

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #28

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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
- “Tools-You-Can-Use” & “Featured Resource”
- Occasional training topics
- ***NEW*** Quarterly Conversation Topic

~ Quarterly Conversation Topic ~

Be thinking...

What is the biggest need in your service area related to FNE/SANE access or sustainability?

VSQC Tools-You-Can-Use

Tools You Can Use

[Resource Sharing Project](#)'s Learning Cohort

Roots to Fruits: Skill Development and Relationship Building for Sexual Violence Survivors

An intensive technical assistance project that will enhance rural advocates' abilities to provide core sexual violence services and make new local connections. Through peer learning, personalized technical assistance sessions, and more, this nearly two-year learning cohort (September 2025-June 2027) will enhance the capacity of rural community-based advocacy programs to support survivors.

The application is open from July 11 – July 25, 2025.

For additional questions about the cohort, please e-mail lashae@iowacasa.org.

[Roots to Fruits Learning Cohort - Resource Sharing Project](#)

State Fiscal Year 2026: Starting the Grant Year Off for Success

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, July 11, 2025, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Register at:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vV3mLCSxTq2lcsftlm1RPA

Questions?



VSQC Featured Resource

The Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) **Building Stronger Cases Training Series** recordings are now published on the DCJS Learning Management System (LMS).

Register in the DCJS LMS at:

<http://training.benchmarkonline.app/dcjs>

The courses are available for download and viewing once you have registered.

Work Group to Address Sustainable Funding for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations and Services

House Bill 1731 requires that:

- DCJS convene a work group to address sustainable funding for sexual assault medical forensic examinations and services to include a variety of state and local stakeholders.
- The work group submit a report with recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

First meeting held on June 9th, second meeting on August 13th.

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DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

Reminder: Effective July 1, 2025

- Changes to *Code of Virginia* [Title 19.2, Chapter 1.2](#) (Physical Evidence Recovery Kits and Trace Evidence Collection Kits)
- Trace evidence collection kit “means any evidence collection kit supplied by the Department [of Forensic Science]... for use in collecting evidence from victims of strangulation during forensic medical examinations or... for use during death investigations to collect evidence from decedents who may be victims of strangulation.”
- Includes an option for anonymous trace evidence kits

Statewide Committees

- Are you interested in contributing to statewide efforts to respond to sexual and domestic violence and support survivors?
- Do you want your voice to be heard by state agency leaders, legislators, and others?
- Are you in a leadership role at a sexual and/or domestic violence agency?

If so, consider applying to become a member of:

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards Committee

Contact Kristina Vadas at 804-786-7802 or kristina.vadas@dcjs.virginia.gov

CY 25 VSTOP State Team Needs Assessment

- The VSTOP State Team is seeking information on your experience with available resources for victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the Commonwealth of Virginia via a confidential survey.
- Your answers to the survey's questions will inform the VSTOP Statewide Implementation Plan on the provision and development of services for victims of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- We ask that a VSTOP grant-funded staff person in your agency/organization complete this survey **by Friday, July 11, 2025**.

For the survey link, please email the VSTOP Grant Program Coordinator at tierra.williams@dcjs.virginia.gov. Thank you!

DCJS Victims Services Training

Sexual Assault Response Teams: Two-Session Virtual Training Series

August 5, 2025, 1:30pm-3:00pm ET

Session I: Balancing Confidentiality and Collaboration: Case Conversations for Victim/Survivor-Centered SART Response

August 12, 2025, 1:30pm-3:00pm ET

Session II: Building the Blueprint: Developing SART Protocols for Survivor-Centered Response

For additional information and to register:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events/sexual-assault-response-teams-two-session-training-series-august-5-august-12>

DCJS Victims Services Training

Online Grant Management Training Videos – 29 Modules Now Available!

Through the DCJS Learning Management System (LMS)

Log in or create a LMS account here:

<https://training.benchmarkonline.app/dcjs/signin>

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

- Our next Basic VCART Training is projected to be September 29th-October 1st in Roanoke
- The training announcement will be on the DCJS website in the near future
- Training series on trauma-informed care will be coming this year!
- 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

Upcoming Training – Save the Date!

Sexual Exploitation Treatment and Training Services (SETTS)

September 8-12, 2025 in Southwest Virginia

New Resource: Online HT Module for College Students

Visit our website with the QR code.

Sign up for our mailing list for updates.

Join the Virginia Human Trafficking Resource Directory.



SDV Program Professional Standards

- Applications for those seeking reaccreditation are currently open and will close on September 26th.
- Agencies seeking accreditation for the first time may submit Organizational Self-Assessment Summaries from September 15th through September 26th. Applications will then open from October 6th through November 21st.
- The next Professional Standards Committee meeting will be on October 1st.
- Please reach out to the DCJS Professional Standards Team with any questions: sdvstandards@dcjs.virginia.gov

Victims Services Grant Program Updates

VS VOCA-Supported Grants

1. **Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP)** (competitive)
2. **VSGP for Sexual and Domestic Violence Services (SDVS)** (non-competitive)

For both grant programs:

- 4th quarter financial reports are due 7/15/25.
- 4th quarter status reports are **due 7/28/25 (recent change)**.
- SFY 2026 grants started 7/1/25
 - Read your grant conditions and submit signed SOGA.
 - Check your grant for encumbrances. All grants have at least one encumbrance.
 - Watch the new grant orientation recording attached to the funding opportunity.

VS VOCA-Supported Grants

3. Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

- 4th quarter financial and status reports are due 7/15/25.
- VWGP/VSDCS Refresher In-Person Training:
 - [9/19/2025 SWVA \(Abingdon\)](#)
 - [10/17/2025 Shenandoah \(Harrisonburg\)](#)
 - [11/7/2025 Tidewater \(Newport News\)](#)
- Continue to forward VSDCS technical assistance and enhancement requests to VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov.

VS VAWA-Supported Grants

4. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

- Quarterly status reports are **NEW** in 2025.
- CY 2025 2nd quarter status reports are due in OGMS 7/15/25.
- CY 2026 grant applications will open Fall 2025 for current recipients, only. Continuation awards for level funding will be considered.

VS VAWA-Supported Grants

5. Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (VSTOP)

- Quarterly financial reports are due 7/15/25.
- CY 2025 Biannual Reports with Narrative Report are due 7/15/25 in OGMS. You will complete the fillable PDF and narrative form and upload the items into OGMS.

This report will reflect work from 1/1/2025-6/30/2025.

- CY 2026 VSTOP funding opportunity will be released later this summer.

Other Funding Sources

6. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) VSGP Restoration

- 4th quarter financial reports and status reports are due 7/15/25.
- Reminder: this is the last year of ARPA funding; the grant program ended 6/30/25.

7. Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)

- 4th quarter status and financial reports are due on 7/15/25. Grantees should follow their usual reporting process.
- SFY 2026 VSDVVF SOGAs were sent via OGMS Correspondence on 6/23/25.
- Follow instructions to accept and return award within 60 days of award date.
- Please complete any encumbrances on your award by the due date indicated. Check the "Encumbrances" component in OGMS.

Questions?

