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Chart Your Future: 2016 Crime Victim Services Conference

The Texas Crime Victim Services Conference sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General is a multidisciplinary conference offering information, instruction and interaction on victim services and personal resiliency. This conference is specifically designed for victim service and criminal justice professionals such as law enforcement, prosecution and probation officers as well as nonprofit victim advocates, medical and mental health providers, and others working directly with victims of crime.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 22 and conclude at noon on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

Legislative Update Panel TAASA, TCFV & OAG

This workshop will address legislative changes that took place during the 84th Texas legislative session and, how new laws affect statewide agencies in providing effective victim assistance.

Victim Rights

The detailed history of victim rights and Texas state victim rights statutes will be discussed. Advocates will learn which rights are applicable at each stage of the criminal justice system.

Human Trafficking

This workshop will provide definitions and examples of human trafficking. The workshop will examine what happens to these victims and the options and challenges to assist them will also be addressed. (Note: there may be some graphic/disturbing details in this session.)

Presumptive Eligibility Training

This two-part workshop will provide attendees Presumptive Eligibility certification and assist advocates in working directly with victims, to gather the necessary information/documentation in order to submit a complete application for expedited processing through the Crime Victims' Compensation Program. Part 1.

*Please note certification will only be granted through determination of attendance to both Part 1/Part 2 of the training sessions.

Texas VINE: Victim Information and Notification Everyday

This workshop will address the implementation of the automated statewide Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) system. Advocates will learn how notification impacts safety levels for victims and their families, how it operates and how to assist victims in accessing the system.

NCMEC: A Powerful Resource

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a private, (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 1984 to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and

sexually exploited children. NCMEC offers law enforcement powerful resources to assist in cases of missing and sexually exploited children. This course will highlight these and other services available to law enforcement, child advocates, crime prevention professionals, families and more.

Victim Impact Statements

What is the purpose of the impact statement and how it is utilized by prosecutors, judges, the defense, probation and parole officers? Do you know the process in your jurisdiction? Learn the questions you need to ask and the options you have to assist victims to be heard.

Minimum Standards for Sexual Assault Programs in Texas

Beginning August 31, 2016, sexual assault programs in Texas must meet the new minimum services standards in order to receive grant funding by the Office of the Attorney General. This workshop will examine the new minimum services standards, discuss what sexual assault programs can do now to prepare for meeting the new minimum service standards, and create a space for participants to ask questions and receive additional information regarding this important transition.

Grants: Financial Reporting and Monitoring

This workshop will provide grantees with detailed information regarding how to complete invoices, financial status reports, salary/match reports and other financial forms. Grantees will also be provided with an overview of what is involved in a monitoring visit, desk review and other types of monitoring.

Protective Orders

This workshop will provide workshop attendees a comprehensive overview of protective orders, including how to obtain protective orders, to the function, purpose, and pivotal role of victim liaisons/law enforcement in the obtaining of protective orders for victims of crime/family violence.

CJ 101 Overview

A comprehensive overview of the criminal justice system addressing investigation and pre-trial issues, grand jury, and trial and sentencing, and appeals and post-conviction processes.

The Mind of a Sexual Predator

This workshop provides an overview of the thought processes of sex offenders, why they do what they do, and the difficulties in identifying such offenders as a result of specific motivations.

The Hidden Victims of Crime, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

This session will highlight the latest federal and state changes addressing the needs and concerns for immigrant victims, some of the important trends, and how to better understand and assist clients who have been victims of crime/domestic violence/human trafficking and abused and neglected children.

Grants: OVAG/VCLG Performance Reporting

This workshop will provide grantees with detailed information regarding how to complete required quarterly performance reports for Other Victim Assistance Grants (OVAG) and Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grants (VCLG). Grantees will learn the ins and outs of performance reporting directly from their OAG grant manager.

Awards Benefits (CVC)

A comprehensive overview of awards benefit payments including: medical, funeral, loss of wages, loss of support, rent/relocation, and all other payment types as well as necessary documentation will be discussed.

Victim Disparities

This workshop will educate advocates on the importance of learning cultural practices and traditions to better assist victims of crime.

Victims with Mental Illness

This session provides an overview of the effective means of delivering services/access to victim resources to victims coping with mental illness.

Grants: SAPCS-State Performance Reporting

This workshop will provide grantees a detailed overview of quarterly reporting requirements and Sexual Assault Prevention & Crisis Services (SAPCS)—state definitions. Grantees will have an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of performance reporting directly from their grant manager and program staff.

Sexual Assault Exam Reimbursement Billing Guidelines

This workshop is an interactive overview of an appropriate/effective submission of necessary documentation to CVC for reimbursement for sexual assault exams.

Title IX - Sexual Misconduct on Academic Campuses

This workshop was uniquely designed to bring awareness to Title IX issues and the role of campus administrators in addressing sexual misconduct. This workshop provides a practical understanding of Title IX and how campus administrators assist victims of sexual misconduct through the formal complaint process and by utilizing internal and external resources. Attendees of this workshop will be equipped with the necessary tools to successfully navigate sexual misconduct issues in academic environments.

Cyber Crimes

This workshop will provide an overview of the various types of ever-evolving cyber crimes and the effective means for enhancing community awareness and education efforts for statewide law enforcement and victim advocates in addressing such crimes.

Grants

This workshop will provide attendees a broad introduction to writing a grant application. Learn the basics of filling out an application, writing effective narratives and acquiring helpful tips for a successful submission. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of the grant process and how to better prepare their own application for submission for future grant opportunities.

HB 1446: Emergency Medical Care Associated with the Sexual Assault Exam

This workshop will provide an overview of the implementation of HB 1446 and how it relates to providing victim assistance for statewide law enforcement, victim advocates and the Crime Victims' Compensation Program.

CVC Eligibility Overview

This workshop will provide a detailed overview regarding the eligibility process of the Crime Victims' Compensation Program. Workshop attendees will take part in an interactive dialogue that analyzes specific case scenarios, which requires audience participation in determining eligibility in several example studies.

Gang Violence

Gang violence and victimization present unique challenges for the criminal justice system and victim assistance programs. This training explores these challenges and reviews successful strategies for serving victims of gang violence.

How to Shift to a Trauma-Informed Approach

This workshop will present information related to domestic violence, the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and how trauma impacts development across the lifespan. It will provide participants with resources to assess their current practices and offer opportunities to have discussion about the challenges we all face in delivering services to survivors.

Grants: Panel Discussion with Grants Operations and Contracts and Asset Management

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) grants operations, grants management, financial and monitoring staff will facilitate a discussion with grantees. This is a great opportunity to participate in discussions with other grantees and OAG grants staff to help in administering grants effectively.

National Crime Victim Compensation Overview

The workshop will provide an overview of crime victim services programs and resources available to victims nationwide.

Overview of the CVC Appeals Process

This workshop will provide a detailed overview regarding the legal appeals process of the Crime Victims' Compensation Program.

Human Trafficking - Repeat

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Legislative Update Panel: TAASA, TCFV, OAG

This workshop will address legislative changes that took place during the 84th Texas legislative session and how new laws affect statewide agencies in providing effective victim assistance.

Grants: SAPCS Federal Performance Reporting

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Legal Ethics

This workshop centers on preparing an attorney and those who work closely with them, on coping with the crisis, crime and victims through the most ethical means possible.

Address Confidentiality Program

This training will consist of an overview of how the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) works and advises victim advocates regarding the appropriate means for submitting ACP applications. All victim advocates must be trained on ACP before they can utilize the program.

Forensic Interviewing

This workshop will review the forensic interview process and its role in an investigation. Participants will discover what a forensic interview entails and its benefits; learn effective forensic interview techniques with child victims; and gain awareness of child development and its impact on the interview.

Assisted Pro Se (APS) Program for Victims of Family Violence

This workshop is geared toward communities and advocates who are interested in utilizing the APS program. The APS program provides free, individualized legal assistance to victims of family violence in all counties of Texas. Program attorneys prepare customized legal documents for divorces and protective orders, offer on-going legal advice about the court process, and give detailed instructions to clients about the pro se process.

"Suffer From BURNOUT?"

Burnout affects millions of Americans each year and has been called "the disease of our civilization." The unhappiness and detachment burnout causes can threaten your job, your relationships and your health. But there's good news -- burnout can be healed. Former 20-year elected District Attorney Mark Yarbrough, from Littlefield, Texas (hometown of Waylon Jennings), personally experienced burnout, learned how to successfully overcome it, and went from "burnout" to "on fire!" He has since become a "burnout expert" and has written and been

published on the subject. Mark is a very entertaining, motivating and inspiring speaker. He has taught thousands of people how to overcome burnout -- from companies like Blue Bell Ice Cream and Xcel Energy, to teachers and doctors/nurses, to a variety of government workers (police officers, CPS workers, attorneys, victim's rights advocates, counselors, mental health professionals, etc.). Audience members will learn the definition of burnout and the symptoms thereof. But more importantly, attendees will be laughing, and at the same time learning how to apply Mark's philosophy to help themselves or their co-workers avoid and/or recover from burnout. This is a training that you won't want to miss!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Applications for continuing education have been submitted to TCOLE (Formerly TCLEOSE), MCLE-State Bar of Texas, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists and Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

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The Office of the Attorney General
 Conference Unit, MC-027
 P. O. Box 12548
 Austin, TX 78711-2548

A confirmation letter with conference information and materials will be sent via email in the weeks prior to the conference.

You may pay by check, money order, purchase order* or Inter-Agency Transaction Voucher (ITV).** Credit cards and cash are not accepted.

To receive a full refund, cancellations must be made in writing and received by our office at the address above no later than Monday, February 8, 2016. "No Shows" will be billed the entire registration fee of 285.00.

*Purchase orders should be made out to the Office of the Attorney General's Conference Unit, Federal ID # 74-6000057, and mailed to the above address.

**ITV should include RTI # 800265 and OAG Vendor ID #333023023022018. Reference "Invoice #969" and include each registrant's last name in the "Invoice Number" field.

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