

# Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #26

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Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

# Victims Services Quarterly Conversations

- Held beginning of each quarter
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Grant program updates
- “Tools-You-Can-Use” & “Featured Resource”
- Occasional training topics
- **\*NEW\*** Quarterly Conversation Topic

# ~ Quarterly Conversation Topic ~

Be thinking...

What is **one goal, hope, or wish** for  
your victims' services program,  
or for yourself professionally,  
in 2025?

# January 2025



# VSQC Tools-You-Can-Use

# Tools for Victims of Stalking

The Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC) offers numerous resources for victims of stalking on their website ([www.stalkingawareness.org](http://www.stalkingawareness.org)) including:

- [The Stalking Harassment Assessment and Risk Profile \(SHARP\)](#) – This free online questionnaire allows victims to enter information about their stalking experience, and SHARP then provides the victim with two reports. The first report provides the victims with a narrative of their stalking experience and a risk profile. The second report provides the victim with details about their stalking risk and safety resources and information.
- [The Stalking Victim Handbook](#) provides information so victims may better understand stalking tactics, behaviors, and risk factors. It also provides some safety planning tips and resources. It is also available in [Spanish](#).
- [The Stalking Incident and Behavior Log](#) is a form that victims can use to document the details of stalking incidents for their records or to report them to law enforcement, victim advocates, or civil and criminal court. The Spanish version of the log can be found [here](#).

# **DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements**

# 2025 General Assembly Session

# Statewide Committees

- Are you interested in contributing to statewide efforts to respond to sexual and domestic violence and support survivors?
- Do you want your voice to be heard by state agency leaders, legislators, and others?
- Are you in a leadership role at a sexual and/or domestic violence agency?

If so, consider applying to become a member of:

**Virginia Advisory Committee on  
Sexual and Domestic Violence**

and/or

**Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program  
Professional Standards Committee**

Contact Kristina Vadas at 804-786-7802 or [kristina.vadas@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:kristina.vadas@dcjs.virginia.gov)

# Victims Services Training

- DV Beds Webinar (SDVAs only) - January 23, 2025
- [Stalking: A “Love” Story Survival Guide](#) Webinar - January 30, 2025
- [Building Stronger Cases](#): Effective, Sustainable, and Collaborative Investigations - February 10-11, 2025 (Fredericksburg)
- [Supporting Incarcerated Survivors](#) – Two-Part Webinar Series - February 11 & 18, 2025

# Victims Crisis Assistance & Response Team (VCART)

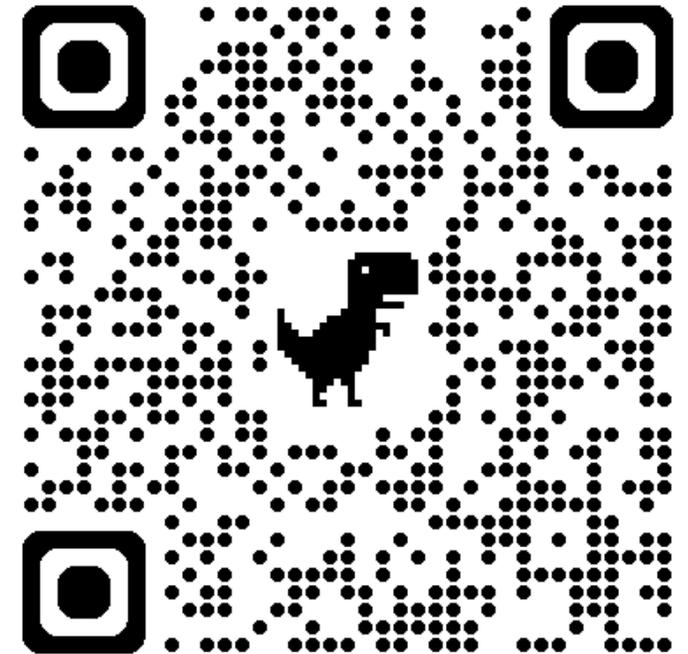
- Next Basic VCART Training will be this spring in Williamsburg
- Regional Family Assistance Center (FAC) training will be held on February 25, 2025 in Martinsville
- To join VCART, contact Andrew Kinch ([andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov))
- To request training, contact Dawn Bush ([dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov))

# State Trafficking Response Team

## Upcoming Training

- **Human Trafficking Investigations and Prosecutions**
  - January 13-16 in Williamsburg
- **Sexual Exploitation Treatment and Training Services (SETTS)**
  - March 24-28 in Ashburn and May 12-16 in Lynchburg
  - *Registration opening soon!*
- **Human Trafficking Identification for Criminal Justice Professionals**
  - April 30 in Hanover and May 1 in Newport News
  - *Registration opening soon!*

Sign up for our new mailing list for updates!



# SDV Program Professional Standards

- The DCJS Professional Standards Team is currently evaluating applications filed in November of 2024.
- For those agencies reapplying for accreditation in 2025, stay tuned for details on our simplified application process!
- The next Professional Standards Committee meeting will be held on March 26, 2025. If you are interested in attending, please let the DCJS Professional Standards Team know: [sdvstandards@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:sdvstandards@dcjs.virginia.gov)

# Questions?



# **VSQC**

## **Featured Resource**

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## **DCJS Victims Services Professional Standards Resources**

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/virginia-sexual-and-domestic-violence-program-professional-standards/resources>

Lots of great resources for victim-serving organizations!

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# Victims Services Grant Program Updates

# Managing Your Grants

- OGMS Registration
  - Additional Grantee Contacts
- Correspondence
- Award Acceptance
- Special Conditions
- Encumbrances
- Contract Amendments
- Status Reports
- Claims

# Managing Your Grants: Resources

- For instructional guides, sample forms, policies, documents:  
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grant-management-resources>
- For tips on effective and efficient grant management:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oS1c7101XO8>
- For questions regarding your DCJS grant, contact your assigned grant monitor.

# Monthly Grantee Orientation

Victims Services Grant Management Orientation Sessions  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Each Month

Next Session Tomorrow:

**Friday, January 10, 2025, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Register at:

[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_vV3mLCSxTq2Icsftlm1RPA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vV3mLCSxTq2Icsftlm1RPA)

# Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding

- Virginia's federal fiscal year 2024 VOCA award totals \$19,866,137, down from \$34,605,387 in FFY 2023.
- We anticipate a similar award for FFY 2025.

# VS VOCA-Supported Grants

1. Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) (competitive)
2. VSGP for Sexual and Domestic Violence (non-competitive)

For both grant programs:

- 2nd Quarter financial and status reports are due 1/15/2025.
- DCJS will soon release guidelines for applying for continuation funding for SFY 2026. Applications will be due in early March. Only current recipients are eligible to apply.

# VS VOCA-Supported Grants

## 3. Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

- 2nd Quarter financial and status reports are due 1/15/2025.
- DCJS will soon release guidance for applying for SFY 2026 continuation funding. Only current recipients are eligible to apply.
- Eight VSDCS enhancement releases are being scheduled before the close of SFY 2025. More info to come!

# Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funding

- Funds administered by the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
- Awards have remained relatively level from year to year.
- Virginia's FFY 2024 SASP and STOP awards:
  - ✓ SASP = \$1,034,419
  - ✓ STOP = \$4,086,790

# VS VAWA-Supported Grants

## 4. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

- CY 2024 quarterly financial reports are due 1/15/2025.
- CY 2024 annual status report on-line form will open in early February. Reports are due mid-February. See email and OGMS correspondence sent 12/30/2024 for details. DCJS will enter and approve extensions for the new due date in OGMS.
- CY 2025 award letters sent in OGMS on 12/16/2024.
- CY 2025 New Grant Orientation occurred earlier today. See webinar recording and slides on the funding opportunity.

# VS VAWA-Supported Grants

## 4. SASP (continued)

Futures Without Violence is providing two webinars:

- Stalking and the Workplace: January 22, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
REGISTER HERE - <https://workplacesrespond.org/event/national-webinar-stalking-the-workplace/>
- Advocating for the Employment Rights of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Harassment: February 4, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
REGISTER HERE - <https://workplacesrespond.org/event/advocating-for-the-employment-rights-of-survivors-of-domestic-violence-sexual-assault-stalking-and-harassment/>

# VS VAWA-Supported Grants

5. Virginia Services, Training, Officer Prosecution (VSTOP)
  - VSTOP Annual Reporting System will open in early February. A link will be sent for your submission.
  - Reports must be submitted in the federal system by 2/21/2025.
  - Review necessary trainings and resources sent via email prior to accessing the system.
  - You will **no longer** be submitting a biannual report in mid-January.
  - Quarterly financial reports are due 1/15/2025.

# VS VAWA-Supported Grants

## 5. VSTOP (continued)

- DCJS “[Building Stronger Cases](#)” Training
- VSTOP Annual Report Resources:  
[STOP Subgrantee Reporting Form Instructions](#)  
[How-To Fill Out a Subgrantee Report training video](#)

# Other Funding Sources

6. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) VSGP Restoration
  - 2nd Quarter financial reports and status reports are due 1/15/2025.
  - Reminder: this is the last year of ARPA funding; the grant program ends 6/30/2025.
  
7. Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)
  - 2nd Quarter status and financial reports are due 1/15/2025.
  - Grantees should follow their usual reporting process.
  - Future funding updates will be communicated via OGMS correspondence.

# Questions?

