

Building Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Victim Service Providers

Training & Technical Assistance Outline



Abstract

Victim advocates and law enforcement officers play a critical role in establishing and maintaining victim engagement and cooperation throughout the criminal justice process. Law enforcement officers are usually the first responders to a crime scene, but may not have the resources and specialized knowledge needed to serve victims in the aftermath of their victimization. Furthermore, victim advocates often fail to reach most victims because a majority of them are unaware of available services. Thus, by building strategic partnerships between victim advocates and law enforcement, victims will gain access to critical services and resources that ultimately facilitate stronger investigations, opportunities for victims to heal, and a reduction in local crime rates. This training discusses the various ways in which we can build relationships between victim advocates and law enforcement to better serve victims in various situations, including cold cases, domestic violence, sexual assault, child victims, and others.





Learning Objectives

- To facilitate stronger relationships between victims and law enforcement
- To educate victim advocates and law enforcement actors on how to forge effective relationships
- To provide law enforcement and victim advocates with a practical toolkit on how to respond and interact with victims of various crimes

Methodology

The principles and practical steps outlined in the following are based upon a range of feedback garnered through research conducted by the National Center for Victims of Crime, webinars, academic journals, research studies, and substantive content provided by the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, in conjunction with various other organizations. This training will be delivered either via webinar or live with a PowerPoint.

Agenda

- Module 1-3
- Break
- Module 3-6
- Case Study and Quiz
- Conclusion and Certificates of Completion

