

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #4

July 9, 2019



DCJS

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Who's attending today?

Please type your **name** and **agency**
in the chat box.

VS Quarterly Conversations

- Held beginning of each quarter
- Mix of specific topics & discussion
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Q&A

DCJS & Victims Services Announcements

Announcements

Chrissy Smith

New Victims Services Grant Monitor!

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Announcements

Grant Monitoring Assignment Changes

~Later this Summer~

Announcements

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
Interactive Scenario for Victim-Centered
Justice Training

Held May 22-23, 2019

Fredericksburg

Announcements

SART Interactive Scenario

- 56 participants
- Worked as teams through interactive exercises and facilitated discussions
- Had to make decisions from the victim's report, the forensic medical exam, the victim interview, the crime scene evidence collection, the offender interview, and prosecution

SART Interactive Scenario



Announcements

“TIVI” Training Curriculum

- Received proposals for development of a Trauma-Informed Victim Interviewing Training Curriculum
- Project should begin within the next month or two

Announcements

Federal VOCA 2019 Application

- DCJS submitted application for Virginia's FFY 2019 VOCA funding
- Anticipate a FFY19 award amount of approximately \$57.8 million

Upcoming Events

Intersections of Violence: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse Conference

July 15-18, 2019

Hampton

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE

Quarterly Victims' Rights Training:
Technology & Victims Services

August 6, 2019

John Tyler Community College - Midlothian
Registration Opening Soon!

Quarterly Victims' Rights Training: Technology & Victims Services **August 6, 2019**

- How to best use technology to reduce the burden on victims in court, including closed-circuit television
- How to use technology to assist survivors in safety planning
- How to use technology to make victims services more accessible

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE Special Populations Two-Day Conference

October 10-11, 2019

More Information Coming Soon!

Upcoming Events

COMING SOON!

Introducing Expert Testimony to Educate
Juries on the Dynamics of Sexual
Assault and Trauma

COMING SOON!

Introducing Expert Testimony

- One-day training
- Will help prosecutors understand how they can utilize their Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) advocates and mental health partners' knowledge to explain the dynamics of sexual assault and trauma
- Will help advocates and mental health professionals to become comfortable with their role as providers of expert testimony

Grant Program Announcements

Announcements: Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Grant Program

- Officially ended on June 30, 2019
- PMT Data Entry (for Apr-Jun quarter) is now open

Announcements: VOCA New Initiatives

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DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

as of July 1, 2019

1. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)
2. Victim/Witness Grant Program (VWGP)
3. Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP)
4. VSTOP
5. Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)

Announcements: Sexual Assault Services Program

- New solicitation to be released this week!
- Competitive grant process
- Anticipate approximately 20 awards
- For one year (CY 2020)

SASP Contact:

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Announcements: Victim/Witness Grant Program

- July 1st started second year of a 3-year cycle
- CIMS FY 2020 issues with change in grant year; contact Lisa Self at 804-786-8475 for help if needed

VWGP Contact:

Patricia Foster, patricia.foster@dcjs.virginia.gov

Announcements: Victims Services Grant Program

- New grant program as of July 1st
- For **NEW** VOCA Recipients: Orientation Training on 7/24/19, 10am-3pm
- For **CONTINUING** VOCA Recipients: Refresher Training Webinar on 7/25/19, 2pm-3pm

VSGP Contact:

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Announcements: VSTOP

- Webinar training was provided yesterday on changes to the federal report form
- Contact your Grant Monitor with questions

VSTOP Contact:

Julia Fuller-Wilson, julia.fuller-wilson@dcjs.virginia.gov

Announcements: Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund

- FY20 = final year of 3-year cycle
- All grants are fully supported by VSDVVF for FY20
- Last OVC PMT data entry for Quarter 4 (April-June) for VOCA-supplemented; more info coming soon on new reporting

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Questions?



Discussion and Q & A

Discussion: Virginia's Crisis Response Team

Virginia's Crisis Response Team

- DCJS has responsibilities in the *Code of Virginia* to coordinate response for victims of mass violence incidents, in partnership with Virginia Victims Fund
- **Julia Fuller-Wilson** is the DCJS State Crisis Response Coordinator

Virginia's Crisis Response Team

- *By Code* both DCJS and the Virginia Victims Fund have responsibilities during mass violence incidents
- Also now partnering with the Virginia Victim Assistance Network

Relevant Virginia Law

§ 22.1-279.8

School safety audits and school crisis plans, emergency management plans, and medical emergency response plans are required to contain the following provision:

- DCJS and Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (Virginia Victims Fund) shall be contacted immediately to deploy assistance in the event of an emergency as defined in the emergency response plan when there are victims as defined in §19.2-11.01.
- Victims defined in §19.2-11.01 include “a person who has suffered physical, psychological, or economic harm as a direct result of the commission of a felony or of assault and battery...”
- Both shall be the lead coordinating agencies for those individuals determined to be victims.
- Local plans shall also contain current contact information for both agencies.

Relevant Virginia Law

§ 44-146.19

Each political subdivision in the Commonwealth is required to maintain an emergency plan with the following provision:

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Virginia's Crisis Response Team

- Composed of **volunteers** trained to provide trauma mitigation and education in the aftermath of a critical incident
- Team members are called upon to provide **assistance to those affected** in both large and smaller-scale incidents

Virginia's Crisis Response Team

- Team members have received a **minimum of 24 hours** of skills-based, field tested training developed by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)
- CRT training covers techniques and protocols for providing crisis intervention, fundamentals of crisis and trauma, psychological first aid, and response during a catastrophic event

Virginia's Crisis Response Team Role

- Coordinate victim advocate response
- Respond to Family Assistance Center (FAC)
- Ensure victims and family members are aware of the FAC and services available to them
- Assign victim advocates to assist victims/family members
- Utilize local advocates to work with families

Virginia's Crisis Response Team Role

- Immediate uses for the CRT (first 3-5 days following incident)
- Short-term opportunities for response (up to 6 months from the incident)
- Long-term opportunities for response (6 months and beyond)

Role of CRT Responders during Mass Violence Incidents

- Can quickly access community resources
- Interface with local agencies
- Cut through “red tape”
- Expedite delivery of services to victims
- Collaborate with other service providers
- “Companioning”

Services Offered by Virginia's CRT

- Group Crisis Interventions (GCIs)
- Companionship
- Technical assistance to institutional victim
- Victim advocacy
- Virginia Victims Fund information & filing
- One-on-one crisis intervention
- Information/referral
- Assisting with memorial/anniversary planning

Joining Virginia's Team

Basic Community Crisis Response Training

August 6-8, 2019

Blacksburg

There are still a few spaces left! To apply:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events/2019-nova-basic-community-crisis-response-training>

Joining Virginia's Team

Advanced Community Crisis Response Training

October 1-3, 2019

Fredericksburg

Must have completed Basic course first

Link to apply:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events/2019-nova-advanced-community-crisis-response-training>

For Additional CRT Information

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Questions?

