

SOVA OUTREACH ADVOCATE EXCHANGE

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SOVA Outreach Provided

For the Third Quarter the Outreach Coordinator conducted four SOVA overviews. During these trainings, the coordinator was available to answer general questions by participants to provide a better understanding regarding SOVA compensation.

The coordinator trained over 100 participants on services offered to crime victims by SOVA.

The outreach coordinator also collaborat-

ed with multiple agencies setting up and monitoring SOVA displays in the community. The coordinator provided outreach to several hundred individuals who had questions concerning crime victims' compensation during these display events.

The outreach coordinator conducted a programmatic site visit during the Third Quarter to one of the Sixteen Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Offices.

During the site visit, the Coordinator met with all advocates and discussed services being provided to victims within the program.

Also, technical assistance was provided regarding submitting SOVA applications and proper documents in order to consider for compensation.

The site visit was a success.

Help Is Available Through Outreach

Recently, the coordinator developed an Outreach Services Poster. The poster outlines services offered by the coordinator, to include but not limited to; training, networking, collaboration and building strong partnerships. The agency is excited

to offer this new promotional item!

Additionally, the poster promotes the services and benefits offered by SOVA during community or school events, health or career fairs and other events throughout the state.

If you are interested in ordering outreach posters, please go to SOVA's website at www.sova.sc.gov and click on "for advocates" tab, then click on "publications". You may also contact SOVA Outreach at 803.734.1900.

Did you know?

April is National Sexual Awareness and Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 10-16, 2016 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 18-20, 2016 is South Carolina's Crime Victims' Rights Week.

New SOVA Employees:

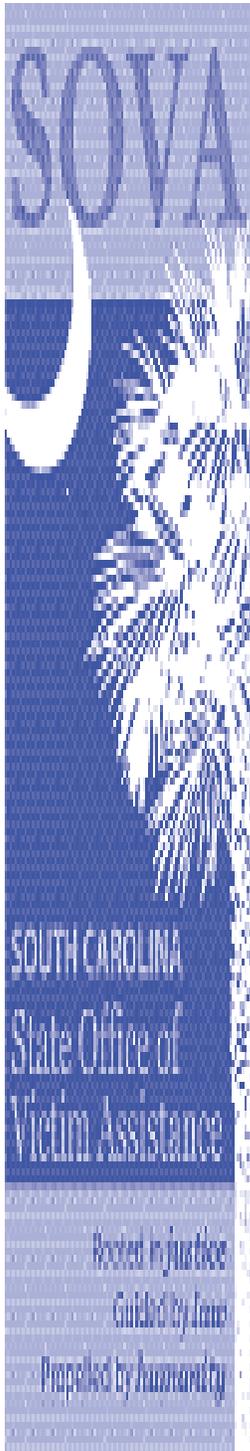
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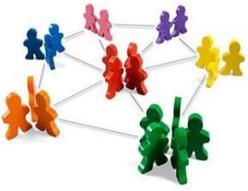
She is our new SOVA Auditor

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NETWORKING

Networking involves working together to bridge the gap in victim services.

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What's New for the SAP/CAP Program?

As of August 13, 2015, the State Office of Victim Assistance Sexual Abuse Program/Child Abuse Program (SAP/CAP) now offers the New Anonymous Waiver Program to victims of crime statewide. If an adult victim reports to the emergency room and wishes to remain anonymous, he or she may do so without repercussion. While being seen in the hospital, the forensic nurse examiner will record the victim's injuries, and the victim may complete a compensation application to receive additional benefits without an incident report. This pertains only to the victims of sexual assault that report to the emergency room.

If a victim chooses to file a Crime Victim Compensation Application Anonymously, what is required by SOVA?

1. An eligible SAP/CAP claim with "anonymous" written on it must be on file with SOVA.
2. SOVA receives the Crime Victim Compensation Application within 180 days.
3. Prior to submission, in section four of the application, the word "Anonymous" must be written .

Also, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Non-Occupational Post Exposure Prophylaxis (NPEP) Adult Program

is up and running at Palmetto Health and the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

The Pediatric HIV NPEP Program is in the works, and is anticipated to be up and running by late spring, early summer. The Program will assist victims of sexual assault who present to the hospital emergency rooms and are identified as "High Risk" for contracting HIV.

If you have questions regarding the SAP/CAP Program, please contact SOVA to speak with the SAP/CAP Program Claims Analyst at 803.734.1900.

Community Involvement

Training is vital for SOVA. In order to provide essential information regarding crime victims' compensation, SOVA must network and collaborate with various service providers statewide.

In the course of the 3rd Quarter, SOVA conducted 17 training events (including overviews) and trained an estimated 430 victim service providers.

The State Office of Victim Assistance is getting geared up for South Carolina's Crime Victims' Observance Week. The theme for this year's conference is "Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope."

SOVA together with the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN) have partnered and collaborated to provide a unique experience

for all crime victims as well as victim service providers attending the conference.

For complete information concerning dates, time, location or additional information regarding Victims' Rights Week, please visit www.victimrightsweek.org.