to heal, and a reduction in local crime rates.



Learning Objectives: (1) to facilitate stronger relationships between victims and law enforcement, (2) to educate victim advocates and law enforcement actors on how to build sustainable, multidisciplinary relationships, and (3) to provide law enforcement and victim advocates with a practical toolkit on how to respond and interact with victims of various crimes.

Utilizing Child Trauma Response Teams and Child-Sensitive Parental Arrests



Nearly 52% of individuals currently incarcerated in state systems and 63% in federal systems are parents of minor children

The arrest and imprisonment of parents and family members can disrupt close familial relationships, alter a child's network of support, and place a substantial financial, social, and emotional burden upon school and judicial systems. Roughly two out of every five children who witness a parent's arrest or lose a parent to incarceration develop emotional and behavioral issues as they progress into adulthood. This rate is nearly double the existing rate for children in the general U.S. population who have not experienced a familial arrest.

The National Center aims to educate law enforcement, criminal justice actors, and other relevant organizations on the impacts of parental arrests, as well as effective methodologies for prevention through in-depth training on the use of child trauma response and child-sensitive parental arrests.

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Upcoming Victim Services Events

WHAT ARE YOUR TTA NEEDS?

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PSN Webinar: "Traumatic Victimization and Police Interview and Investigation Techniques to Improve Case Outcomes"

March 9, 2020 from 1-3:30 PM EST

A deep understanding of trauma and its relationship to victimization is crucial to any law enforcement agency's violent crime reduction strategy. Across the US, jurisdictions are recognizing this and seeking training and technical assistance (TTA) to inform their policies and approaches when interacting with individuals, families, and communities affected by violent crime. In this webinar, Dr. Justin Ramsdell, a well-respected forensic psychologist, expert witness, and law enforcement trainer, will provide attendees with (1) a detailed understanding of the importance and relevance of traumatic victimization in a violent crime setting, (2) critical law enforcement skills for recognizing when a victimization becomes traumatic, (3) knowledge of how traumatic victimization can affect a victim of violent crime, and (4) practical techniques and questions law enforcement can easily incorporate into their interview and investigation mechanisms. Dr. Ramsdell will discuss how these trauma-informed techniques can directly reduce violent crime and dramatically improve outcomes in domestic violence and homicide cases. Benjamin McCarty, a Program Director at the National Center for Victims of Crime, will discuss follow-up TTA available to PSN teams on these topics. The webinar will close out with attendees having an opportunity to engage with Dr. Ramsdell through a question and answer session.

Register [here](#).



Expert Q&A: Sustainability Planning

April 15, 2020 from 2-3:15 PM EST

Is your organization positioned to continue providing high-quality services to victims of crime while navigating the ebb and flow of resources, changes in organizational assets, and shifting community partnerships? These are just a few factors essential to sustainability, which is defined as the capacity of a program or organization to accomplish long-lasting success and stability. Please join this session presented by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center to find out more about starting or expanding your organization's sustainability planning efforts.

Register [here](#).

