The SVAA: Meeting the Training Needs of the Field

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Overview

• SVAA’s and Vision 21 - a shared vision
• New Resources to Build Capacity
• SVAA Successes and Challenges
• Where Do We Go from Here?
SVAA Purpose

Provide comprehensive, academically-based, fundamental education and training for victim assistance service providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and allied professionals who routinely deal with crime victims.

- Establish an SVAA in every state to provide foundation-level education/training for victim assistance providers and allied professionals
- Encourage victim assistance course of study in colleges and universities nationwide
- Integrate victim studies into post-secondary curricula
- Create certificate and/or degree programs
Evolution of the SVAA Network

- 1998 – co-sponsored state-level academy in Michigan
- 2000 – Vermont
- 2002 – Arizona, Maine/New Hampshire, Maryland, Missouri, Oregon
- 2004 – California, Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee
- 2006 – Arkansas, District of Columbia, Iowa, Virginia
- 2007 – New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island, West Virginia
- 2008 - Alabama, Alaska, Oklahoma
- 2011 - Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, Wisconsin
- 2012 – Kansas, Montana, Nevada
- 2013 – South Dakota
SVAAAs by the Numbers

• 42 States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia have received OVC funding

• 7 states, 4 territories unfunded

• South Dakota – 2013 – first 5 year award
Remaining SVAA Grantees

• Year 2 – Planning and Development
  – South Dakota

• Year 3 – Replication
  – Kansas, Montana, Nevada

• Year 4 – Expired OVC Funding
  – Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, Wisconsin
A network of state victim assistance academies meets the evolving needs of the growing field of crime victim services professionals and allied professionals, using evidence-informed curricula to forward best practices and ensure culturally competent service delivery to all victims of crime.

-SVAA Strategic Plan, Vision

Shared Vision, Shared Values
To build and institutionalize capacity through an infusion of technology, training, and innovation to ensure that the field is equipped to meet the needs of crime victims in the 21st century.
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<th>Vision 21 Issue Area</th>
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| Role of the crime victims field in the overall response to crime … knowledge of crime victimization, underserved victims, and enforcement of victims rights | • Best served by those with the basic skills and knowledge to assist in the aftermath of a case  
• Evidence-informed curricula  
• Forwards best practices and standards  
• Cultural competency  
• Trauma-informed practice  
• State specific |
Vision 21
Issue Area

Building capacity in the crime victims field to better serve victims of crime … addressing infrastructure issues, lack of data and research, access to technology, framework of VOCA.

SVAA Value: Collaboration

• Academy is developed, operated and sustained through a spirit of collaboration at the local, state and federal level.
• Academic partner brings research perspective.
• Blended learning extends delivery of core curriculum.
• VOCA key collaborator
Enduring Challenges – addressing barriers and issues that prevent effective service provision to victims that have been a traditional focus of the field.

- Needs assessment identifies core competencies, state gaps and challenges
- Instructors proven to be effective, drawn from the field and academia.
- Training material high quality – piloted and replicated.
- Delivery methods use adult learning principles, mentoring.
Emerging challenges the victims field has yet to address. Addressing innovative responses to issues such as changing demographics, impact of globalization, advances in technology, cybercrime, environmental crimes, and rise of crimes such as human trafficking and identity theft.

- Resources continue to evolve to meet growing needs.
- Embrace use of technology for blended learning
- Add advanced academies for depth.
- Adjust to the new climate without losing site of the vision.
SVAA Locator

http://www.ovc.gov/training/svaa.html
FY 2015 VOCA Discretionary Grant Training Program

• Released July 2015

• Provided additional $25 million to support TTA for service providers
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FY 2015 VOCA Discretionary Grant Training Program

VOCA Victim Assistance Agencies will –

• Conduct a comprehensive training needs assessment in consultation with key stakeholders.

• Develop a strategic plan to provide training to state victim assistance service providers and others who work with crime victims.

• Provide training and technical assistance, either directly, or via a sub-award to victim assistance service providers and other eligible grantees who work with crime victims.

• Develop a system for receiving, tracking, and responding to requests for training and technical assistance.
U.S. Resource Map of Crime Victim Services & Information

http://www.ovc.gov/map.html
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Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime

California

Click on the different tabs below to locate assistance and resources.

Compensation & Assistance

All states receive Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds from OVC to help support local victim assistance and compensation programs.

There are resources in your immediate area that offer services to individuals who have been victimized by crime. Information about victim assistance in this state/territory can be obtained using the information listed below:

OVC Victim Assistance for California
Phone: 916-945-8301

You may be eligible for crime victim compensation benefits, including reimbursement for medical services, mental health counseling, lost wages, and other costs incurred as a result of the crime. Information about compensation in this state/territory can be obtained using the information listed below:

OVC Victim Compensation for California
Phone: 800-777-9229
Fax: 916-491-6420
Web Site: http://www.vcgbc.ca.gov/

To locate additional services in your area, search OVC’s Online Directory of Crime Victim Services.
FY 2015 SVAA TA Solicitation

- Released in June 2015

- Will provide $1,000,000 to support dedicated TTA resources to the SVAA network

- Provider expected to start fall 2015
FY 2015 SVAA TA Solicitation

SVAA TA Provider will:

- Establish a CoP between OVC, the SVAA network, state VOCA agencies and colleges/universities.
- Promote SVAA efforts and make presentations at national conferences/events.
- Provide diverse subject matter expertise and innovative assistance for academies to ensure quality training is provided.
FY 2015 SVAA TA Solicitation

SVAA TA Provider will:

- Provide tools and practical techniques for the CoP to facilitate information sharing, communication and coordination of efforts.
- Develop tools and resources to replicate, evaluate, and sustain the SVAA framework.
- Facilitate peer-to-peer learning exchanges that promote problem solving and innovation.
OVC & TTAC Resources to Support SVAA Network

- Professional Development Scholarships
- Training by Request
- Customized Training and Technical Assistance
- SVAA Learning Community
- Post-Secondary Education Curriculum Kit & Teaching Materials
- OVC Resource Center
- Other SVAAs
Discussion:
What successes have you had?
What challenges have you had?
**Vision 21 Challenges**

Service providers struggle to maintain basic services and...

Lack the resources and capacity to extend assistance to crime victims from marginal populations and to victims of new types of crime.

**SVAA Challenges**

Sustainability a key issue as states struggle to offer core curriculum needed to provide minimum level of victim services.
Sustainability Efforts Now in Use

Allocation of Resources

- Line item funding – MD, TN (ND, WV)
- VOCA Funding (9)
- Victim Compensation Funds
- Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Recovery Funds
- Tuition and fees

Prioritizing Resources for SVAA

- Sex Offender Registration Fees
- Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) funds
- Foundations
- State and local agencies
- Book sales
Sustainability More than Funding

Key to success

Building an *infrastructure* that supports sustainability.

Strategic Planning

- Broad stakeholder support
- Meaningful academic partner presence
- Engaged steering committee
- Staffing & succession planning
- Funding models
**Vision 21 Challenges**

- Integration of research and evaluation into victim services practice
- Defining scope and impact of victimization, especially in emerging crimes such as human trafficking and online financial and sexual exploitation

**SVAA Challenges**

- Meaningful engagement of academic partner
- Curricula gets outdated, and lacks rigor envisioned
- Advanced academies delve deeper into new crimes, but basic academies feel need to address
- Service models in development or not available
Vision 21 Challenges

Technology, globalization, and changing demographics are driving societal change, but the victim assistance field lacks the resources to develop a comprehensive and forward-thinking strategy for serving crime victims in the 21st century.

SVAA Challenges

Re-envisioning the SVAA to meet today’s learner and environment.
Leadership to fulfill the VISION …

- Collaboration
- Commitment to excellence
- Innovation
- Serving victims with competency
Fulfilling the Vision:

Building something that lasts!
Thank You
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