

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #7

April 8, 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

- CY 2019 4th quarter financial reports were due on 1/15/2020
- Submit these and vouchers for CY19 ASAP
- CY 2020 1st quarter financial reports are due 4/15/2020

SASP Contact:

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

Victim/Witness Grant Program

- FY 2021 = level funding to FY20 award amount
- 3rd quarter financial and progress reports are due 4/15/2020
- Continue to contact Lisa Self and Patricia Foster for CIMS concerns/issues
- CIMS replacement project ongoing

VWGP Contact:

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

Victims Services Grant Program

- Final quarter of year one for VSGP
- 3rd quarter financial and progress reports are due 4/15/2020
- Year two begins July 1, 2020; award packages anticipated to be sent in late-May/early-June

VSGP Contact:

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

Victims Services Grant Program

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- FY 2021 budgets are currently being reviewed
- Send FY 2021 budgets to your grant monitor by 4/10/2020
- Emails were sent about this on 3/12/2020
- Need the email resent? Need a breakdown of federal award/state match/local match?
Contact Andi at andi.martin@dcjs.virginia.gov

VSTOP

- VS staff are completing federal annual reporting and federal grant application
- Tierra Smith is assisting with VSTOP coordination – you may hear from her!

VSTOP Contacts:

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

Tierra Smith, tierra.smith@dcjs.virginia.gov

Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund

- Fiscal Year 2021 = additional one year award at level funding amount to FY20
- Award packages anticipated to be sent in late-May/early-June

VSDVVF Contact:

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

Questions?



Impact of Coronavirus & Stay-at-Home Order

Statewide Stay-at-Home Order

- Issued by Governor Northam on March 30, 2020 & remains in place until June 10, 2020 (EO #55)
- K-12 schools & certain non-essential businesses are closed and public gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited (EO #53)
- FAQs: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/faq/>

Federal Guidance

- U.S. DOJ Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
<https://www.ojp.gov/>
- OJP Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Fraud Alert
<https://www.ovc.gov/news/index.html#110819>
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees#covid>

DCJS Guidance

- Letter from Shannon Dion sent on March 16th
- Another letter sent on March 26th (specific to federal funding recipients)
- VSDVVF recipients sent a similar letter from grant monitor

DCJS Guidance: March 16th

- Grant reimbursements to continue as normal
- Implementing enhanced desk reviews in lieu of onsite visits
- Additional budget amendments
- Temporary scope changes

DCJS Guidance: March 26th

- Grant reimbursements to continue as normal
- Two-week extension on financial & progress reports if needed; contact your Grant Monitor
- Travel/conference cancellation fees & penalties
- Award extensions – to be determined

DCJS Guidance: March 26th

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- Working remotely & leave policies
- Budget amendments
- System for Award Management (SAM) & Single Audit Submission extensions
- Tech/IT safety

Victims Services Events & Trainings

- Events, meetings, and trainings through June 10, 2020 are canceled or postponed
 - 4/9: Healing the Harm: Restorative Justice Practices
 - 4/21: National Crime Victims' Rights Week Event
 - 4/28: Basic Crisis Response Training
 - 5/19: Psychological & Spiritual First Aid Training
 - 5/27: Strengthening the Response
 - 6/16: Intersections of Violence Conference

Multidisciplinary Teams

- Encourage multidisciplinary teams to meet virtually (SARTs, Child Abuse MDTs, etc.)
- Discuss how pandemic is impacting community response and adaptations needed
- Especially important to engage medical providers

NOVA “Touch Base” Program

- National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) offering support to **service providers**
- Email COVID-19-Support@trynova.org between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Additional information at <https://www.trynova.org/news-updates/>

Please stay in touch with us!

Questions?

DCJS & Victims Services Announcements

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Support Survivors during
Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

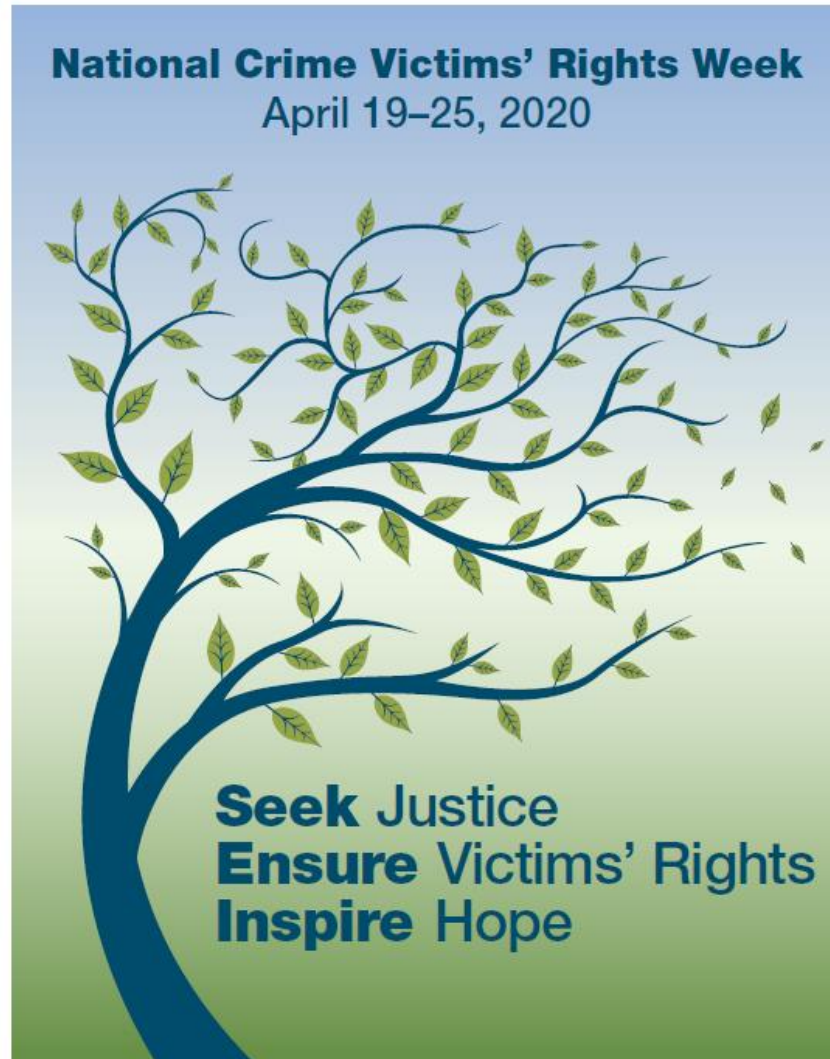


April is
**National Sexual Assault
Awareness Month**

Wear **TEAL** on
Thursday, April 23, 2020

Email your photos to Tricia at
tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov
for posting on Facebook

Crime Victims' Rights Week



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 19-25, 2020

Seek Justice
Ensure Victims' Rights
Inspire Hope



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

Seeking Feedback: Grant Awarding Processes

- Evaluating and improving our awarding processes
- Ensuring fairness, fiscal responsibility, and meeting victims' needs
- Informing future solicitations, application evaluations, and awarding of grants
- Email feedback to: VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov

Seeking Feedback: Grant Awarding Processes

- Comments/feedback may include these topics:
 - Grant applications: clarity of directions, ease of forms (project description form, budget form, budget narrative form), time-frame in which to apply
 - Consolidating funding streams (ease of reporting vs. larger, more complicated applications)
 - Technical assistance and training provided during the application process
 - Application review: outside review teams for competitive grants, scoring process
 - Notice of the award: time frame, clarity of the award letter and directions to accept the award
- Email feedback to: VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov

New GMIS System

- Vendor contract finalized for new GMIS (Grants Management Information System)
- Work on a replacement system has started!
- Will have significantly more functionality than current GMIS

Victims Services Web Resources

- Grant Management Resources
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grant-management-resources>
- Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/sart>
- Professional Standards - Resources
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/programs/sexual-domestic-violence-program-professional-standards>

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