Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #31

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Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Victims Services Quarterly Conversations

- Held beginning of each quarter
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Grant program updates
- Occasional training topics & guests
- “Tools-You-Can-Use” & “Featured Resource”
- Quarterly Conversation Topic

~ Quarterly Conversation Topic ~

Be thinking…

If you could start any new program or service that you wanted at your agency, what would it be?

April 2026

25 Years of SAAM
25 YEARS
STRONGER
<<< LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD >>>
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2026
#SAAM #25YearsStronger
nsvrc

April 2026

LISTEN.
ACT.
ADVOCATE.
PROTECT VICTIMS, SERVE COMMUNITIES.
National Crime
Victims' Rights Week
APRIL 19–25, 2026

VSQC
Tools-You-Can-Use

Does not indicate an endorsement by DCJS or the DCJS Victims Services Team.

CATAPULT: Campus Action

An initiative designed to grow the leadership of men to end violence through care, connection, and accountability. It seeks to challenge harmful campus norms, foster healthier relationships, and create a safer and more welcoming environment for all students.

https://catapultcampusaction.org/#catapult

DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

Victims Crisis Assistance & Response Team (**VCART**)

- Ongoing ODU Response
- Basic VCART Training: May 18-20 in Winchester
- To join VCART, contact Andrew Kinch (andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov)
- To request training, contact Dawn Bush (dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov)

State Trafficking Response Team

2026 Training Numbers

223 Trained in Human Trafficking Victim Identification

81 Trained in Human Trafficking Investigation and Prosecution

Upcoming Training

Sexual Exploitation Treatment and Training Services (SETTS)

- April 27 - May 1 in Fairfax – *Register now!*

Visit our website with the QR code.

Sign up for our mailing list for updates.

Join the Virginia Human Trafficking Resource Directory.

Victims Services Legislative Reports

1. Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program
   https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2025/RD589/PDF
2. Report on Current and Projected Status of Federal, State, and Local Funding for Victim Witness Grant Programs
   https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2025/RD618/PDF
3. Pilot Program: Demand Reduction and Safe Harbor for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficked Youth
   https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2025/RD595/PDF
4. Work Group to Address Sustainable Funding for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations and Services
   https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2026/RD10/PDF

SDV Program Professional Standards

- The next Professional Standards Committee meeting will be held on May 27th.
- The Professional Standards Committee has begun the process of revising the Professional Standards Manual.
- If you are interested in serving on the Professional Standards Committee, please let us know!
- Please reach out to the DCJS Professional Standards Team with any questions: sdvstandards@dcjs.virginia.gov

Coming Soon!
New Grant Program Opportunity

- Focus on domestic and family violence

- Prevention, intervention, and/or response

- Primary purpose: to “move the needle” in addressing domestic and family violence

Upcoming Victims Services Training

April 20 - The History and Current Landscape of Victims' Rights

April 23 - Pause, Breathe, Continue: Mindfulness Skills for the Advocacy Journey

April 24 - Confidentiality and Information Sharing When Collaborating: Focus on Ethics and Survivor Agency

April 27 - Supporting Every Sexual Assault Survivor: Myths, Barriers, and Suicide-Prevention Strategies

April 27-May 1 - Sexual Exploitation Treatment and Training Services (SETTS)

Upcoming Victims Services Training

May 5-6 - Effectively Responding to Domestic and Sexual Violence Cases

May 11 - Going Forward without the Victim: Evidenced-Based Prosecution of Domestic Violence

May 13 - Understanding and Responding to Mental Health Symptoms: Balancing Rules and Expectations with Support

May 18-20 - Basic Victims Crisis Assistance and Response (VCART) Training

May 19 - A Broader Sense of Justice: Respecting Victim Autonomy While Pursuing Offender Accountability

May 20 - Verbal De-escalation

May 27 - Suicide Assessment and Response

Upcoming Victims Services Training

June 16 - Not Just a Credibility Contest: Sexual Violence Prosecutions that Go Beyond "Offender Said, Victim Said"

June 23 - Ethical Considerations for Prosecutors in Intimate Partner Violence Cases

All DCJS conferences & trainings are available at:

https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events

~ Quarterly Conversation Topic ~

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Featured Resource

988
LIFELINE

If you need to talk, the 988 Lifeline is here.

At the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we understand that life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.

Call | Text | Chat | Deaf/HoH

https://988lifeline.org/

Questions?

Victims Services
Grant Program Updates

State General Funds Memo

State Fiscal Year 2026 will close on June 30, 2026. After June 30th, any remaining **state general funds** on your grant will enter the re-appropriation process, which includes review and approval by the Department of Planning and Budget and become unavailable for drawdown for several months.

In order to avoid the re-appropriation process, any requests for remaining state general funds will need to be submitted in OGMS by May 15, 2026.

*For more information, check your email/refer to OGMS Alerts or contact your DCJS Grant Monitor.

Managing Your Grants in OGMS

- Registration
  - Security Updates
- Alerts
- Managing Contacts
  - Primary & Additional Grantee Contacts
- Correspondence
- Encumbrances
- Contract Amendments
- Status Reports & Claims
- Funding Opportunity

Managing Your Grants: Resources

- OGMS Training & Resources:

  https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources

- For videos, guides, sample forms, policies, documents: https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grant-management-resources

- For tips on effective and efficient grant management: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oS1c7101XO8

- For questions regarding your DCJS grant, contact your assigned grant monitor using OGMS Correspondence.

Monthly Grantee Orientation

Victims Services Grant Management Orientation Sessions

2nd Friday of Each Month

Next Session:

Friday, April 10, 2026, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Register at:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vV3mLCSxTq2IcsftIm1RPA

Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct

The subgrantee must promptly refer to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, subgrantee, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has, in connection with funds under this award -- (1) submitted a claim that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct.

Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and Similar Misconduct

Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct involving or relating to funds under this award should be reported to the DOJ OIG by:

- Mail to: Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice, Investigations Division, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 7100, Washington, DC 20530, and/or
- The DOJ OIG hotline (contact information in English and Spanish): 800-869-4499 (phone) or 202-616-9881 (fax)

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at https://oig.justice.gov/hotline

DCJS Victims Services Training

Online Grant Management Training Videos –
Reminder: 29 Modules Available!

Through the DCJS Learning Management System (LMS)

Log in or create a LMS account here:
https://training.benchmarkonline.app/dcjs/signin

VS **State-Supported** Grants

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)

SFY 26:

- Award Period: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
- Quarterly financial claim due: April 15, 2026
- Status reports due: April 15, 2026

VS **State-Supported** Grants

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)

SFY 2027 – Two Funding Opportunities open:

1. Prosecution and Discretionary for Continuation Applicants, FO #564853 (Attachment A includes maximum award amounts)
2. Forensic/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Continuation and Competitive Applicants, FO #566892 (Attachment A includes maximum award amounts for Continuation Applicants.)

Applications DUE in OGMS: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 12:00PM (noon)

VS **VOCA-Supported** Grants

Victim Witness Grant Program (**VWGP**)

- 3rd quarter financial reports are due 4/15/2026
- 3rd quarter status reports are due 4/15/2026
- State Fiscal Year 2027 funding is contingent upon submitting a grant continuation application. Awards are level to or less than current award amounts. Applications must be submitted in OGMS by **noon on Monday, April 20, 2026**.
- Continue to forward VSDCS technical assistance and enhancement requests to VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov.

VWGP Recipients: Strengthening Advocacy Trainings

These in-person trainings will cover Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act required services, Victims Services Data Collection System documentation and data validation, regional service delivery trends, and program overviews by the OAG, VADOC, Parole Board, and VVF.

- **Stafford: 7/10/26**
- **Abingdon: 8/14/26**
- **Weyers Cave: 9/11/26**
- **Chesapeake: 11/6/26**

Registration links for each event are available in the SFY2027 Guidelines, page 11.

New CVWRA Training Module

DCJS VS has developed an online module on the Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act specific to the role of the VWGP advocate.

- To access the LMS module: DCJS LMS
- If you have an existing account, you may log in or create a new account by clicking the “Log In” hyperlink.
- Search the catalog for: *DCJS Victims Services-Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act*.

VS **VOCA-Supported** Grants

Victims Services Grant Program (**VSGP**) (competitive)

- 3rd quarter financial reports are due 4/15/2026
- 3rd quarter status reports are due 4/15/2026 using an Excel based template (attached to the funding opportunity and sent via OGMS)
- State Fiscal Year 2027 funding applications are under review and anticipated to go before the Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) in May.
- This is anticipated to be the last continuation year for these subawards. We anticipate opening a new competitive opportunity late fall 2026/early winter 2027.

VS **VOCA-Supported** Grants

VSGP for Sexual and Domestic Violence Services (SDVS) (non-competitive)

- 3rd quarter financial reports are due 4/15/2026
- 3rd quarter status reports are due 4/15/2026 in OGMS and PMT (if PMT problems, email Anya.Shaffer@dcjs.virginia.gov)
- State Fiscal Year 2027 funding:
  - Grant name change to Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Grant Program (SADVGP).
  - DCJS is reviewing applications to present to the Criminal Justice Services Board in May.
  - Thanks to all the applicants for working so hard to get applications submitted and corrected timely.

VS **VAWA-Supported** Grants

Sexual Assault Services Program (**SASP**)

- SASP grant period 1/1/2026-12/31/2026
- Final year of continuation funding
- 1st quarter financial & status reports are due 4/15/2026
- DCJS anticipates opening a new, competitive funding opportunity this July for calendar years 2027 and 2028

VS **VAWA-Supported** Grants

Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (**VSTOP**)

CY 2026 VSTOP:

- CY 2026 VSTOP Grant Program for Continuation Applicants FO #559180
- Award Period: January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026
- Quarterly financial claim due: April 15, 2026
- Next status reports due: July 15, 2026 (Biannual report with narrative)
- Outstanding encumbrances must be met

VS **VAWA-Supported** Grants

Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (**VSTOP**)

CY 2026-2027 VSTOP:

- CY 2026-2027 VSTOP Grant Program for Competitive Applicants FO #559468
- Award Period: January 1, 2026-December 31, 2027
- Quarterly financial claim due: April 15, 2026
- Status reports due: July 15, 2026 (Biannual report with narrative)
- Outstanding encumbrances must be met

Questions?