

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #8

July 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

Anti-Racism & Social Justice

- Committed to both internal and external anti-racism work
- Ongoing efforts to address and dismantle harmful systems/institutions
- Participation in Underserved Populations Learning Collaborative (UPLC)

Grant Program Announcements

DCJS Website, GMIS Access, and Due Dates

- DCJS website is down & GMIS is inaccessible
- Extended **due date** for financial & progress reports:
Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

as of July 1, 2020

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)
6. Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR)

VS Administrators/Coordinators

- **Tricia Everetts**, Training & Grant Program Coordinator (VSDVVF)
- **Patricia Foster**, Victim/Witness Program Coordinator
- **Julia Fuller-Wilson**, VSTOP Administrator & State Crisis Response Coordinator
- **Jennifer Kline**, ICJR Grant Program Coordinator
- **Andi Martin**, Sexual Assault & IPV Program Coordinator (SASP & VSGP)
- **Anya Shaffer**, VOCA Administrator

Sexual Assault Services Program

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- Halfway through 1-year CY grant cycle
- SASP CY2020 progress report due January 15, 2021 (one annual report)
- The CY2021 application process will open soon:
 - Released within the next week
 - Application due Thursday, August 13, 2020, 11:59 p.m.

Victims Services Grant Program

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

- New fiscal year (FY21) began July 1, 2020
- FY21 award packages were emailed
- Special conditions, SOGA, SAR template form
- Next VSGP Grant Process for July 2021–June 2023, Anticipated Solicitation Release in Late Fall 2020

**VSGP Year 2 Webinar & SAR Template Tutorial –
Immediately following at 11:00 a.m.**

Victim/Witness Grant Program

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- New fiscal year (FY21) began July 1, 2020
- FY21 award packages were emailed
- Solicitation for next grant cycle released in late 2020 or early 2021
- Continue to contact Lisa Self and Patricia Foster for CIMS concerns/issues
- CIMS replacement project

VSTOP

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

- Currently in 2nd year of 3-year grant cycle
- New solicitation for next grant cycle will be released in summer 2021
- Currently working on STOP State Implementation Plan to determine policy and funding priorities

Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund

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- Fiscal Year 2021 = additional one year award at level funding amount to FY20
- FY21 = 46 funded agencies at \$1,908,317
- Solicitation for next grant cycle released in early 2021

Improving Criminal Justice Responses

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- Awarded from Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
- Supports a partnership among six statewide agencies:
 - DCJS
 - Office of the Attorney General
 - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
 - Virginia Poverty Law Center
 - Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance
 - Virginia Victim Assistance Network

Victims Services Grant Monitoring

VS Grant Monitors (with regions)

- **Amia Barrows**, Grant Monitoring Supervisor
- **Dione Bassett**, Hampton Roads
- **Chad Felts**, Southwest
- **Andrew Kinch**, Valley/Northern
- **Chrissy Smith**, Western
- **Tierra Smith**, North Central
- **Chrissy Wengloski**, Southside

Grant Monitoring Updates

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- Fiscal Year 2021 Award Packages
- Special Conditions
- Budget Discrepancies & Program Updates
- Enhanced Desk Reviews (EDRs)

Questions?



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Updates

PMT Data Entry

PMT Data Entry Due Date
July 15, 2020

(remains the same, no extension)

VOCA Overview

- Crime Victims Fund (CVF) & Congressional Cap
- Deposits to & obligations/allocations from the CVF
- Fund sustainability

Virginia's VOCA Allocations

- Declining since 2018
- Approximately 32% reduction from 2018 to 2019
- Approximately 26% reduction from 2019 to 2020

VOCA Funding Outlook

- Many unknown factors
- Goals of sustainability & best meeting victims' needs
- **Anticipate decrease in amount of grant funding available beginning state fiscal year 2022**

Questions?



New Victim-Related Virginia Laws

Effective July 1, 2020

Firearms-Related

- Respondents to General District Court-issued 2-year Protective Orders must surrender firearms & cannot possess firearms (§ [18.2-308.1:4](#) & § [18.2-308.2:1](#))
- Establishment of Substantial Risk Orders ([Chapter 9.2](#) & others)
- Background checks required on all firearm sales & transfers (§ [18.2-308.2:5](#) & others)

Protective Order-Related

- Court may issue protective orders for a duration of more than two years upon certain felony convictions (§ [19.2-152.10](#) & § [18.2-60.4](#))
- Venue for violations of protective orders may be where issued or where violation occurred (§ [16.1-253.2](#) & § [18.2-60.4](#))

Other Victim-Related Laws

- Defines “hate crime” to include disability, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity (§ [52-8.5](#) and others)
- LEOs are prohibited from asking about immigration status for certain victims or witnesses of crimes (§ [19.2-11.02](#))
- Increase grand larceny threshold amount from \$500 to \$1,000 (multiple Code sections)

Other Victim-Related Laws, continued

- History of child abuse or violence to be considered during custody/visitation determinations (§ [20-124.3](#))
- Increases statute of limitations for misdemeanor sex offenses for some minor victims (§ [19.2-8](#))
- Hospitals must treat or transfer victims of sexual assault (multiple Code sections)
- Adds to the list of who must be invited to sexual assault multidisciplinary team meetings & allows for electronic communication/meetings (§ [15.2-1627.4](#))

New Initiatives

- Establishment of Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Fund (§ [63.2-2300](#))
- Establishment of Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program at DCJS (§ [9.1-191](#))

DCJS & Victims Services Announcements

We're Hiring!

Full Time Victims Services Grant Monitor

<https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com/postings/191056>

Closes July 20, 2020

State Crisis Response Team

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- Basic CRT training had to be postponed due to Covid-19, but we are trying to determine a safe way to hold the training
- Differentiating a State Crisis Response & Regional Crisis Response

Victims Services Trainings

- Upcoming Virtual Opportunities:
 - 6 Session Series: Program Development & Evaluation
 - 3 COVID-Related Roundtables: 8/18, 9/9, 10/13
 - The Seven Steps to Thriving After Abuse (9/15)
 - Strengthening the Response: Collaborations at the Intersections (September & October sessions)
- Contact Tricia Everetts, tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov

Strengthening SARTs in Virginia Initiative

Training and Technical Assistance
SART Coordinator Discussion Forum
SART Google Group

<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/sart-va>

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New GMIS System

- Work on replacement GMIS (Grants Management Information System) is continuing!
- Internal testing will occur for next few months
- Will have significantly more functionality than current GMIS

Questions?

