

OCVS Grants Updates

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THANK

VOCA Data
Focus Group

YOU

The VOCA team would like to thank the VOCA Data Focus Group participants for sharing their thoughts on VOCA data. We hope it was a good experience for all – we truly got a lot out of the feedback! A report with recommendations will be developed and distributed.

As a reminder, you can mail your reimbursement documents to Cindy Grady.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

For resources and information: <https://www.nsvrc.org/>



OCVS GRANTS NEW TEAM MEMBER

Bethzabeth Ordaz
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Bethzabeth comes to the Grants Team from the Dept of Health Services, where she managed the finances for AIDS/HIV and Opioid Harm Prevention Programs.

We are excited to welcome Bethzabeth to the team! (even though she really likes winter ☺)

National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 8-14, 2018

For resources and information: <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2018/>

Thursday, April 12, 2018

12:00 – 12:30pm

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony

Hosted by Attorney General Brad Schimel with the Wisconsin Crime Victims Council & Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services

State Capitol Rotunda (First Floor)
Madison, Wisconsin



EGRANTS Login

<https://egrants.doj.state.wi.us/egmis/login.aspx>

EGRANTS HELPDESK**Email:**

Egrants@doj.state.wi.us

Phone:

(608) 267-9068

Toll-free:

(888) 894-6607

Hours of Operation:

Weekdays, 8am-4:30pm CST

Requesting modifications to your grant:

If an employee/s that had access to Egrants has left the agency, your agency should contact the Egrants Helpdesk to have the staff member's Egrants Login deactivated.

If the Project Director or Financial Officer has changed, submit a **modification** in Egrants to update OCVS of any changes on who is the subgrant contact.

If a staff member has been hired in a vacant position or staff members have changed positions, please submit a **modification** request in Egrants to update OCVS of personnel changes as well as update your subgrant's budget in Egrants.

Egrants News

Managing Your Egrants Account Credentials

Common Problems:

- **Duplicate Accounts** – We see many new user requests from individuals that already have an Egrants account. Even if you have forgotten your user name and password, we can help you recover your credentials. The first step is to attempt an automated password recovery. (see next topic)
- **Forgotten Password/Username** – If you have forgotten your password or username, please browse to <https://register.wisconsin.gov/> and click on the "Logon ID/Password Recovery" link. Enter your email address and submit. Then check your email for further instruction.
- **Forgotten Secret Question/Answer** – Most likely you will find this out after you have already forgotten your password and are attempting to recover your password as described in topic above. If this is the case, you will need to contact the Egrants Help Desk. If you want to review this prior to having password problems, please browse to <https://register.wisconsin.gov/> and click on the "Profile Management" link. Many people have trouble remembering their exact answer phrase. They know the answer but just can't get the response exactly right. To make this easier, try making your answer a single word and always use all lower case. This tip works well for all your personal accounts too.

WI DOJ/OCVS Trainings List 2018

Justice Systems Training

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE SYSTEM TRAININGS



Cross-training among the various disciplines responsible for responding to a report of domestic violence is essential to ensuring that each professional understands, respects, and values the roles and responsibilities of their colleagues. This multidisciplinary response is considered best practice as it provides a collaborative, victim-centered response to sensitive crimes by reducing the potential for re-victimization within the criminal justice system. It also ensures an offender-focused response by gathering the facts of a case, focusing on the actions of the offender, and holding the perpetrator accountable for their crime. **All trainings are FREE.**

<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/training-opportunities-professionals>

Sexual Assault Investigations Best Practices

The **first day of training is open to a multidisciplinary audience** including law enforcement, advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists and other community collaborators. **The second and third days of training are open to members of law enforcement only.** All trainings are free of charge.

Day one will examine the biological backdrop from which trauma reactions emerge, providing investigators, prosecutors, advocates and other stake-holders with a more complete understanding of how to respond to victims, and how to investigate these cases more fully.

Days two and three will explore the research supporting the use of trauma-informed interview techniques as the best means for obtaining the most accurate information from victim survivors about the sexual assault. The trauma impact will be connected to the interview, providing explanation for what we know about the impact of trauma on the brain with demonstration of how "old" interview and interrogation methods are ineffective.

Information will also be provided on how, due to these ineffective methods, we have inadvertently set victims up to fail, set up well-intentioned investigations to fail and set up prosecutions to fail. Finally, participants will be provided with information on forensic experiential trauma interview techniques, offender accountability, and identifying corroborating evidence.

April 9-11, 2018: Madison www.cvent.com/d/2tqtg4

June 5-7, 2018: Ashland www.cvent.com/d/1tqyd3

For more information on any of these DOJ trainings, please contact Keeley Crowley at crowleykj@doj.state.wi.us or 608-261-8649

Homicide Prevention Through Domestic Violence Intervention

These FREE, three-day conferences are open to law enforcement, dispatchers, victim advocates, medical personnel, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists, and other community collaborators. Through presentations, videos, group and panel discussions, we will explore topics such as:

- Dynamics of victimization
- Trauma-informed investigations that recognize pattern behavior by the offender
- Identifying the predominant aggressor
- Evidence identification and preservation
- Gaining offender accountability
- Stalking
- Witness intimidation
- Lethality assessment
- Working on a coordinated community response team
- Effective report writing
- Survivor testimonials

April 24-26, 2018: Ladysmith, WI

www.cvent.com/d/8tqd2r

May 7-9, 2018: Cleveland, WI

www.cvent.com/d/5tqd2f

September 25-27, 2018: Marshfield, WI

www.cvent.com/d/ctqczl

OCVS Training

The **online OCVS curriculum** is now available! We hope this option provides flexibility to those who faced obstacles with attending our in-person events. Please see our website to view modules and our complete the post-test: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/content/ocvs-online-curriculum>

These dates have been added to the **OCVS training calendar** and registration is available at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCVS2018>

Additionally, we are happy to have added the **Safe at Home program** to this year's agenda. This provides a great in-person training opportunity for those who wish to learn more about the program and/or become Application Assistants. Upon completion of this session, individuals will be qualified to register as Application Assistants and we encourage them to do so.

There's still time to register for all upcoming dates:

Wausau (in collaboration with WCASA's SAVAS training)
May 18th, 2018

Madison (in collaboration with WCASA's SAVAS training)
August 17th, 2018

Eau Claire
November 8th, 2018

Quarterly Program and Fiscal Report Due Dates

Federal Fiscal Year: October-September	Calendar Year: January-December
01/30/2018	04/30/2018
04/30/2018	07/30/2018
07/30/2018	10/30/2018
<u>10/30/2018 Final</u>	<u>01/30/2019 Final</u>

REMINDERS

ALL SUBGRANTEES REMINDER: Have you checked your budget lately? Are you spending down the way you projected you would? If you have questions or concerns please contact your Grant Manager for assistance. And remember you can submit a modification any time.

SAVS:

2018 SAVS first quarter program and financial status reports are due by April 30, 2018. New for SAVS recipients, financial status reports are to be submitted into Egrants. Even though recipients are awarded 50% upfront, financial status reports are to be submitted to show actual expenses for the first quarter.

VAWA:

Evaluation Plans for all 2018 VAWA STOP Victim Services subgrantees are **due with the 1st Quarter report on 4/30/2018**. Please refer to the Special Conditions portion of your Award Document. The Evaluation Plan should include all three years of the project and answer the questions: What does success look like for your program? How will success be measured? Please include details such as how survivors will be involved in the development of the plan, how will you utilize feedback from the community you serve, and how will the results affect your services.

Thank you to all the VAWA Grants subgrantees for completing your 2017 Annual Progress Reports in a timely manner! All Annual Progress Reports are submitted to the VAWA MEI (Measuring Effectiveness Initiative) housed in the Justice Policy Program at the Cutler Institute for Health and Social Policy, Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine. They compile data from all VAWA subgrantees to develop a report for Congress.

If Muskie has questions about your data, they create a Red Flag Report and send it to Shira. If your agency is flagged, I will send an email with corrections to be made.

VOCA:

VOCA-SAC Focus Groups on VOCA Data are underway. We appreciate everyone's time spent on this project. A formal report will result and be dispersed to all subgrantees at the end of this grant. In the meantime, please contact Karina with any questions.

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Who is [Morgan Young](#)?

I am the Victim Services Training Officer.

I [coordinate, develop and provide trainings](#) for direct victim service providers throughout the state. These events range from information about what services and projects OCVS provides to bringing best practice updates to various service provider disciplines. I collaborate with other stakeholders at a state level for larger events to ensure the needs of victim service providers are being met and a multi-disciplinary approach is taken when possible.

I also currently administer the VOCA Discretionary Training grant (which will end on September 30th). This includes providing training scholarships and sponsoring local trainings for communities throughout the state.

Who is [Keeley Crowley](#)?

My name is Keeley Crowley and I'm a Program and Policy Analyst - Advanced in the Office of Crime Victim Services.

I serve as the Site Liaison for [WI's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative](#), as well as the project coordinator for the SART Strengthening and Enhancement Project and the VAWA Justice System Training program. These roles offer me the opportunity to collaborate with local communities and jurisdictions, providing training and technical assistance on the multidisciplinary response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Who is [Elizabeth Champion](#)?

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Champion, and I am the Children's Justice Act [Grant Coordinator](#) at DOJ.

I administer the [Children's Justice Act \(CJA\) Grant](#) from the federal Children's Bureau. These funds are used to improve the assessment and investigation of suspected child maltreatment in a way which reduces additional trauma to the child and ensures procedural fairness to the accused.

I coordinate forensic interview trainings for multidisciplinary teams investigating child maltreatment. (A forensic interview of a child is a developmentally sensitive and legally sound method of gathering factual information regarding allegations of child maltreatment, conducted by a trained, neutral professional.)

Other funding areas for CJA include scholarships, conference sponsorships, specialized training, and support of Child Fatality Reviews, tools and protocol development, and the purchase of video recording equipment for child-friendly forensic interviewing spaces. I also work with a multidisciplinary task force which guides program priorities based on emerging needs around the state.

Training scholarships!

Direct victim service providers can still apply for small training scholarships to attend events that improve victim services. Events and billing must be completed by September 30, 2018. One need not be a VOCA recipient to qualify. Please contact [Morgan Young](#) with questions and click [here](#) to apply.

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