



CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE

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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.

In May, CVI team members Dr. Miltonette Craig and Cristal Hernandez attended the 21st Annual **Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW)** in Dallas, Texas, to assist with the Second Annual academic poster presentation event in collaboration with the CVI. The theme for this year's poster session was *Victim-Centered Practice: Prevention, Intervention, and Trauma-Informed Response Across Systems*, and a total of 12 submissions were received by the CCAW-CVI team. Additionally, the researchers who submitted the top 3 abstracts received scholarships from CCAW to assist with their travel expenses. Following the poster presentation session at the Conference, judges selected two winning posters:

- "Barriers to Sexual Violence Prevention Among the Incel Community: A Qualitative Study of Online Incel Discussion Forums Informed by Health Behavior Theories" (by Sophia Garza and colleagues - University of North Texas Health Science Center)
- "Mistaken for the Aggressor: TXADA to Improve Dominant Aggressor Identification in Intimate Partner Violence Calls" (by Dr. Lauri Jensen Campbell - The Archway Resource Center)

During the Conference, Dr. Craig also led a workshop on media depictions of intimate partner violence and co-facilitated an interactive workshop focusing on the reentry experiences of human trafficking survivors with Marie LeBlanc, Director of Integrated Learning at New Friends New Life. In June, CVI team members attended the 2026 **Southern Methodist University (SMU) Human Trafficking Data Conference** in Dallas, Texas, and the **Texas Elder Justice Coalition Summit** in Austin, Texas. Later this month, CVI team members will also attend the 5th Annual **Female Survivors of Violence Conference** in Plano, Texas. During their time at these different conferences, Team CVI served as exhibitors to raise awareness of the CVI and its mission, as well as the academic programs in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University. Team CVI also attended conference workshops and panels on research and best practices related to violence against women and other vulnerable populations, support programs, policy work, and legislative updates.







THIRD ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

Bridging Gaps:

Transforming Victim Services Through Research and Policy

FOCAL POINTS:

- AI's Influence on Victimization
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Stalking Victimization

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

- **When:** October 14-16, 2026
- **Where:** Sam Houston State University
Beto Criminal Justice Center
- **Cost:** \$275*

**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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Pre-Register with this QR Code:



Limited Space Available



REGISTER NOW

2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

AUGUST 10 - 12, 2026 | AUSTIN, TX
THEHOTLINE.ORG/CONFERENCE



CCAW SUMMIT:

BEYOND THE BOUNDS



SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2025

Courtyard by Marriott South Padre Island

The CCAW Summit: Beyond the Bounds highlights the specific gender-based challenges that are unique to coastal cities, rural towns, and resort communities.



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Round Rock, TX



OCTOBER 27-29, 2026



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<https://tcfv.org/events/>



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

- August Technical Report
- September Fact Sheet
- September Technical Report
- October Fact Sheet
- October 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

Third Annual CVI Conference

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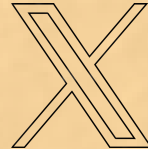
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Resources

- 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
- Victims Of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) 1-855-48-VOICE (1-855-488-6423)



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