

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

AEquitas

AEquitas with its staff, comprised primarily of former prosecutors, has worked closely with government and nongovernment agencies around the world to increase successful prosecutions in gender-based violence and human trafficking cases; promote the pursuit of justice for victims; and, ultimately, prevent future acts of violence. Key features of Aequitas' work include a resource library, technical assistance consultations, and trainings.

<https://aequitasresource.org/>

Alliance for Safety and Justice's Crime Survivors Speak

Created by the Alliance for Safety and Justice, Crime Survivors Speak is the first national survey administered to victims of crime to capture their experiences with the criminal justice system and their views and preferences for safety and justice. The Alliance for Safety and Justice collects, analyzes, and disseminates these data on their website to aid the creation of victim-informed policy related to safety and justice.

<https://allianceforsafetyandjustice.org/crimesurvivorsspeak/>

Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP)

BWJP is a national resource center on civil and criminal justice responses to intimate partner violence, providing technical assistance and training to professionals engaged in these systems. Notably, BWJP manages these project initiatives on firearm seizures and protection order enforcement: (a) The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms and (b) the National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit.

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

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

BJS is the United States' primary source for criminal justice statistics, which is critical to federal, state, and local policy makers in combating crime and ensuring that justice is both efficient and evenhanded. In addition to the publication of crime data, BJS provides data analysis tools, information by topics, and funding opportunities.

<https://www.bjs.gov/>

Center for Victim Research (CVR)

CVR is a joint effort made possible by the partnership of the Justice Research and Statistics Association, the National Center for Victims of Crime, and the Urban Institute. CVR serves as a hub for victim service providers and researchers to connect, collaborate, and share knowledge on victim research and data, as well as provide information on performance monitoring and data collection best practices.

<https://victimresearch.org/>

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)

The COPS Office is an office within the U.S. Department of Justice, "responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources." For organizations and agencies working in this field, the COPS Office website provides funding opportunities, training, and technical assistance opportunities, research findings, resources, and publications, the latest news in the field, and a podcast series called "The Beat."

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/>

Ending Violence Against Women International (EVAWI)

EVAWI works with professionals inside and outside the criminal justice system, seeking to improve outcomes for victims of gender-based violence and pursue accountability for their assailants. Key features of EVAWI's work include the OnLine Training Institute, webinars, technical assistance, trainings, and a resource library.

<http://www.evawintl.org/>

National Center for Campus Public Safety (NCCPS)

NCCPS supports campus officials in their efforts to create and sustain safer and stronger campus communities, by acting as a centralized location for the many resources available and initiatives being undertaken nationwide. Other key features of NCCPS's work include the Virtual Professional Development online training program and the Campus Public Safety Online-Webinars.

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

National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC)

NCVC is a nonprofit organization that advocates for victims' rights, trains professionals who work with victims, and serves as a trusted source of information on victims' issues. Key features of NCVC's work include the DNA Resource Center, which provides training and technical assistance about the use of DNA in the criminal justice system; the Stalking Resource Center, which provides training and technical assistance for professionals working with stalking victims and offenders; and the VictimConnect national helpline dedicated to serving all victims.

<http://victimsofcrime.org/>

National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI)

NCVLI is a nonprofit legal education and advocacy organization based at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, with the mission, "to actively promote balance and fairness in the justice system through crime victim centered legal advocacy, education, and resource sharing." Key features of NCVLI's work include the Victim Resource Map, Victim Law Library, Rights Enforcement Toolkit, and technical assistance.

https://law.lclark.edu/centers/national_crime_victim_law_institute/

National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)

Since 1973, BJS has conducted the NCVS every year by interviewing a nationally representative sample of about 160,000 unique individuals in about 95,000 households. These individuals are interviewed on the frequency, characteristics, and consequences of criminal victimization in the United States, both reported and not reported to the police. The findings from this annual survey help gauge national trends and act as the United States' primary source of information on criminal victimization

<https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=dcdetail&iid=245>

National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

NIJ is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, dedicated to providing objective and independent knowledge and tools to inform the decision-making of the criminal and juvenile justice communities to reduce crime and advance justice, particularly at the state and local levels. NIJ provides funding opportunities, hosts events on current criminal justice research, publishes research, and provides online and in-person training opportunities.

<https://www.nij.gov/Pages/welcome.aspx>

National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)

NNEDV represents the 56 state and U.S. territory coalitions against domestic violence by providing training and technical assistance and furthering public awareness of domestic violence. NNEDV manages a wide array of project initiatives including Domestic Violence Counts (Annual Census), WomensLaw, the Coalition Capacity Project, the Economic Justice Project, the Housing Project, the Safety Net Project, and the Positively Safe Project.

<https://nnedv.org/>

National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)

NOVA is a national nonprofit organization that connects victims to services and resources, trains victim advocates and crisis responders, administers credentialing programs for those working directly with crime victims, and promotes public policy initiatives that protect crime victims' rights.

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

National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

SAKI is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance to provide funding to local law enforcement jurisdictions through a competitive grant program to support the jurisdictional reform of approaches to sexual assault cases resulting from evidence found in sexual assault kits that have never been submitted to a crime laboratory. While the program offers grant opportunities for jurisdictions to become official SAKI grantee sites and receive specialized technical assistance, SAKI also offers resources for non-grantees, including webinars, the SAKI Virtual Academy, and the SAKI Toolkit.

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

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

NSVRC translates research and trends into best practices, providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence. Also, NSVRC works with the media to promote informed reporting, hosts webinars on current topics and best practices, and manages a resource library.

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

National Survey of Victim Service Providers (NSVSP)

The National Survey of Victim Service Providers (NSVSP) aims to fill important gaps in our understanding of victim service providers and the victims they serve, providing insight into how the field is equipped to meet victims' needs.

<https://www.bjs.gov/content/nsvsp.cfm>

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC is an office within the United States Department of Justice, "committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to providing leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims of crime." For organizations and agencies working in this field, OVC's website provides funding opportunities, training and technical assistance opportunities, research findings, resources, and publications, the latest news in the field, and information on crime victims' rights on the federal and state levels.

<https://www.ovc.gov/>

OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)

OVC works with partner organizations and grantees through cooperative agreements to collect and disseminate a variety of resources in the OVC TTAC. These resources include comprehensive training (web-based and face-to-face), instructor materials, customized technical assistance opportunities, and scholarship opportunities for individuals and teams interested in attending victim-focused trainings and conferences.

<https://www.ovc.gov/training/index.html>

Stalking Prevention and Awareness Resource Center (SPARC)

SPARC is a project managed by AEquitas, created to ensure first responders, victim service providers, and prosecutors have the specialized knowledge to identify and respond to the crime of stalking. SPARC provides trainings, technical assistance, information on stalking, and resources like the Stalking Incident and Behavior Log, and the Stalking Harassment and Risk Profile Risk Assessment.

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

State Crime Victim Compensation Programs

Every state has a crime victim compensation program, which is a government program to reimburse victims of crime, as well as their families for many of their out-of-pocket expenses. OVC's U.S. Resource Map of Crime Victim Services & Information will direct visitors to their state's victim compensation program.

<https://www.ovc.gov/map.html>

The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit (VTT)

OVC, in collaboration with nine other organizations, created the VTT to provide resources for organizational response to work-related exposure to trauma, with some resources specific to certain professions, such as victim services, emergency medical services, fire services, and law enforcement. Organizations can work to address their response to vicarious trauma by using the VTT's Blueprint for a Vicarious Trauma-Informed Organization, or by contacting OVC TTAC for no-cost training and technical assistance on the toolkit.

<https://vtt.ovc.ojp.gov/>

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINELink)

VINELink is a victim notification service that lets victims of crime and other concerned citizens access and receive timely information regarding offenders' release dates and court case updates. The service is free of charge to use, is completely confidential, and can be received in over 195 languages. To access the VINELink service, victims can call a toll-free number, visit www.vinelink.com, or use the VINELink mobile app. Additionally, victims can register to receive automated notifications about changes in custody status through phone, email, or text.

<https://www.vinelink.com/#/home>

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

VOCA Assistance funding is available through the official VOCA Administrator designated to each state and territory, which can be used by law enforcement agencies to pay for victim services programs that exceed a law enforcement agencies' normal duties such as specialized and dedicated victim services units or victim advocates. Such victim assistance personnel will be able to provide a point of contact to answer victims' questions about their case or explain the criminal justice process; assist crime victims with their compensation claims, crisis counseling, and follow-up; and provide information and referrals, criminal justice support and advocacy, and personal advocacy.

<https://navaa.org/state-administrator-directory/>