



CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE

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CVI Updates: CCAW and TAASA

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.

In May, Cristal Hernandez and Dr. Miltonette Craig, CVI graduate research assistant and research coordinator, attended the Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) in Dallas, Texas. During the conference, they served as exhibitors, helping to raise awareness of the CVI, as well as the college and university. They also attended workshops and panels related to violence against women and marginalized people. As a first time attendee, Cristal really enjoyed networking with and learning from victim advocates, law enforcement, social workers, researchers, and others who are passionate about helping survivors. Her favorite part was getting the opportunity to tour the New Friends New Life facility and learning all about the amazing work they do to assist trafficked and sexually exploited teen girls, women and their children, including providing case management, counseling, economic empowerment and educational support. You can learn about their mission at <https://www.newfriendsnewlife.org/>.



Next month, Cristal will be attending the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Conference in South Padre Island, Texas. She looks forward to networking with fellow attendees, learning as much as possible from them, and sharing her expertise too.

If you know about an organization doing wonderful work and would like for us to spotlight them in our next newsletter as a resource, please let us know.

FIRST ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

*Championing Advocacy,
Policy, and Research for
Victims and Survivors
through a Broader Lens*



Topics:

- Mass Violence Incidents
- Victimization-Related Policies and Procedures
- Restorative Justice

Details:

When: October 16-18, 2024

Where: Sam Houston State University
George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center

Cost: \$250

**Includes Conference Registration & Materials,
On-Site Lodging for Two Nights, and Scheduled
Conference Meals*

*This conference is specifically designed
for victim advocates, criminal justice
professionals, medical and mental
health providers, and others working
directly with victims of crime.*

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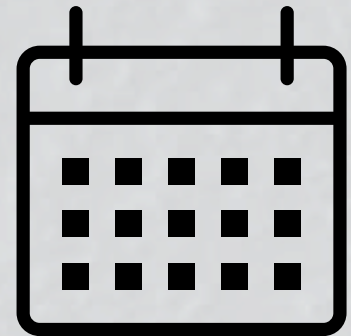
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Look for upcoming publications, CVI Talks episodes, webinars, and fact sheets from the Crime Victims' Institute:

- Experiences of Indirect Violent Victimization in Prison: Results from a Qualitative Reentry Study by Dr. Meghan Novisky
- Restorative Justice Fact Sheet
- Victimization and Mental Health in Adolescence by Camille Ingham & Dr. Pamela Wilcox
- Post-conviction Victim Services Fact Sheet
- Restorative Justice and Victim-Offender Mediation: The Nation's Slow Move Towards Restorative Justice and Texas' Efforts by Dr. Chelsey Narvey



Other commemorative events/upcoming activities:

July

Disability Pride Month
National Minority (BIPOC) Mental Health Awareness Month

August

National Road Victim Month
Intersectionality Awareness Month

September

National Hispanic Heritage Month
National Campus Safety Awareness Month
National Suicide Prevention Month

October

National Bullying Prevention Month
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Crime 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

