



CVI Updates

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.

Last semester, the CVI hosted a webinar on understanding why parking lots are hot spots for crime and victimization, featuring panelists from Sam Houston State University, Lenahan Law, P.L.L.C., and the Harris County District Attorney's Office. A recording of this webinar can now be found on our website. Additionally, our biannual Careers in Victim Studies panel was held virtually, in conjunction with the Department of Victim Studies and featured panelists working in Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services, and Victim Service Advocacy within Law Enforcement. Both events were a great success and well-evaluated by attendees, which included students, faculty and staff, and victim service professionals.

A new episode of our ongoing series, CVI Talks, was recorded and will also be available on our website soon. This episode discusses barriers to identifying human trafficking victims and features three panelists with extensive knowledge and expertise on this subject.

Finally, our current research coordinator, Dr. Breanna Boppre, will be stepping away from her role later this month. We would like to thank Dr. Boppre for her service and dedication to the CVI since joining in October 2022. Thank you, Dr. Boppre! Please be on the lookout for our feature welcoming the incoming research coordinator to the CVI team in our next newsletter!



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

- Investigating Child Maltreatment's Link to Subsequent Juvenile Delinquency: Does Parental Attachment Have a Mediating Effect? by Anne Wingert and Dr. Andia Azimi
- Human Trafficking and Stalking Fact Sheet
- The Continuing Debate on Victim Impact Statements by Dr. Miltonette Craig
- Secondary Prisonization Fact Sheet
- Black Women Experiences with Service Agencies During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Dr. Taylor Robinson
- Religious Trauma Fact Sheet



Other commemorative events/upcoming activities:

January

Human Trafficking Prevention Month
National Stalking Awareness Month

February

Teen Dating Violence Prevention & Awareness Month
National Black History Month

March

Women's History Month
National Social Work Month

April

Crime Victims' Awareness Month
National Crime Victims' Rights Week -- April 21-27, 2024
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
National Child Abuse Prevention Month

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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

