

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #6

January 9, 2020



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

Grant Program Announcements

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)

Sexual Assault Services Program

- New CY 2020 grants started January 1st
- CY 2019 annual reports **due 1/23/2020**
(instructions emailed on 12/20/19)

SASP Contact:

Andi Martin, andi.martin@dcjs.virginia.gov

Victim/Witness Grant Program

- Continue to contact Lisa Self and Patricia Foster for CIMS concerns/issues
- Continue to forward VW Coalition meeting dates to Patricia and your grant monitor
- Email regarding federal grant numbers

VWGP Contact:

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

Victims Services Grant Program

- Beginning initial planning stage for next funding cycle
- Seeking feedback on grant awarding processes

VSGP Contact:

Andi Martin, andi.martin@dcjs.virginia.gov

VSTOP

- Second year of 3-year cycle started January 1st
- Webinar on Friday at 1:00 p.m. to review changes to reporting form

VSTOP Contact:

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

Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund

- Fiscal Year 2020 = final year of 3-year cycle
- Additional information about FY 2021 will be provided soon

VSDVVF Contact:

Tricia Everetts, tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov

Questions?



DCJS & Victims Services Announcements

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding

- Anticipate total award to Virginia will decrease in coming years
- FFY20 Crime Victims Fund cap was lowered
- Will share information as it becomes available

Feedback on Grant Awarding Process

- Evaluating and improving our awarding process
- Ensuring fairness, fiscal responsibility, and meeting victims' needs
- Soliciting feedback from current and previous Victims Services grant recipients – *stay tuned*

DCJS Computer Systems

GMIS (Grants Management Information System)

- Work on a replacement system will begin this year
- Will have significantly more functionality than current GMIS

CIMS (Victim/Witness)

- RFP is almost finalized

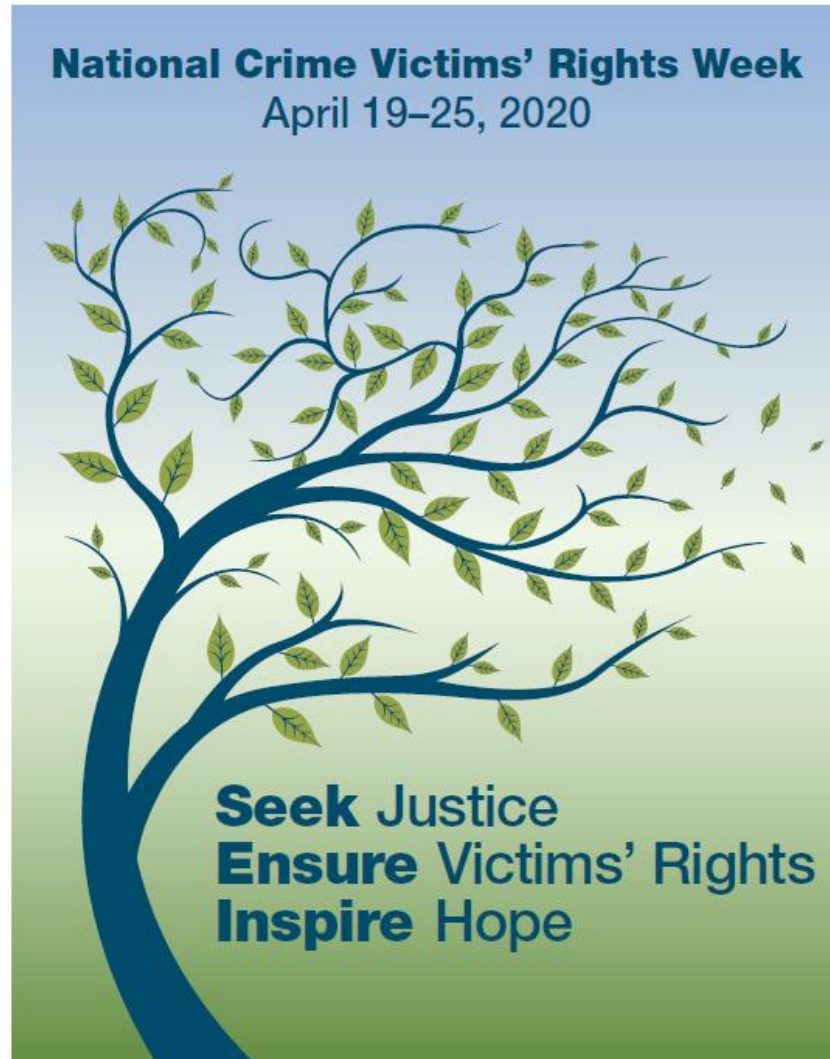
Virginia General Assembly

- 2020 General Assembly session began 1/8/20
- Impact of proposed victim-related legislation
- Legislative Action Summaries (LAS)

Virginia General Assembly

- Legislative Action Summaries (LAS):
 - Bill Summary
 - Affected Constituents' Summary
 - Relevant Background Information
 - Agency Recommendation

Crime Victims' Rights Week





25th Anniversary of Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act

Questions?



Upcoming Training & Conferences

On the Road to Excellence



January 15th (Midlothian)
January 16th (Hampton)

Beyond Basics: Stalking Identification and Response

January 23, 2020
Richmond, VA

Save-the-Date

“Thrivenship” Train-the-Trainer Workshop

February 21, 2020

Registration details coming soon!

Save-the-Date

**4th Annual
Intersections of Violence Conference**

June 16-19, 2020

Hampton, VA

Questions?



Discussion:

Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant

Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant

- Fatality Review Teams
- Lethality Assessment Programs (LAP)
- Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)
- Legal Advocacy

Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) Partnership

- Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Virginia SA/DV Action Alliance
- Attorney General's Office
- Virginia Poverty Law Center
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Virginia Victim Assistance Network

Strengthening SARTs in Virginia

Training, resources, networking opportunities, and technical assistance for Virginia localities who want to strengthen their systemic response to sexual assault through the creation and improvement of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

Strengthening SARTs in Virginia

- Customized, on-site training and technical assistance
- Resources - SART model protocols, website
- Networking - SART Coordinator Calls, SART Google Group (<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/sart-va>) (jennifer.kline@dcjs.Virginia.gov)
- Virginia SART Council

Questions?



Discussion:

Sexual & Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards

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- Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee – established through § 9.1-116.3 in 2015
- Committee started meeting in 2016
- Professional Standards released November 2019

Sexual & Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards

17 standards total, divided into 4 sections:

1. Administration
2. Crisis Intervention
3. Advocacy
4. Community Engagement

Sexual & Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards

- *Organizational Self-Assessment Summary*
Due 1/31/2020
Email to sdvstandards@dcjs.virginia.gov
- Three-year accreditation cycle
- Technical assistance available

Sexual & Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards

DCJS Professional Standards web pages provide great resources for ALL organizations:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/programs/sexual-domestic-violence-program-professional-standards>

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