



# New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission

## Newsletter

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### 13th Annual Advocacy In Action March 4-7, 2008

#### \*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*

Plans for the 13th Annual AIA Conference are heating up and we are excited about the array of national and local speakers that are already confirmed. Presentations will include relevant topics such as Strategies to Address Crimes Against Elders, Orders of Protection, Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse, VAWA 2005 and Undocumented Victims, the Adam Walsh Act in Indian Country, Effective Treatment Strategies for Adolescent Sex Offenders, Victims' Rights, Children's Safehouse issues, Crawford Update and Children Exposed to Domestic Violence. Shayai Lucero (DWI) and Lois Fraley (hostage) will share moving survivor stories.

**"Healing through Art"**: Renowned artist and speaker, Sam English, will provide an experiential workshop, and a keynote address on Men's Responsibility.

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Welcomes Our  
New  
Administrative Secretary,  
Josephine Gonzales.  
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Details

The pre-conference event will offer two in-depth sessions.

**"After the Thrill is Gone: Finding Energy in Existing Teams"** will provide new strategies to enhance

multidisciplinary investigative teams and ideas to create new teams.

**"Legislative Nuts and Bolts"** will review in depth legislative advocacy. Much of what we do requires legislative interest including increased funding. Learn the how and whys of interacting with the legislature.

**"Four-legged Advocates" FLA:** Andrea Lockhart will provide a workshop illustrating her organizations concept of bringing animals into the healing process for crime victims. (For more information see page 5.)

In an effort to serve several purposes (reduce pet over population, build families, reduce stress and make new friends), a component is being added to the events of the final day of the 2008 Advocacy In Action Conference we're calling it --- "Animal In Action" -- - a City of Albuquerque sponsored pet adoption. We are planning for 20 dogs and 20 cats to be brought to the atrium of the Pyramid Hotel for the last break on Friday. All the four-legged "lovelies" available for adoption are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped, include a rabies' license and a free health exam voucher, at no cost to participants who will provide a good home.

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# Employee Spotlight

**M**y name is Josephine Gonzales. I am the new Administrative Secretary for the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission. I was born and raised in the very small town of Mountainair, New Mexico, so when I moved to Albuquerque it was a big and much needed change for me. For the last 3 1/2 years I have worked in Family Law as a Paralegal, primarily working with clients going through separation or divorce. The transition to the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission community has been very gratifying to me as we provide a vital service to our community. The new learning experience and encouraging staff has been a definite plus. My two beautiful daughters brighten each and everyday. I have an admiration for music and dance. I also enjoy meeting new people from all walks of life and incorporating some of them into my photography.

I can be contacted at (505) 841-9432, or via email: CVRC@state.nm.us



## United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

FY 2008 Solitation Release Schedule	POSTING DATE	DEADLINE DATE	GRANTEE NOTIFIED
Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program	11/29/2007	1/23/2008	7/17/2008
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders	11/29/2007	1/17/2008	8/26/2008
Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program	12/4/2007	1/29/2008	9/3/2008
STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program	12/7/2007	2/1/2008	5/1/2008
Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program	12/18/2007	2/7/2008	9/11/2008
Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking Assistance Program	12/19/2007	2/19/2008	9/16/2008
Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program	1/8/2008	2/26/2008	8/26/2008
Transitional Housing Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault Program	1/9/2008	2/21/2008	9/30/2008
Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual assault and Stalking on Campus	1/10/2008	3/6/2008	10/1/2008
Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions	1/10/2008	2/20/2008	7/30/2008
Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to end Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities	1/16/2008	2/28/2008	9/30/3008
Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions	2/25/2008	4/21/2008	9/1/2008

*Great News! The current Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository Reports are now available electronically. Go to [www.health.state.nm.us](http://www.health.state.nm.us). Click on the Health Data tab. Click on Injury on the Data Menu located on the left margin of the page. Click on the reports that you want to download.*

*The dates listed are subject to change. Please visit the Office on Violence Against Women*

*Women's website at [www.usdoj.gov/ovw](http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw) for updated information.*

# Training Calendar

Registration is **15 minutes BEFORE** the scheduled workshop time. Promptness is essential and respectful to the other participants and presenter. Certificates of completion will be given to participants who attend the training in a timely manner. Any participant arriving **MORE** than 15 minutes **AFTER** the training begins will **NOT** receive a certificate or be credited with attending the workshops as required by VOCA/VAWA Contracts.

**M**ore than one person from your agency must be trained and knowledgeable about compensation and grant reporting requirements. We will begin with a three-hour workshop explaining how compensation works, discussing the statutes, rules, regulations, and case scenarios. The **\*Compensation Application** portion will be a one-hour detailed workshop on how to complete an application. The grant reporting portion will discuss required reporting and contractual responsibilities for both VOCA and VAWA subgrantees. Please call **Kristy Ring to RSVP** for any of the trainings at **(505) 841-9432**, unless otherwise noted.



## Compensation/Grant Reporting

**9:00am - 12:00pm Compensation**  
**1:30pm - 2:30pm \*Compensation Application**  
**2:45pm - 4:00pm Grant Reporting**

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008  
 Artesia, NM  
 Grammy's House  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 RSVP Nancy Husselman  
 (505) 748-1198

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008  
 Albuquerque, NM  
 CVRC  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Hosted By CVRC  
 RSVP Kristy Ring  
 (505) 841-9432

Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
 Farmington, NM  
 San Juan College  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Hosted By CVRC  
 RSVP Kristy Ring  
 (505) 841-9432

Friday, May 2, 2008  
 Albuquerque, NM  
 CVRC  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Hosted By CVRC  
 RSVP Kristy Ring  
 (505) 841-9432

Thursday, April 3, 2008  
 Silver City, NM  
 El Refugio  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 RSVP Darlene Tarpley  
 (505) 538-2125

## Advanced Compensation Session

**1:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**(Only individuals with at least one year of working with compensation may attend.)**  
**First come, first serve basis, maximum of 25 people.**

Thursday, June 5, 2008  
 Albuquerque, NM  
 CVRC  
 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Hosted By CVRC  
 RSVP Kristy Ring  
 (505) 841-9432



# Dogs Provide Support For Crime Victims in Court

The 8-year-old girl in Andrea Lockhart's office stomped her feet: She was not going to testify against the man who had sexually assaulted her. After all, he had threatened her grandmother if she told on him, and then her grandmother died.

Lockhart, a victim advocate in Winter Haven, Fla., asked her client if she'd like Squiggly to go with her. The girl's demeanor changed when she heard that the friendly Golden Labrador Retriever mix would join her in the courtroom. "Ok, cool," she said.

Through Lockhart's organization, FLA Four Legged Advocates ([www.fla-fla.org](http://www.fla-fla.org)), the 5-year-old service dog of three canine colleagues have helped more than 200 crime victims get through the grueling process of depositions, hearings, and trials. "A lot of times going through the court system is worse than the actual abuse," Lockhart says. The dogs' presence can help many find the strength to testify about their experiences, she says.

Lockhart began working with dogs as a child, visiting nursing homes with her Toy



Poodle. Later, as a victim advocate, she saw how intimidating the

legal system could be for children and teens.

Through FLA's creation three years ago she has been able to combine her passion for helping crime victims with her love of dogs. "I've had kids that aren't sure if they actually trust me in the beginning," she says. "They trust these dogs immediately."

All four of the current Four Legged Advocates were trained at Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. in Palmetto Fla. Squiggly began her studies as a Seeing Eye dog, but slight hip dysplasia disqualified her for that role. She was retrained for adoption by Lockhart and had to learn some new rules for socializing. (Seeing Eye dogs are trained not to "visit" with people while wearing their service vests.)

"Just being in the courtroom itself is kind of overwhelming and intimidating," says a former client of Lockhart's whose two daughters were sexually abused. "If you've got a dog sitting there with its head on your shoulder or in your kids' laps, it kind of makes them forget what they're in there for."

Lynn Carson, judicial project specialist at the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, commends the program. "Whether you're dealing with adults or children, whenever they're in the presence of a pet, you can just visibly see their stress level reduced." Carson says. "I

would like to see every [victims'] advocacy agency have a pet."

Recently, Lockhart advised the Washington State Attorney's Office, which started using therapy dogs with children who come through its office. "I dream big," Lockhart says. "I would like to see [this concept] go everywhere."

~ Susan E. Frith

*Dog Fancy* Nov. 2007

Pictures Provided By: [www.fla-fla.org](http://www.fla-fla.org)

## The New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission

is a state agency created in 1981 “to protect the citizens of New Mexico from the impact of crime and to promote a stronger criminal justice system through the encouragement of all citizens to cooperate with law enforcement efforts.”

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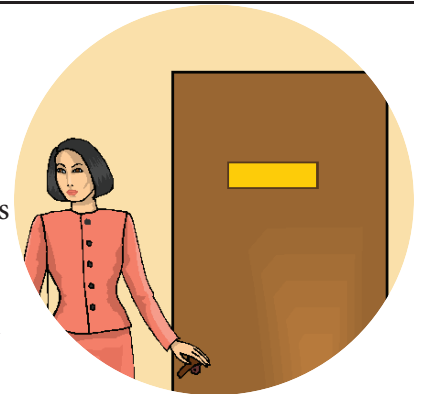
### **ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2008**

#### *Door Prizes...Door Prizes...*

**W**e are starting to beat the streets for door prizes to be awarded during our Advocacy in Action Conference March 4 – 7, 2008. Our goal is to gather items from across the state.

We encourage each of you to work with your local contacts to collect donations from your area. As in the past, we will be recognizing all companies and individuals that make donations during the conference.

If you have any questions, contact Debra Yepa or Robert Norfor at the CVRC office, (505) 841-9432. Thank you in advance for all of your efforts and generous donations.



If you would like to submit a column announcing any upcoming trainings, job announcements or accomplishments, please email your articles to [valeriec.martinez@state.nm.us](mailto:valeriec.martinez@state.nm.us) or call Valerie at (505) 841-9432.