



# CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE

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## Violence in Schools Webinar

### 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

On March 29, 2023, the Crime Victims' Institute hosted a free webinar to discuss violence in schools. Lynn Blakeslee, an Associate Principal for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD spoke on violence prevention in schools and detailed school safety prevention strategies, crisis procedures, and student safety. Angela Luna, Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist for Nueces County Juvenile Justice Center, discussed teen dating violence highlighting causes and prevention of this type of school victimization. Dr. Cathy Marcum, Chair and Professor of Criminal Justice, Department of Government and Justice Studies at Appalachian State University, spoke on research concerning bullying victimization and covered the causes and impacts of bullying victimization on students. Our speakers were well-versed and knowledgeable in their areas of study and practice. The webinar was attended by students, professors, victim service professionals, and educators. We received excellent feedback! A recording of this webinar and previous webinars will be available on our website <https://crimevictimsinstitute.org/> and the SHSU CJ Youtube Channel.



# Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University (SHSU), the CVI, and various student and community organizations will host community-engaging events to assist survivors. We hope these events raise awareness for sexual violence victimization and the diverse population of survivors. On April 11, 2023, 1-3 pm, there will be a Painting with a Purpose event in the Criminal Justice Center, Room A125. This event is open to the community, students, and survivors, where everyone paints artwork that is either kept by the artist or sold as a fundraiser for SAAFE House, a local sexual assault and domestic violence resource center. On April 12, 2023, at 2 pm, there will be a Human Trafficking Survivor Panel in the Criminal Justice Courtroom. On April 19, 2023, at 2pm, there will be a Women's Storybook and Hospitality House Panel in the Criminal Justice Courtroom. On April 26, 2023 from 12:30-3:30 pm, there will be a Victim Studies Volunteer Day at the Hospitality House.

## Texas Victim Services Association Biennial Training Conference

On May 9-12, 2023, in South Padre Island, Texas, the Texas Victim Services Association (TVSA) will host their 2023 Biennial Training Conference[1]. This four-day event provides an opportunity for victim advocates, social workers, researchers, law enforcement, criminal justice actors and other practitioners to engage in up-to-date training related to victimization and victim services. Workshops are designed to inform victim advocates, law enforcement, members of the judicial process, and mental health service providers.



[1] To register for the TVSA conference visit <https://www.txvsa.org/event-5115437>

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

- Rural Residents Experiencing Co-Occurring Intimate Partner Violence and Substance Use Disorder: Recommendations for Service Providers by Dr. Rebecca Stone and Scarlett Crossman
- Green Victimization Fact Sheet
- Victimization of Asian and Pacific Islander Populations Fact Sheet
- School Violence Victimization Fact Sheet
- Victim Services Career Panel
- Legal Issues with Respect to Child Maltreatment by Dr. Michael Vaughn and Anne Wingert

## Upcoming Events

Sexual Assault Awareness Month	April 2023
Child Abuse Prevention Month	April 2023
International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimaging Justice (Chicago, IL)	April 11-13, 2023
National Crime Victims' Rights Week	April 23-29, 2023
National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference (Orlando, FL)	May 9-11, 2023
Conference on Crimes Against Women (Dallas, TX)	May 22-25, 2023

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# Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65+) <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/>  
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 888-373-7888
- Aging and Disability Resource Center 855-937-2372
- Victim Connect Resource Center 855-484-2846
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988

