

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #10

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DCJS

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

VS Quarterly Conversations

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

DCJS Victims Services Staff

New Staff

Haymanot Cummings

Victims Services Grant Program Specialist

Erin Osiol

Victims Services Grant Program Specialist

Joining Us in February!

Sharon Reed

Victims Services Grant Program Specialist - Southwest

VS Administrators/Coordinators

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

VS Grant Monitors

(with new regions – coming soon!)

- **Amia Barrows**, Grant Monitoring Supervisor
- **Dione Bassett**, Hampton Roads
- **Haymanot Cummings**, Western
- **Chad Felts**, Shenandoah
- **Andrew Kinch**, Northern Virginia
- **Erin Osiol**, Central & I-95 Corridor
- **Sharon Reed**, Southwest
- **Chrissy Smith**, Southside
- **Chrissy Wengloski**, Central

Grant Program Announcements

DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

as of January 1, 2021

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)

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

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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ICJR Grant Program Coordinator

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Two New Federal Special Conditions: SASP & VSTOP

1. Determining the Suitability to Interact with Minors
2. Policy on Workplace Incidents of Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, and Dating Violence

Additional Information Coming

Sexual Assault Services Program

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- CY 2021 (1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021)
 - Award packages sent electronically on 10/19/2020
 - Signed SOGAs were due 12/18/2020
 - Special conditions due 2/14/2021
- CY 2020 (1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020)
 - Annual report due 1/15/2021, report form at:
<https://www.vawamei.org/tools-resource/sasp-subgrantee-progress-reporting-form/>
 - Upload completed report into DCJS GMIS system
 - Reporting reminders sent on 12/29/2020

Victims Services Grant Program

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- FY 2021: Currently in final year of two-year cycle
- 2nd Quarter reports for FY 2021 are due 1/15/2021

Victims Services Grant Program

Fiscal Years 2022-2023

- Grant application process is open:
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/programs/fy-2022-2023-victims-crime-act-voca-victims-services-grant-program>
- Applications due **January 26, 2021** by **12:00 p.m. (noon)**
- Notification of awards in May 2021
- Send application questions to VOCA@dcjs.virginia.gov
- FAQ document updated weekly (*at the above link*)
- SADV Core Services Eligibility – see link to list on page 8

Victims Services Grant Program

Fiscal Years 2022-2023

- VSGP Funding & Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Funding:
 - VSGP funds cannot support services eligible under the CAC formula grant program
- VSGP Funding & VOCA Child Treatment Grants:
 - There will not be a separate application process
 - Requests for child treatment funding will be part of VSGP competitive applicants
- SADV Core Services & VOCA Child Treatment Grants:
 - Funds received for child treatment are not considered part of SADV Core Services funding
 - Requests for child treatment funding will be part of VSGP competitive applicants

Victim/Witness Grant Program

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- Future Award: Level Funding to FY2021 Award
- Reversion to a 2-year cycle (FY2022-23); projected timeline for the release of guidelines is February
- DCJS follows national and state funding trends to support VWPs for codified grant responsibilities
- RFP for CIMS replacement has received final agency approval

VSTOP

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- Currently in final year of 3-year grant cycle
- CY 21 award packages have been electronically disseminated
- Bi-Annual and Cumulative Annual Reports Due
- Reporting Reminders

Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund

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- Current grant cycle ends 6/30/2021
- Quarterly Report Due
- Reporting Reminders
- FY 22 solicitation anticipated for Spring 2021

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Updates

PMT Data Entry

PMT Data Entry Due Date
January 15, 2021

(remains the same, no extension)

VOCA Overview

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

VOCA Update

- Congress reached a deal with the appropriations and COVID relief packages
- Overall VOCA cap has a \$600 million decrease or about a 23% decrease
- Language to address the sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund was not included

VOCA Funding Outlook

- Due to the instability of the CVF, there is still uncertainty with future VOCA funding levels
- Current open VSGP solicitation decreased available funding
- Anticipate future decreases beyond that solicitation

National VOCA Resources

National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators
(NAVAA)

<https://navaa.org/>

National Criminal Justice Association
(NCJA)

<https://www.ncja.org/>

Questions?



Virginia's Crisis Response Team

State Crisis Response Team

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The Virginia Crisis Response Team (CRT) is a diverse group of volunteers, divided into seven regions, that respond to criminal national, state, or regional mass casualty or critical incident events.

State Crisis Response Team

Responders provide:

- Crisis intervention
- Support
- Resources
- Assistance completing compensation forms
- Information on the criminal justice system
- Assistance at the Family Assistance Center
- Any other services requested by the locality or organization in service to victims of crime

State Crisis Response Team

Responders must complete 24 hours of NOVA-certified training to be on the team.

Travel expenses are paid for volunteers when they respond, if needed.

Upcoming CRT Events

Two Basic CRT Trainings:

- 3-day, in person training
- Application process
- If you were accepted into the Basic CRT class in 2020 that was cancelled, you will be given priority for the 2021 class
- Dates and locations are to come, but will likely be in April and/or May (fingers crossed for an end to COVID-19)
- Available to anyone that has not been trained or received training more than 5 years ago
- CRT faculty will be providing training
- Training is free, some travel scholarships will be available
- Attendance at the training establishes a commitment to the Virginia CRT

Upcoming CRT Events

One Advanced CRT Training:

- 3-day, in person training
- Application process
- Available to anyone that has completed the Basic CRT
- Will be taught by NOVA
- To be conducted in the summer, location TBD
- Training is free, some travel scholarships will be available

Upcoming CRT Events

Psychological/Spiritual First Aid Training:

- Will be rescheduled, possibly online or in person
- Free to all current CRT members
- Some travel scholarships will be available (if in person)
- Provides additional skill based training

Becoming a CRT Member

Sign up for DCJS updates for training announcements.

Apply for a Basic CRT Training.

Contact Julia Fuller-Wilson with any questions or for additional information.

DCJS & Victims Services Announcements



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/announcements/ht_awareness_month_article_jan_2021.pdf

January is
**National Stalking
Awareness Month**



<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/publications/victims/national-stalking-awareness-month-january-2021.pdf>

Online Grant Management System (OGMS) “New GMIS”

- Rollout begins with user registration, starting January 15th
 - Instructions will be sent via email
- Upcoming training series starts January 19th
 - <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events/getting-started-ogms-online-grants-management-system>
- Implementation phases for each grant program
- For OGMS questions, contact ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov

Victims Services Trainings

- Many Upcoming Virtual Opportunities
- List of all DCJS trainings:
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events>
- Contact Tricia Everetts, tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov

Questions?

