



# 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

## CVI Updates

### Webinar Success

The CVI and the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University are pleased to host free webinars concerning different areas of victimization and implement ways to provide inclusive services to survivors. In the past, webinars addressed various types of victimization, including victimization of Indigenous populations, LGBTQ+ communities, child sex trafficking, and prison victimization. The CVI has expanded our diversity webinar series by including an additional webinar that focused on trauma-informed services and the application of diversity, equity, and inclusion practices, in addition to the first webinar on people-centered services.

Our webinars have had over 100 attendees, including students, professors, law enforcement, legal personnel, and victim service professionals. We appreciate everyone who takes the time to attend our webinars and are thankful to those who present. Stay tuned for information about our March webinar.



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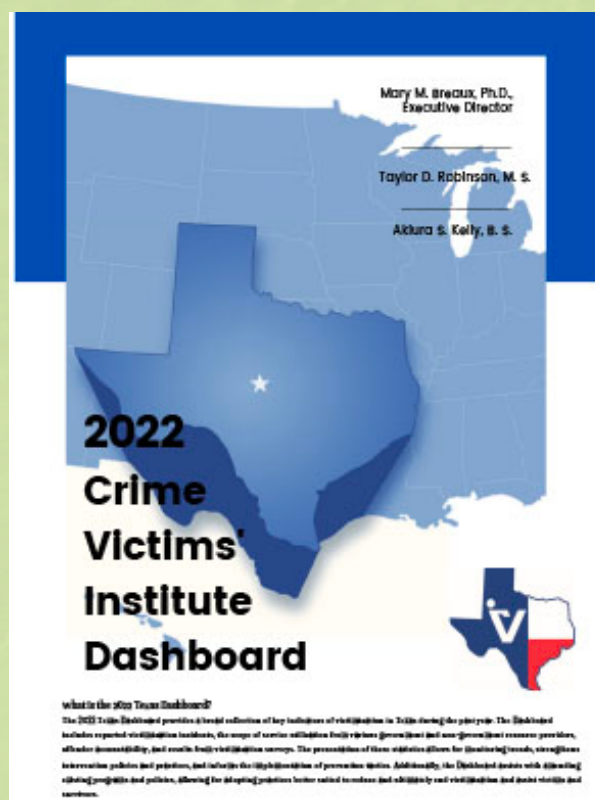


## Fall Event Updates

The CVI participated in several conferences and events to learn more about the latest challenges, trends, and research regarding victimization. In October, the Texas Victims Service Association (TVSA), co-chaired by the CVI and Texas Council of Family Violence, hosted the 2022 Research Symposium: From Theory to Practice: Victimization, Justice, and Healing in College Station, Texas. The symposium included victim service professionals, law enforcement, veteran, and mental health professionals. The Texas Department of Family Services hosted its annual Adult Protective Services (APS) Conference in Galveston, Texas. The conference provided various workshops to understand APS services to older populations, including domestic violence, human trafficking, and the prevention of fatalities.

## Crime Victims' Institute Dashboard

Every year, the CVI team produces the Dashboard. This resource provides a broad collection of key indicators of victimization in Texas during the past year. The report includes reported victimization incidents, the scope of service utilization from various government and nongovernment resource providers, offender accountability, and results from victimization surveys. Specifically, the Dashboard collects data from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the Texas Council on Family Violence, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas Judicial Branch. The presentation of these statistics allows for monitoring trends, strengthens intervention policies and practices, and informs the implementation of prevention tactics. Additionally, the Dashboard assists with amending existing programs and policies, allowing for adopting practices better suited to reduce and ultimately end victimization and assist survivors. The 2022 report and past reports can be found on the CVI website under the Publications tab, subsection CVI Dashboard.[1]



[1] Click the image for access to the Dashboard

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

- Physical Assault Victimization Fact Sheet
- Teen Dating Violence Victimization Fact Sheet
- Sexuality and Gender Inclusivity in Victim Service Providers' Informational Materials by Dr. Shon Reed
- Sexual Victimization Experiences Among Undergraduates and their Help-Seeking Behaviors by Dr. John C. Navarro and Christina L. Richardson
- Identity Theft/ Cybercrime Victimization Fact Sheet
- Violence in Schools Webinar
- CVI Talks: Mass Shootings

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## Upcoming Events

Human Trafficking Awareness Month	January
National Stalking Awareness Month	January
38th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment (San Diego, CA or Online)	January 21-27, 2023
Texas Advanced Academy for Victim Assistance (TAAVA) Management and Leadership in Victim Services (Hutto, TX)	January 25-27, 2023
17th Annual Crimes Against Persons Conference (Stafford, TX)	February 8, 2023
39th International Symposium on Child Abuse (Huntsville, AL)	March 20-24, 2023
Texas Victim Services Association 2023 Biennial Training Conference (South Padre Island, TX)	May 9-12, 2023

## 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