

OVC SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) supports partnerships with law enforcement agencies at the state, Tribal, and local levels to enhance services to victims and establish collaborations between police and the communities they protect.

Discretionary Grant Projects and Programs

Law Enforcement-Based Victim Services (LEV)

theiacp.org/projects/law-enforcement-based-victim-services-lev

This project seeks to develop, enhance, and sustain victim assistance programs in law enforcement agencies. In FY 2022, OVC funded the International Association of Chiefs of Police as the training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to support all LEV sites previously funded under this initiative and made subawards for new LEV sites.

Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims (ELERV)

theiacp.org/projects/enhancing-law-enforcement-re-sponse-to-victims-elerv

This program introduces law enforcement leaders to the benefits and methods for adopting victim-centered, trauma-informed responses to victims. OVC funded an ELERV fellowship program in FY 2022 to support OVC's goal to increase the number of law enforcement agencies using the ELERV model.

Vicarious Trauma Response Initiative

theiacp.org/projects/vicarious-trauma-response-initiative

VOCA funds support this \$3 million TTA initiative with IACP to build a sustained response to vicarious trauma in community implementation sites (including Tribal communities) across the country by developing virtual trainings and resources for the field.

Fostering Resilience and Hope: Bridging the Gap Between Law Enforcement and the Community

ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2021-23001

This program supports the development of a Community of Practice (CoP), a system of critical inquiry and reflection focused on building shared learning over time, with different types of law enforcement officers from rural and underserved areas to work on a hope-centered framework to assist law enforcement officers with addressing trauma and adversity in order to repair and rebuild relationships within the community.

The Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) to Combat Human Trafficking Program

ovc.ojp.gov/program/human-trafficking/grants-funding

Through this initiative, law enforcement agencies and victim service organizations implement collaborative, victim-centered,

trauma-informed approaches to identifying and serving victims of human trafficking. ICF and AEquitas provide TTA to ECM task forces and other service providers.

Training for Law Enforcement to Improve Identification of and Response to Elder Fraud Victims

ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2020-v3-gx-k006

With funding from OVC, the National White Collar Crime Center works with IACP to develop and deliver trainings for law enforcement to improve responses to elder fraud that are tailored to jurisdictions.

Products

The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

ovc.ojp.gov/program/vtt/introduction

This toolkit includes resources tailored to victim services, emergency medical services, fire services, and law enforcement that provide the knowledge and skills necessary for organizations to address vicarious trauma.

Mass Violence Toolkit

ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/pubs/mvt-toolkit/index.html

This toolkit was developed to help communities prepare for and respond to victims of mass violence and terrorism in the most timely, effective, and compassionate manner possible.

A Toolkit for Human Trafficking Investigations

www.theiacp.org/projects/building-police-agency-capacity-a-toolkit-for-human-trafficking-investigations-0

This toolkit provides practical tools and resources to assist police agencies in building or enhancing their capacity to identify and assist human trafficking victims and conduct investigations using trauma-informed and victim-centered principles.



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Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims (ELERV) Strategy

theiacp.org/projects/enhancing-law-enforcement-response-to-victims-elerv

This second edition of the ELERV Strategy includes comprehensive updates that highlight information gained and lessons learned from the three agencies that implemented the ELERV Strategy between 2014 and 2019.

Development and Operations Roadmap for Multidisciplinary Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces

ovc.ojp.gov/library/publications/multidisciplinary-collaborative-model-anti-human-trafficking-task-forces

This roadmap provides both new and experienced anti-human trafficking task forces with guidance to assess their operations, identify areas for improvement, and develop plans for long-term sustainability.

Pathways Toward Collective Healing

theiacp.org/CollectiveHealing

Learn how five law enforcement agencies worked together with their community partners to explore ways to improve public safety, build trust and legitimacy, and provide victim assistance to those most at risk.

Law Enforcement's Role in Victim Compensation

theiacp.org/LE-Role-in-Victim-Compensation

These resources help law enforcement connect victims of crime with their victim compensation program.

The Human Trafficking Task Force E-Guide

www.ovcttac.gov/TaskForceGuide/eguide

The purpose of this guide is to assist in the development and day-to-day operations of an anti-human trafficking task force and to provide fundamental guidance for effective task force operations.

Trainings

Victim Assistance Training Online

www.ovcttac.gov/VATOnline

This foundational victim assistance training program offers victim service providers and allied professionals the opportunity to acquire the essential skills and knowledge they need to assist victims of crime more effectively.

Leadership Institute to Combat Human Trafficking

aequitasresource.org/trainings/

This two-day leadership institute is for executive-level prosecutors and law enforcement looking to create, enhance, or refine anti-trafficking policies and practices that are data driven, trauma informed, and victim centered.

Understanding Human Trafficking

www.ovcttac.gov/UnderstandingHumanTrafficking

This training is a series of five interactive online modules that offer foundational learning on trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches to human trafficking.

Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse

www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspTrainingByRequest.cfm?nm=tta&ns=td&nt=irea

These training materials help practitioners recognize the risk factors for and indicators of elder abuse, and learn how to intervene appropriately and collaborate effectively with other agencies.

Serving LGBTQ Survivors of Violence

www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspTrainingByRequest.cfm?nm=tta&ns=td&nt=slsv

This training provides communities and organizations with the knowledge and skills needed to support LGBTQ individuals who have experienced violent crime to help them develop a defined action plan for themselves.

Serving Survivors of Homicide

www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspTrainingByRequest.cfm?nm=tta&ns=td&nt=sshv

These training materials help practitioners improve their ability to support survivors of homicide through the most shattering experience of their lives.

Victim-Centered Solutions to Elder Exploitation

nw3c.org/online-training/online-course-detail/380

This online course is a series of 10 victim-centered, interactive web-based training modules covering trauma-informed promising practices for detecting and responding to elder financial exploitation.

Death Notifications: Best Practices

www.ovcttac.gov/videos/dspMV_DeathNotifications.cfm

This video provides general best practices for law enforcement professionals to keep in mind when providing death notifications to survivors.

Helping Victims of Mass Violence & Terrorism Webinar Series

www.ovcttac.gov/massviolence/?nm=sfa&ns=mvt&nt=webinars

This web training series highlights the importance of communities, states, and regions planning a response to incidents of mass violence and terrorism using OVC's Mass Violence Toolkit.

Non-Fatal Strangulation: Recognizing the Injuries and Connecting Victims to Care

www.ovcttac.gov/videos/dspPlayVideo.cfm?video=Expert_QA_07152020.mp4&folder=migrate-ac

This session is an opportunity for advocates, law enforcement, and other allied professionals to increase their awareness and understanding about the serious effects of non-fatal strangulation within the context of domestic violence and sexual assault.