

# 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.

## Mixing It Up Webinar

The CVI and the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University will host its first virtual webinar in April! The webinar will highlight various victimizations including Child Sex Trafficking, Native American, and LGBTQ+ victimization. We will have speakers from the Texas Governor's Office—Child Sex Trafficking Team, StrongHearts Native Helpline, and Equality Texas to speak about their organization and the members of the community that they serve. To briefly introduce the agencies, the Texas Governor's Office—Child Sex Trafficking Team is designed to "protect children from sexual exploitation, help the public recognize signs of sexual exploitation, help victims recover, support healing, and bring justice to those who exploit children."<sup>1</sup> StrongHearts Native Helpline provides a 24/7 helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives that experience domestic, dating, and sexual violence.<sup>2</sup> Equality Texas works to equalize the rights of members of the LGBTQ+ community through "political action, education, community organizing, and collaboration".<sup>3</sup> Each of these agencies implements practices that are culturally sensitive and centered on the community that they serve. We are excited to raise more awareness for these types of victimizations. If you would like to attend this free webinar, please register at [www.cjcenter.org/rsvp](http://www.cjcenter.org/rsvp).



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THE SHSU **CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE** AND  
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## MIXING IT UP: EXPLORING VARIOUS VICTIMIZATIONS WEBINAR

(FOCUS: CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING, NATIVE AMERICANS, AND LGBTQ+ VICTIMIZATIONS)

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR A FREE WEBINAR  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 7, 2021** - FROM **9:00 AM** TO **12:30 PM**  
REGISTER @ [WWW.CJCENTER.ORG/RSVP](http://WWW.CJCENTER.ORG/RSVP)

WITH SPEAKERS FROM:



STRONGHEARTS  
Native Helpline

TEXAS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING TEAM

**EQUALITY**  
TEXAS

1 The Office of the Texas Governor. (n.d.). *Child sex trafficking team*. <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/cjd/childsextrafficking#:~:text=The%20Child%20Sex%20Trafficking%20Team,Protect%20children%20from%20sexual%20exploitation>

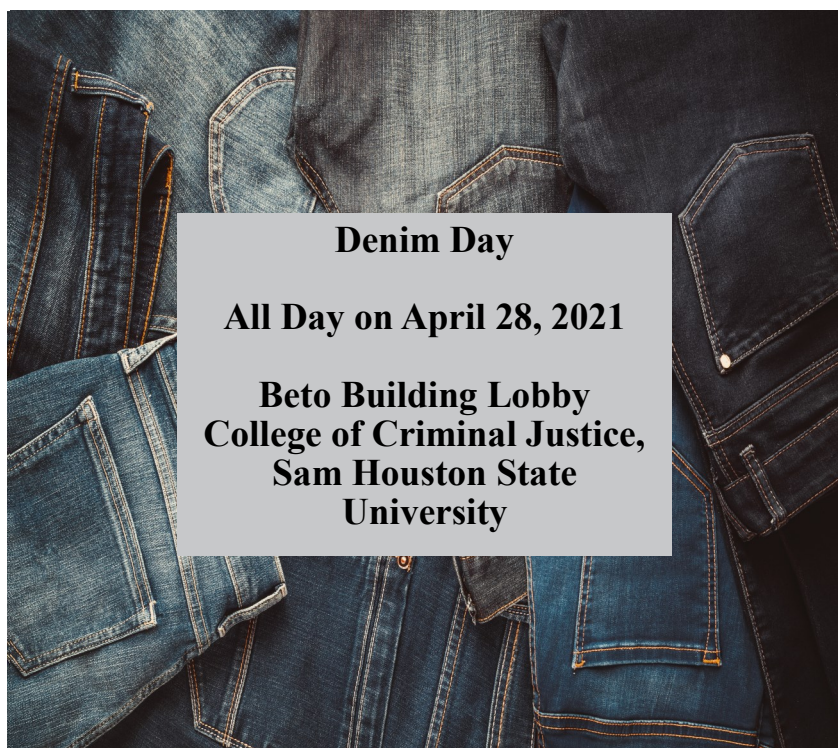
2 StrongHearts Native Helpline. (n.d.). *Homepage*. <https://strongheartshelpline.org/>

3 Equality Texas. (n.d.). *About Equality Texas*. <https://www.equalitytexas.org/about/>

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events with the Department of Victim Studies

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University, under the direction of Dr. Shelly Clevenger, and the CVI will host community engaging events to assist survivors. It is our hope that these events raise awareness for sexual assault victimization and the diversity in survivors. First, on April 7, 2021, in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, we will host a Survivor and Ally Art Event in which attendees can paint and create art to support survivors. The artwork can be kept by the artist or donated to be sold for charity. This event will benefit SAAFE House and Montgomery County Women's Center. Moreover, the Department of Victim Studies and the Crime Victim Services Alliance (a student organization at Sam Houston State University "will host a panel to discuss male victimization and assault in partnership with the Huntsville SAAFE House".<sup>4</sup> The panel will take place on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Courtroom in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University. Lastly, on April 28, 2021, the CVI, in partnership with the Crime Victim Services Alliance, the Department of Victim Studies, SAAFE House, and Montgomery County Women's Center will host a "Denim Day exhibit and resource fair to educate and raise awareness about sexual assault".<sup>4</sup>

For more information about any of these events, please contact [crimevictims@shsu.edu](mailto:crimevictims@shsu.edu).



<sup>4</sup> Sam Houston State University. (n.d.). 2021 programming theme- "digital consent". <https://www.shsu.edu/events/saam/saam-calendar>

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

- Child Maltreatment Fact Sheet
- CVI Talks: Elder Abuse Victimization and Fraud
- Elder Abuse Victimization Fact Sheet
- CVI Talks: Immigrant Victimization
- Immigrant Victimization Fact Sheet

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Sexual Assault Awareness Month</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Child Abuse Prevention Month</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Virtual Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Trauma and Resilience Online</b>	<b>April 6-8, 2021</b>
<b>CVI and SHSU Department of Victim Studies Webinar- Mixing It Up: Exploring Various Victimization Online</b>	<b>April 7, 2021</b>
<b>Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 58th Annual Meeting Online</b>	<b>April 13-17, 2021</b>
<b>National Crime Victims' Rights Week</b>	<b>April 18-24, 2021</b>
<b>National Prevention Conference- Darkness To Light Online</b>	<b>April 27-29, 2021</b>
<b>Conference on Crimes Against Women Dallas, Texas</b>	<b>May 17-19 &amp; May 24-26, 2021</b>

## 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

