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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.

This month, the CVI is recording the latest episode of our CVI Talks series. This episode will focus on the importance of forensic analysis in achieving justice for victims and survivors and will feature Drs. Shamika Kelley (Director of the New Orleans Police Department Crime Lab) and Mayra Eduardoff-Mayr (Assistant Professor in the Department of Forensic Science at Sam Houston State University) as panelists. The episode will be published on our website the following month. Stay tuned!

Third Annual Crime Victims' Institute (CVI) Conference

The 3rd Annual Crime Victims' Institute Conference, ***Bridging Gaps: Transforming Victim Services Through Research and Policy***, will be held October 14 - 16, 2026 at the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, Texas). The main purpose of this conference is to provide a platform to examine, discuss, and educate individuals on best practices and emerging trends in the field with innovative information on current research to improve policy and advocacy targeting victims and survivors. The target audience includes individuals who serve, support, and work with victims directly or indirectly in their community.

This year, our focal areas include:

- (1) Child Abuse and Neglect
- (2) Stalking
- (3) AI's Influence on Victimization

More details (e.g., how to register) will be available soon. Be sure to join our email list to be the first to know and receive the latest CVI news!

Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW)

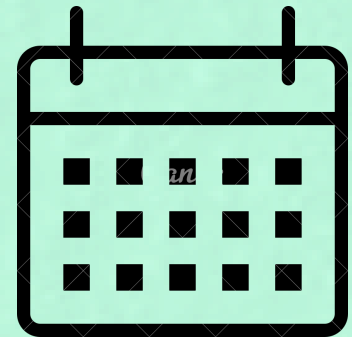


The CVI is excited to announce its continued collaboration with CCAW for the second academic poster presentation event at this year's Conference. The event answers attendees' requests for additional evidence-based and data-driven content to complement the expertise shared by workshop facilitators. This year's theme is, *Victim-Centered Practice: Prevention, Intervention, and Trauma-Informed Response Across Systems*. Accepted posters will be on display for the duration of the conference and authors have the opportunity to speak to attendees about their research at the Poster Presentation Session in the Grand Hall on Wednesday, May 20th, with the winner announcement scheduled to occur at 5:45pm.

For more information about the poster session or to register for the conference, please go to: <https://conferencecaw.org/registration-2026/>

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

- Child Labor Laws (Fact Sheet)
- April Technical Report
- CVI Talks: The Importance of Forensic Analysis in Achieving Justice for Victims and Survivors
- Understanding Protective Orders (Fact Sheet)
- May Technical Report



Other commemorative events/upcoming activities:

April

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
National Child Abuse Prevention Month
Second Chance Month
Autism Awareness Month

May

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
Military Appreciation Month
National Stroke Awareness Month

June

Pride Month
National PTSD Awareness Month
Gun Violence Awareness Month
Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

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- Aging and Disability Resource Center 855-937-2372
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative 844-878-2274
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving 877-623-3435
- National Child Abuse Hotline 800-422-4453
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988
- Texas Abuse Hotline 800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- Victim Connect Resource Center 855-484-2846



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