



VOCA Newsletter Crime Victim Services Unit

DPS/VOCA Funding Opportunity

Watch for the announcement of available VOCA funding — coming soon. The upcoming RFGA will be a competitive process open to victim service agencies throughout Arizona. It's not too early to begin preparing for your goals, objectives, budget, etc. Once the RFGA is released (hopefully by mid-February), we will hold a Pre-application Conference outlining the process and addressing applicants' questions.



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Audit Reports

When preparing for a financial audit, the accountants require information regarding federal revenue and expenditures. DPS can make this easy for you — CVS has a one page report entitled "VOCA Financial History Report". This report provides all relevant information for your VOCA Grant — including CFDA number, contract number, federal and match expenditures, and payments by month. By requesting this one-page report from your VOCA Grant Coordinator, you can ensure that the auditors have the most up-to-date and accurate information available.

Accuracy of Match Expenditures:

Each VOCA grant has two financial components — (1) federal expenditures (VOCA) and (2) match expenditures. For each grant, the VOCA Sub-recipient must provide a 20% match (5% for tribal agencies), either cash or in-kind. The reporting of match is just as critical as the reporting of the VOCA expenditures. Agencies should report actual expenditures for VOCA and for match — **not estimates**.

If during the course of the grant period, a VOCA sub-recipient experiences difficulty meeting the match requirement as presented in the approved budget, then changes are required. Items used as match can be modified as necessary as long as the new match line items conform to the VOCA guidelines and the scope of the project remains the same. However, an Agreement Amendment Request must be completed — even to just change the match. The budget should reflect actual expenditures for both the federal funds and the matching funds. Remember, the VOCA project budget (federal and match) should always reflect the reality of your expenses.

New Criminal Justice Briefing from Morrison Institute *Pinal County DV Courts Yield Encouraging Results*

Pinal County's specialized court for domestic violence cases offers some promising results for dealing with this common and complex offense, according to a new policy brief from Morrison Institute for Public Policy. "Pinal County Domestic Violence Court, Some Early but Encouraging Results" is the third in Morrison Institute's on-line series, *Criminal Justice Issues for Arizona*. The report is co-authored by Bill Hart and Richard Toon, Ph.D.

Pinal County's domestic violence court model handles DV felony cases in the Superior Court in Pinal County and misdemeanor cases in the Apache Junction and Eloy justice courts. Morrison's report analyzes data collected in the court's database; as of April 2008, 666 case records of domestic violence offenders had been processed by one of the three courts.

Key findings include:

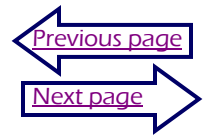
Offenders showed a significant increase in their self-reported coping abilities and in their satisfaction with the criminal-justice system during their period of supervision. Offenders showed a significant decrease in their self-reported propensity for abusiveness to an intimate partner during their period of supervision. Only 9% of offenders committed another offense while in the program.

To read the full briefing papers, or view previous issues of Criminal Justice Issues for Arizona, visit

[Morrison Institute Website.](#)

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Teen Dating Violence Information for Teens and Parents Available at the [AzCADV website](#)



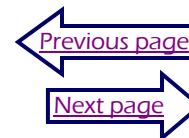
What's New at OVC?

[Web Forum](#)

Every month, OVC's Web forum offers online discussions on high-interest topics in the crime victims' field. If you missed any of the previous discussions, you can view them online now. Past topics include:

- Addressing Technology and Stalking (hosted by Michelle Garcia and Cindy Southworth)
- Enforcing Victims' Rights in Court (hosted by Carol Dorris and Meg Garvin)
- Serving Sexual Violence Victims in Native American Communities (hosted by Roe Bubar and Sarah Deer)
- Empowering Victims to Triumph over Tragedy (hosted by Dan Levey and Debra Puglisi Sharp)
- Implementing and Operating Address Confidentiality Programs (hosted by Melissa Deinlein and Victoria Sostack)

The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence Invites You to Advocacy Days! Feb 10-11, 2009
Great opportunity to meet with State Legislators and make your voice heard at the State Capitol!
Accommodations: The Clarendon Hotel, Phoenix
For more information or to register, contact AzCADV @ (602) 279-2900



Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit '09

10th Annual Summit

May 5-8, 2009

Portland, Oregon

The summit is a 3 1/2 day multi-disciplinary conference for professionals working in the area of investigations, interviewing, assessment, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.

This year's theme, "The Power of One in Collaboration with Others", continues throughout the Summit as attendees learn new ways to work together to protect and make each child safe in our communities.

Az Attorney General's Office—Training Dates Victims' Rights 101 / Advanced Victims' Rights

Coconino County—Flagstaff

February 26, 2009 / February 27, 2009

La Paz County—Parker

May 7, 2009 / May 8, 2009

Mohave County—Kingman

May 21, 2009 / May 22, 2009

Santa Cruz County—Nogales

March 26, 2009 / March 27, 2009

Gila County—Globe

January 29, 2009 / January 30, 2009

Maricopa County—Phoenix

April 29, 2009 / April 30, 2009

Pinal County—Florence

February 5, 2009 / February 6, 2009

Yavapai County—Prescott

April 9, 2009 / April 10, 2009

Training is FREE — Registration is required

[Register online](#)



**For workshop
descriptions &
scholarship details, click TTAC below
& visit OVC's
Training & Technical Assistance Center**



The Ultimate Trainer

Responding to School Violence

Sexual Assault Adv/Counselor

Curriculum Design for Victim Service Providers

Enforcing Victims' Rights

Strategic Planning for Victim Service Leaders

Denver, CO

San Jose, CA

Austin, TX

Portland, OR

Minneapolis, MN

Pittsburgh, PA

February 10-12

March 18-19

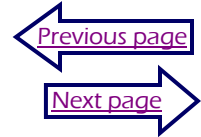
April 14-15

May 5-6

May 19-20

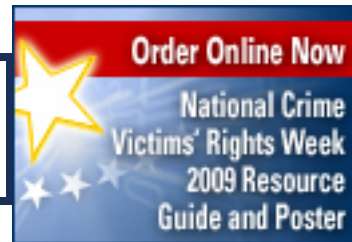
June 9-10





National Crime Victims' Rights Week
25 Years of Rebuilding Lives:
Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act

[Sign Up for a Free Copy of the 2009 NCVRW Resource Guide and Poster](#)



**It's not too early to start planning
your local events now.**

Congratulations!!

**Pinal County Attorney's Office
and
Southwest Center for Law and Policy**

These two Arizona agencies received funding from the Office for Victims of Crime: 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects.

A total of 59 projects in 40 states were funded.

Arizona Department of Public Safety



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New Resources & Studies

[Home Court Advantage DVD](#)

For children who have been victimized facing a courtroom full of adults can be scary. Pamphlets, handouts and coloring books may help prepare them for court, however, now there's a new resource available to supplement these activities. This DVD, developed by Tec-Masters, Inc., in conjunction with the National Children's Advocacy Center, animates these tools and places them literally in the palm of the child's hand. The TV remote control navigates through an engaging, interactive, non-linear instructional DVD designed to put children at ease in an upcoming courtroom situation.

"The National Children's Advocacy Center is proud to partner with Tec-Master's Inc. in developing this highly informative DVD for child abuse professionals. Preparing children to testify in court is one of the most difficult aspects of our work, and this DVD provides an outstanding mechanism for addressing this challenge. This useful tool will enable children to feel more confident with the courtroom and court process while allowing at least part of this preparation to occur in a safe and comforting environment for the child."

Chris Newlin, Executive Director, National Children's Advocacy Center



Arizona Resources during these Difficult Economic Times

["Feeling the Economic Crunch?" brochure](#) offers an overview of where individuals can find information and assistance in four major areas: Housing, Employment, Family Stress and Wellness, and Paying the Bills.

["Arizona Health Guide: Resources for the Uninsured"](#) will help you access important health resources for you, your family and those you assist. Whether you are seeking senior services, discount dental networks or affordable care for the uninsured, great information is just a click away.