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CVI Updates:

TVSA, CCAW, and TAASA

Our Mission

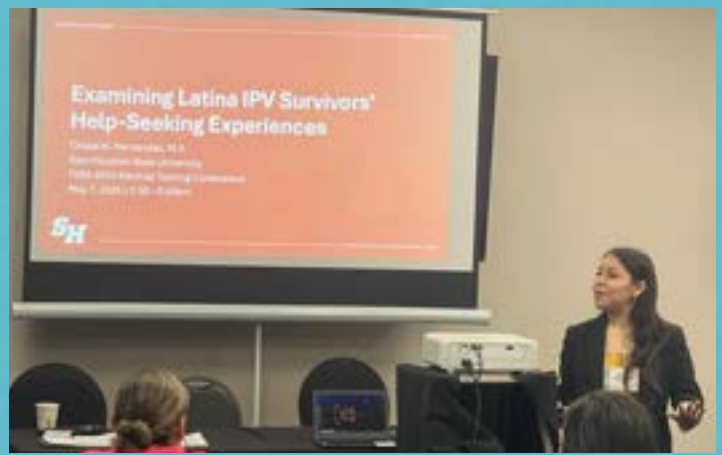
The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to:

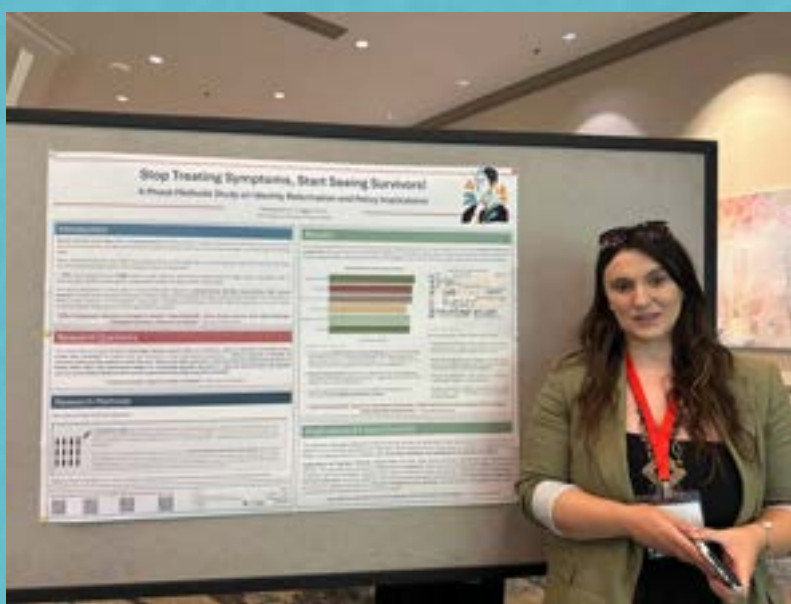
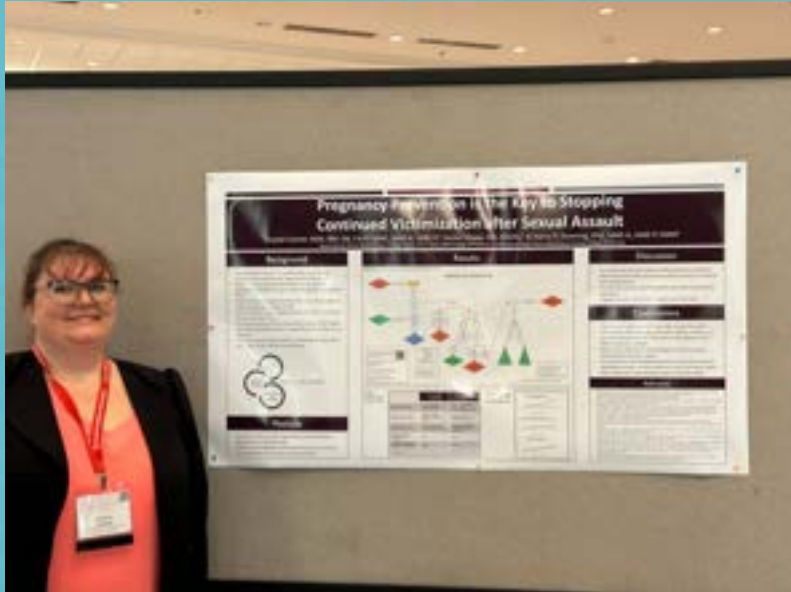
- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization.
- Improve services to victims.
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice.
- Inform victim-related policymaking at the state and local levels.

In May, CVI team members Dr. Mary Breaux, Mayra Peña, and Cristal Hernandez attended the 2025 **Texas Victim Services Association** (TVSA) Biennial Training Conference in South Padre Island, Texas. Cristal led a workshop related to Latina intimate partner violence (IPV) survivors' help-seeking experiences and Dr. Eric Connolly, Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, led a workshop on the consequences of financial fraud among older adults. Additionally, Dr. Breaux was sworn in as the new President of the TVSA Board of Directors. Later that month, Dr. Miltonette Craig and Cristal attended the 20th Annual **Conference on Crimes Against Women** (CCAW) in Dallas, Texas to assist with the first ever academic poster presentation event in collaboration with the CVI. Dr. Craig also led a workshop on media depictions of Black Women's elevated risk for IPV. While at CCAW, both she and Cristal had the opportunity to tour the new Genesis Women's Shelter Outreach Office facility and learn all about the amazing work they do to provide safety, shelter and support to thousands of women and children experiencing domestic abuse.

At the end of June, Dr. Craig and Cristal attended the 2025 **Texas Association Against Sexual Assault** (TAASA) Conference in Denton, Texas. During their time at these different conferences, Team CVI served as exhibitors to help raise awareness of the CVI, as well as the college and university. They also attended workshops and panels related to research on violence against women and marginalized people, support programs, policy work, and legislative updates. Later this month, CVI team members will also be attending the 4th Annual **Female Survivors of Violence Conference** in Plano, Texas and the 2025 **Conference to Combat Human Trafficking** in The Woodlands, Texas.









SECOND ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

Breaking Barriers:

Advancing Research, Policy, and Advocacy for
Crime Victims and Survivors

FOCAL POINTS:

- Human Trafficking
- Cybercrime Victimization
- Elder Abuse and Neglect

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

- **When:** October 15-17, 2025
- **Where:** Sam Houston State University
Beto Criminal Justice Center
- **Cost:** \$275*

**Includes Conference Registration & Materials, 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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Pre-Register with this QR Code:



Limited Space Available

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

- Legislative Updates Technical Report by Dr. Miltonette Craig
- An Overview of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) Fact Sheet
- Murdered Elder Indigenous Women and Legal Outcomes Technical Report
- Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Violence Fact Sheet
- Workplace Sexual Harassment Technical Report



Other commemorative events/upcoming activities:

July

Disability Pride Month

August

National Road Victim 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

- 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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