



The Voice

Missouri Department of Public Safety
Crime Victim Services Unit

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Looking back at 2011 with the Crime Victim Services Unit...

WebGrants
80% complete

- DPS streamlines process with move to WebGrants!
- Have you heard of MOVANS?
- Record attendance at MVSA!
- CVRW Ceremony a SUCCESS!
- CVSU Customer Service Survey reports 98% satisfaction rate for the CVSU!
- 2 year grant cycle doubles funding; cuts application time in half!
- Phone calls
- Conference calls
- Webinars

Thank you for sharing your time with the CVSU!

Correspondence and Other WebGrants Tips

by Michelle Parks

Correspondence Tips in WebGrants:

- Since correspondence is the new way to communicate regarding your grants, it is important that you reply only to a person and not to the WebGrants automated e-mails.
- Remember to sign your name and your agency's name at the end of each correspondence. We like to know who you are!
- If you need to discuss issues or questions about different grants, it is important to start a new correspondence. This keeps the communication separate and specific for each grant.

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Crime Victims' Rights Poster Contest

Commemorating

2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28

Crime Victims' Rights Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Categories:** A) victims of crime; B) college/university students; C) the general public
2. **Poster must include:**
 - Foam poster board and not be larger than 18"x15"
 - Victim rights information (see RMoS, Chapter 595)
 - 2012 CVRW theme— "Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim." (For more information, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/>)
3. Poster art can include painting, drawing, poetry, photography, or any other artistic expression of victim rights.
4. Entry must include the artist's full name, address, phone number, valid e-mail address and category type on the back of each poster.
5. Entries will be displayed at the CVRW Ceremony.
6. Winners will be chosen from each category and will be recognized at the ceremony.
7. All entries must be received at the Missouri Crime Victim Services Unit by March 26, 2012.

Contest winners will be recognized at the 2012 Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony April 26, 2012 Missouri State Capitol

For more contest details, contact Lindsey at lindsey.williams@dps.mo.gov or visit the CVSU Web site at <http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/>.

Missouri Office for Victims of Crime Advisory Committee

The Missouri Office for Victims of Crime (MOVC) Advisory Committee is a committee within the Missouri Department of Public Safety's Crime Victim Services Unit that works collaboratively with victim service providers and agencies across the state to improve victim services to victims of crime in Missouri. This committee meets in March, June, September and December and has 18 members. The MOVC Advisory Committee is also responsible for overseeing the Missouri Victim Service Academy.

Purpose: The purpose of the MOVC Advisory Committee is to maintain relationships with victims, victim service providers and criminal justice agencies. These relationships allow for a multi-disciplinary approach to victims' issues. The committee also provides the Missouri Office for Victims of Crime with discussion and feedback for providing more effective and efficient services to victims and victim service organizations.

Current topics: The MOVC Advisory Committee met in December through a conference call. The agenda included the MVSA course: Nuts and Bolts of Victim Assistance, scheduled for Feb. 3; discussion of victim notification for victims with offenders who were sentenced to probation; and an update on victim rights information added to the POST curriculum. The committee also discussed the Missouri Justice Reinvestment Initiative and the new victim complaint form used by the Crime Victim Services Unit.

For more information about the MOVC Advisory Committee, such as the member roster and the latest meeting minutes, contact Lindsey Williams, CVSU program specialist.

Questions, concerns, suggestions and/or feedback regarding victim services?

**Contact Lindsey Williams at
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FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

Resources for teens include:

Women of Grace
314-652-2572

Safe Connections
314-531-2003

Newhouse
816-471-5800

MOCSA
816-531-0233

Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
816-561-0550

Comtrea/A Safe Place
1-877-266-8732

Bridgeway
1-877-946-6854

ALIVE
314-993-2777

February is Teen Dating Violence Prevention & Awareness Month. Teen dating violence is defined as a pattern of abusive behaviors that can be used to gain power and control over a current or former dating partner. Join in the effort to prevent and inform our teens, educators, families and the community about dating violence.

Visit <http://www.teendvmonth.org/> for more information and additional resources.

Teen violence may include:

Emotional abuse, verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, digital abuse and stalking

Digital abuse may include the use of:

Social networks, texting, sexting and controlling “check-ins”

Important Announcements

- MVSA will host a one-day course, *Nuts and Bolts of Victim Assistance*, on Feb. 3 at William Woods University. For more information and registration details, visit the CVSU website at <http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/>.
- Coming Soon: *Technical Assistance to Prosecuting Attorney Offices: A Guide to Victim Rights Compliance*.
- A new CVSU victim rights complaint form is now available on the CVSU Web site.
- The Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony will be held from 12-1 p.m. on April 26, 2012 at the Missouri State Capitol South Lawn steps.

2012 CVSU Calendar

January

1—2012 STOP grants begin

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20—2012 STOP VAWA and SASP
Compliance Seminar

Harry S. Truman Bldg., Room 492

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Webinar: Site Monitoring

February

3—MVSA one-day course: *Nuts and
Bolts of Victim Assistance*

William Woods University
Fulton

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Site Monitoring

March

8—MOVC Advisory Committee meeting

Site Monitoring

Webinar: Claims

April

22-28—Crime Victims' Rights Week

26—Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony

Site Monitoring

May

Site Monitoring

June

14—MOVC Advisory Committee meeting

Site Monitoring

Webinar: WebGrant Forms

July

15—Annual reports for the 2011 SSVF
grants due

Webinar: Contract Adjustments

August

29-31—Missouri Victim Services Academy
MVSA, Lake Ozark

September

13—MOVC Advisory Committee meeting

Site Monitoring

October

15—Annual Reports for 2011 VOCA
grants due

Site Monitoring

Webinar: TBD

November

Site Monitoring

December

13—MOVC Advisory Committee meeting

Site Monitoring

Please note that all dates are subject to change. For the latest updates, visit our Web site at <http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/>.

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Other WebGrants Tips:

- Remember to click **edit** and **save** in the *Activity Timesheet* component in order to mark it as complete.
- Double check your totals before you submit a claim. Totals from the *Detail of Expenditures form* should match the totals on the *Reimbursement form*.
- When claiming for VOCA, the **Expenses this Period** column on the *Reimbursement Form* should match the **Federal Share Total** from the *Detail of Expenditures Form*. Then, the **Matches Expenses this Period** column on the *Reimbursement Form* equals the **Match Total** column on the *Detail of Expenditures Form*. All totals must match in order to receive reimbursement.
- Be sure to use the **back** button located in Webgrants, using the internet back button will cause errors.
- Also, try not to use the **refresh** button, as that will create an error or duplication on your page.

Questions? Call your Regional Representative and ask for clarification and assistance.

Upcoming Victim Service Training

Feb. 3— MVSA Foundation Course: Nuts and Bolts of Victim Assistance

Available to anyone working with victims of crime. CEUs & POST credits are also available. Class cost is \$20. Cost covers continental breakfast, box lunch, break time drinks and snacks. Class will be held at William Woods University in Fulton. Register by visiting the CVSU Web site at <http://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cvsu/>. Registration deadline is Jan. 20.

March 28-30— Missouri Victim Assistance Network/MOVA Conference

Hilton Promenade in Branson

Visit www.movanet.org for updates and registration details.

For questions, email movanet@yahoo.org or call Shana at 417-880-9929.

If you would like to see your agency featured in upcoming editions of *The Voice* or if you have an article or information you would like to share, please contact MoCVSU at 1-866-334-6682. *The Voice* is sent to crime victim service agencies and professionals throughout the state. The newsletter is also an excellent way to reach out to other agencies and collaborate.

Thank you!

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Spotlight on Victim Services



The Victim Center in Springfield was established in 1976 as a grass-roots rape crisis center. Since that time, both the agency's mission and scope have evolved to include services for all victims of violent crimes in southwest Missouri. The Victim Center's ser-

vices are free-of-charge to men, women, and children survivors and include counseling, 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, court support and prevention education.

The agency currently has 13 employees, and relies heavily on a team of about 80 volunteers to assist with 24-hour services through its hotline. Countless survivors have received hope and healing through agency services, Joan's story is especially indicative of the work carried out at The Victim Center.

Joan initially contacted the agency because she needed help due to a long-term abusive relationship. Joan had multiple chronic health problems as a result of the abuse, and she believed she was too old to make a change. Despite a feeling of hopelessness, Joan signed up for counseling and group support, and, over time, she discovered her value as a person. She soon solicited the help of an agency advocate who assisted Joan with obtaining a lawyer, filing for divorce, storing her belongings and moving to a safe location.

Later, on her 60th birthday, Joan brought a birthday cake and *Transformers* paper plates to her support group. When asked about her choice of plates, Joan replied by saying that the services she received at The Victim Center were "transformational."



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI



The Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri (CACECM) was founded in 2000 in DeSoto. Since then, CACECM has established two more sites, located in Sullivan and Farmington. The center covers a 10-county region, making the two additional sites imperative so that children and families can receive services closer to home.

Historically, children who were victims of sexual abuse were interviewed multiple times by several people in less than desirable settings. CACECM strives to minimize the number of times children are interviewed. Additionally, the center offers a child-friendly setting and forensic interviewers who receive extensive training, locally and nationally. The agency also maintains a strong mental health network of specially trained therapists to ensure that children are able to recover from any trauma they may have endured.

Since CACECM's doors opened, the center has provided forensic interviews and family advocacy services to more than 3,800 children. Within the last year, services expanded to offering a Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program to all Franklin County school districts, funded by the Franklin County Community Resource Board.

The center is a 501(c)3 organization and is funded through grants, fundraisers and donations. The largest fundraiser of the year, the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, is on **February 25, 2012** in Washington, Missouri. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for the event or making a donation, please email Khartann@comtrea.org.