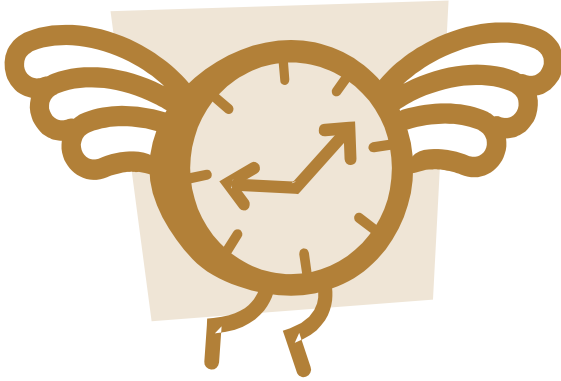


Crime Victims Reparation Commission

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Newsletter



TIME IS FLYING BY

are you ready for the
11th ANNUAL
ADVOCACY IN ACTION
CONFERENCE
Marriott Pyramid North
Albuquerque, NM
MARCH 22-24, 2006

The 11th Annual Advocacy in Action Conference
Is scheduled for Wednesday
March 22nd through Friday, March 24, 2006
At the Marriott Pyramid North Hotel

Registration: \$175
Early Bird Registration: \$125
Late Registration \$195

Early Bird Room Rate (single or double):
\$69.00 + tax
AIA brochures will be available in early 2006

We are still working on confirmation of
speakers, but will be having national speakers as
well as local speakers at this year's conference.

Nomination Application

See page 5 for more information

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ICE YOUR CELL PHONE

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt: ICE. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under ICE, with the name and phone number of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly. It only takes a few moments of your time to do. Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately. ICE your cell phone NOW!

Phone: (505) 841-9432 • VOCA/VAWA Grants Office: (505) 841-9435
Toll-free for Victims: 1-800-306-6262 • Fax: (505) 841-9437

Advanced Victim Advocacy Training Red River, NM
July 11 - 14, 2005



List of 2005 Advanced Victim Advocacy Training Graduates:

Erika Albrecht	Mary Lou Lozano
Bernadette Reynolds	Ada Tom
Rhonda Carlsen	Amanda Oldfield
Elise Echert	Tammy Phillips
Cheryl Wilguess	Isela Prieto
Elise Enright	Joan Shirley
Carla Gallegos-Ortega	Milo Silva
Sylvia Hall	Viola Torrez
Crystal Hollon	Nancy Husselman
Patti Johnson	Gumersindo Estevez
Margie Lang	

Congratulations,
Larry Tackman, Director
Kristy Ring, Deputy Director

Robin Brassie, VOCA Grant Administrator
Deborah Potter, First Judicial DA's Office

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Successful Completion of the 2005 Advanced Victim Advocacy Training (Adv. VAT)

Thank you to the participants and speakers who made the 2005 Adv. VAT a great learning experience and a wonderful retreat in the cool, relaxing mountain town of Red River. Advocates from law enforcement, district attorney's offices, children's CASA, domestic violence shelters, S.A.N.E.'s and other agencies helped create an open atmosphere of sharing and learning from one another.

Anji from Santa Fe Mountain Center started us off with unique animal noises that lead to team building and ultimately – trust building exercises. Patsy Romero from Value Options explained the mental health response to sexual assault. Det. Pete Guevara educated us on meth and hotel coffee pots. That alone changed many of our perceptions! Anne Seymour, a national level advocate for victims spoke about useful web resources and hosted Web Resource Jeopardy. Gabe Campos from NM Legal Aid shared valuable resources and info on what Legal Aid can do for people and Dr. Cameron Crandall, then Vice-Chair of the CVRC Board (now Chair) took us step by step via case examples as how compensation decisions are made.

The cookout and lunches went well. An area restaurant closed down to accommodate our group for an all-inclusive dinner. During a brief R&R period of time some people visited the Vietnam War Memorial in Eagles Nest, some toured gold mines and others shopped in the multitude of gift shops.

Our sincere hope is that everyone returned from the training re-motivated and energized to incorporate the information learned in making their own lives safer and more confident in their work with victims. We appreciated getting the chance to get to know all the participating victim advocates better. Thank you for all your hard work. From the evaluations, you really did enjoy yourselves!

Heads Up! 2006 Basic VAT is coming!

The 2006 Basic Victim Advocacy Training will take place July 9-14, 2006 in Socorro at NM Tech. This is a 40-hour training on the basic information a victim advocate needs to know in order to provide comprehensive service to victims in New Mexico. An overview of sexual assault, domestic violence, DWI, death notification, crisis intervention, the criminal justice system, and other pertinent issues are discussed. In addition, networking and sharing of resources is a valuable part of the curriculum.

Pre-requisite: 6 months experience working with victims of crime

Who should attend: Any victim advocate that has not yet attended!

Cost: \$350 for registration, training materials, lodging and meals

Limited Space: 60

Accommodations: The lovely campus of NM Tech, housing in the South Hall dormitory (one person per room-shared bath) and meals provided in the campus cafeteria.

VOCA and VAWA grant funds have been used to pay for this training. The cost of registration (\$350), mileage (up to \$100) and NEW credentialing costs (\$100) may be requested. **Total: \$550. Please keep this in mind when submitting new grant applications.**

For more information please go to the CVRC website at www.state.nm.us/cvrc or call **Robin at 841-9435**. **The Basic VAT registration form will be available in January.**

If you would like to submit a column announcing any upcoming trainings, job announcements or accomplishments, please email your article(s) to wendy.archibeque@state.nm.us

Training Training Training Training

Compensation/Grant Reporting

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Compensation
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Compensation Application*
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grant Reporting

Friday, October 21, 2005

Albuquerque, NM
CVRC
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hosted by CVRC
RSVP Mary Anne Garcia
(505) 841-9432

Friday, December 2, 2005

Albuquerque, NM
CVRC
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hosted by CVRC
RSVP Mary Anne Garcia
(505) 841-9432

Friday, February 17, 2006

Albuquerque, NM
CVRC
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hosted by CVRC
RSVP Mary Anne Garcia
(505) 841-9432

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 participants arriving more than 15 minutes after the training begins will not receive a certificate or be credited with attending the workshops as required by the VOCA/VAWA Contracts.

More 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. Please call **Mary Anne Garcia to RSVP** for any of the trainings at **(505) 841-9432**, unless otherwise noted.



Advanced Compensation Session

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(Only individuals with at least one year of working with compensation may attend.)

First come, first served basis, maximum of 25 people



Friday, April 7, 2006

Albuquerque, NM
CVRC
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Hosted by CVRC
RSVP Mary Anne Garcia
(505) 841-9432

Please check our website for updated training dates.

2006 NEW MEXICO CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION
SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION APPLICATION

Please submit completed application no later than February 24, 2006 to:

NM Crime Victims Reparation Commission

ATTN: Kristy Ring

8100 Mountain Rd. NE, Suite 106

Albuquerque, NM 87110

PLEASE CHECK ONE: VOLUNTEER _____ SALARIED _____

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

For what organization does the nominee volunteer or work?

How long has the nominee been serving victims of crime?

NOMINATOR (Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.)

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true.

Signature

Date

Please attach additional sheets of paper answering the following questions.

1. What activities has the nominee undertaken on behalf of crime victims?
2. What makes the nominee's contribution unique or noteworthy?
3. What is the impact of the nominee's service on the community?
4. How have the actions of the nominee influenced attitudes, policies, or practices in victim services?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the nominee?
6. **Include three (3) letters of support with this nomination application.**

SAVE THE DATES!!!! OCTOBER 17, 18 & 19, 2005

The NM Attorney General’s Office and Esperanza will be hosting a Domestic Violence Training Program “Train-the-Trainer” in Santa Fe. This training is designed so that individuals who attend can use the tools and information they receive and train others on the topics addressed. “Train-the-Trainer” is a FREE training and will be held October 17, 18 and 19, location in SANTA FE to be announced at a later date. This training will provide attendees with an excellent understanding of the systems response to domestic violence. Some of the topics include; the dynamics to domestic violence, strangulation, orders of protection, batterer’s intervention and domestic violence investigations. Of particular interest for: court personnel, advocates/counselors, law enforcement, social services, media, faith community members, medical personnel, emergency response, employers, education systems, tribal courts and law enforcement, probation and military personnel. Others interested in the issue of domestic violence and how to effectively respond to it in our community are welcome to attend. DONT MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!! CEU’s AVAILABLE. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact [Lara Yoder](#) at 473-5200.

FY07 VOCA Victim Assistance Request for Application Schedule

End of November 2005 FY07 VOCA RFA on the CVRC website: www.state.nm.us/cvrc

Mon., Dec. 12, 2005 *VOCA Grant Writing Workshop
10:00am-1:00pm United Way Conference Room
2340 Alamo Ave. SE, 2nd Floor
Albuquerque, NM

***This will be the only grant writing workshop offered. There will be some changes made in the application.**

Tues., Feb. 28, 2006 VOCA RFA due in by 4:00 pm

April 2006 Peer Review Committee meets

April 27, 2006 CVRC Board approves Preliminary Awards

May 8, 2006 Preliminary Award letters are sent out

May 25, 2006 CVRC Board hears VOCA Appeals and Final VOCA Awards are approved

June 2, 2006 Final Award letters and contracts are sent out

June 12, 2006 All VOCA contracts, corrected budgets and requested information due

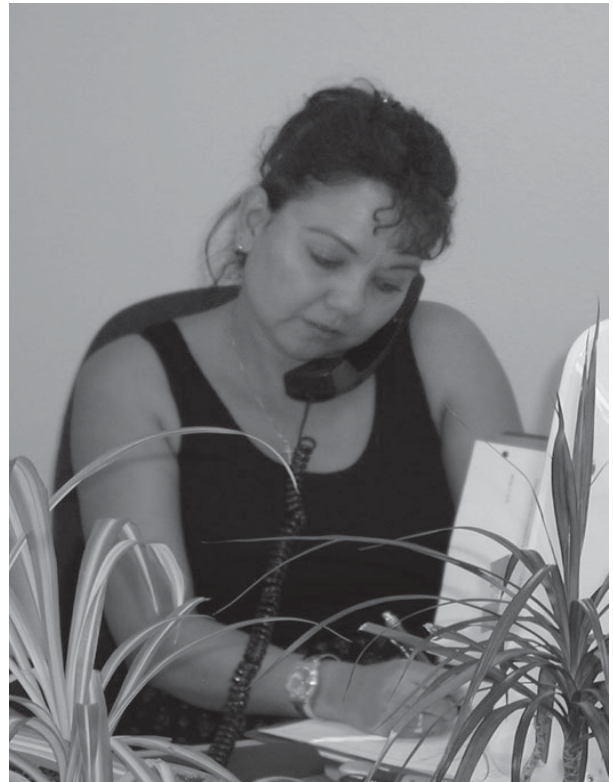
This schedule is dependent upon CVRC receiving a federal VOCA grant for use in FY07. We will proceed as usual and hope for the best! As soon as CVRC is notified about the amount of the award, we will announce it.

Please contact [Robin Brassie](#), or [Suzanne Gallegos](#), at 841-9435 for more information.



Employee Spotlight

My name is Denise Jaramillo. I am the Compensation Management Analyst for the Crime Victims Reparation Commission. I am originally from Silver City, NM. I first came to work for the Commission on October 2, 1982, approximately one year after the inception of the agency. I joined Crime Victims Reparation Commission when it only had a staff of four. We now have a staff of 19 and throughout the years, I have been given the opportunity to see our state grow and improve on services offered to victims and their families. It has been rewarding to see the victims and their families being given an opportunity and the assistance to heal and move forward with their lives. Even though I enjoy working with Crime Victims Reparation Commission, I do look forward to retirement within the next three years to spend more time with my family.



New and Improved: July 2005 New Mexico Sexual Assault Evidence Kit

The New Mexico Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK) was updated this year to reflect best practices and current standards in the medical and forensic response to sexual assault patients. Updates include revised directions, forms and protocols for evidence collection. The new SAEK also includes recommended medications for sexually transmitted infections and emergency contraception, differences between pediatric and adolescent/adult procedures, and a list of the eight formally recognized SANE programs in New Mexico. The updated SAEK applies to communities with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) units as well as to medical facilities that use physicians for evidence collection.

In short, notable changes in evidence collection include:

- The new SAEK no longer uses the “Fast Track” swabs or envelopes; instead the first swab taken is marked with a black pen, ink or Sharpie.
- The new SAEK no longer asks for pulled pubic hairs.
- Pulled head hairs are still requested; however, the amount is decreased to 25 head hairs.
- The new SAEK asks for only four swabs per orifice penetrated.
- The Sexual Assault History form now includes body and genital maps for injury documentation.

The new SAEK is clearly marked with “July 2005” so double check your current supply of SAEKs to ensure you have the newest version! If you would like more information on the changes to the SAEK or would like to preview the directions, please contact **Connie Monahan**, the New Mexico SANE Coordinator, at **505-883-8020** or **conniem@swcp.com**.

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.”

Bill Richardson, Governor

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