

Crime Victims' Institute

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Our Mission

The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to :

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policymaking at the state and local levels.

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CVI Talks Presentation Series

The CVI is excited to start a new project, the CVI Talks Presentation Series! For this project, we contact an academic researcher and a practitioner as experts in the field to discuss their area of victimization. Our goal is to disseminate information about various types of victimization from an academic, research-based, and practical perspective for victim service providers to use to improve their knowledge and client-centered approach techniques. Our presentations take place over Zoom and are pre-recorded to be uploaded to our website: www.crimevictimsinstitute.org. So far, we have created three episodes of CVI Talks. Our first presentation in the series involved Mothers Against Drunk Driving Victim Services Specialist Ms. Sally Johnson and the Principal Research Scientist at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, Dr. James Fell. Both described the harm that impaired driving can have on victims and their families. Next, Dr. Shelly Clevenger, the Department of Victim Studies Chair at Sam Houston State University, and Ms. Barbie Brashear from the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council explained the impact that domestic violence has on its survivors.

Lastly, to keep our audience updated on how current events impact victimization, the CVI recorded a hot topic episode related to COVID-19. Adult Protective Services Region 6 Director Ms. Adriana Franco described the impact that the current pandemic has had on the elderly community and elder abuse cases.

In the future, we are excited to work with researchers and victim service agencies that deal with various types of victimizations to raise awareness about the impact that these crimes have on victims and their families. If you have any ideas on CVI Talk episodes that you would like to see, please email us at crimevictims@shsu.edu !

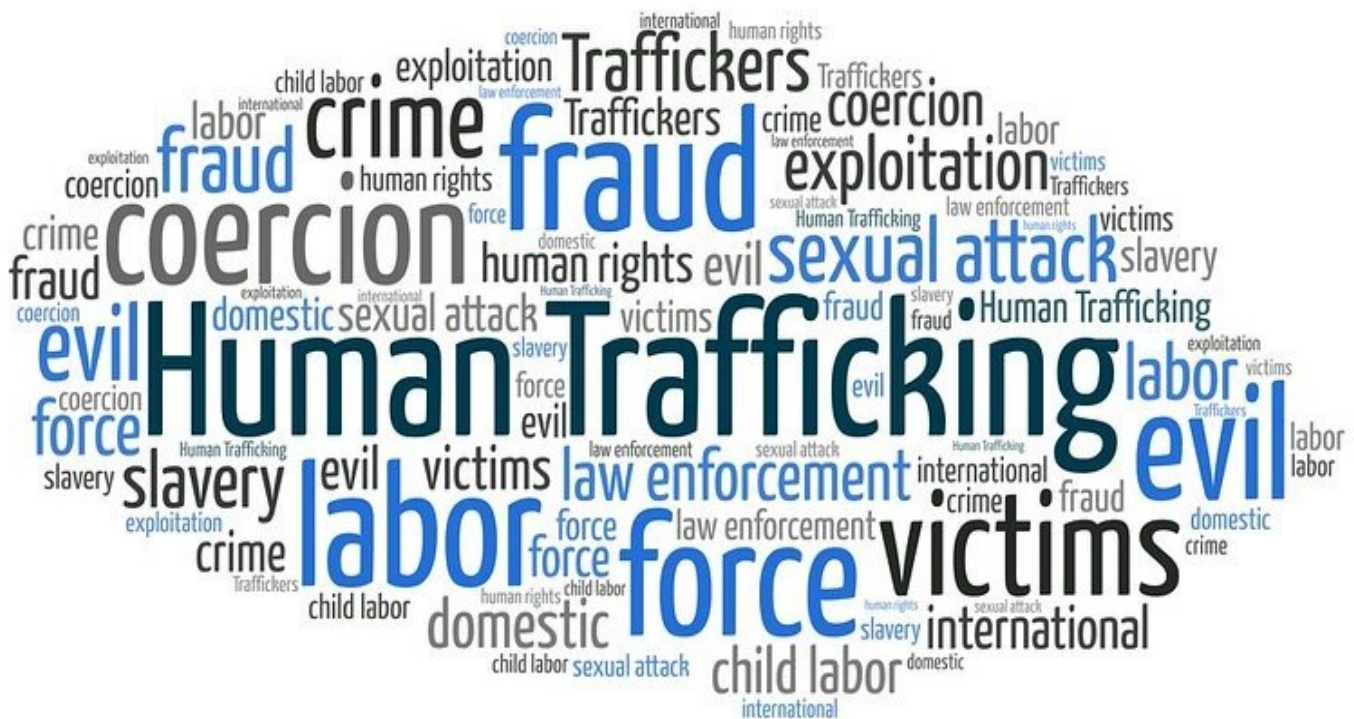


Collaboration with the Department of World Languages and Cultures

In an effort to be inclusive and reach more communities in need, the CVI has collaborated with the Department of World Languages and Cultures at Sam Houston State University to have our fact sheets translated into Spanish. For this to be done, Spanish professors assign their students with the original English fact sheet to translate for course credit. Once the students translate the information, native Spanish speakers within the department review the translation to ensure that it is easily understandable. Our translated Domestic Violence and Cybervictimization fact sheet is available on our website (www.crimevictimsinstitute.org) under the Other Publications tab.



January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month!



Look for upcoming publications, CVI Talks episodes, and fact sheets from the Crime Victims' Institute:

- Human Trafficking Technical Report and Fact Sheet
- CVI Talks: Domestic Violence
- CVI Talks: Hate Crimes
- Hate Crimes Fact Sheet
- Gang and Youth Violence Fact Sheet
- Child Abuse Fact Sheet
- CVI Talks: Elder Abuse

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Upcoming Events



Human Trafficking Prevention Month	January
National Stalking Awareness Month	January
36th Annual International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment Online	January 23-29, 2021
Central Valley Annual Conference on Human Trafficking Online	January 27, 2021
35th National Institute on White Collar Crime-American Bar Association Miami, FL	March 3-5, 2021
37th International Symposium on Child Abuse Online	March 22-25, 2021
7th Annual Utah Sexual Violence Conference Sandy, UT or Online	March 24-25, 2021

Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 years or older) 1-800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888
- National Child Abuse Hotline 800-422-4453
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving 877-623-3435
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (revenge/ nonconsensual porn) 844-878-2274

