

VICTIM AND TRAUMA INFORMED TRAINING OPTIONS FOR PROBATION STAFF

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), trauma-informed justice system responses can help avoid retraumatizing individuals. This increases safety for all, decreases the chances that people who have violated the law and who may themselves be victims of trauma will return to illegal behavior, and supports the recovery of women and men who are justice-involved and have serious mental illness.

County probation agencies should be committed to training all staff and adopting trauma informed policies to reinforce training and commitment.

- ❖ Partner with your county's local victim service agencies to determine locally available or virtual trainings
- ❖ Sign up for the Pennsylvania Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) newsletter to be notified of all training opportunities
- ❖ Sign up for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) grants to be notified of grants that may help fund cost-based trainings

ALL PROBATION STAFF

- **OVA VICTIM TRAINING AT BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY (BTA) FOR ALL NEW OFFICERS**
- **TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACHES: OVA VIRTUAL TRAINING**
 - THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA ON THE BRAIN
 - HOW VICARIOUS TRAUMA IMPACTS SERVICE PROVIDERS
 - TOOLS TO BUILD RESILIENCY
 - BEST PRACTICES FOR ENGAGING SURVIVORS
- **BOOSTER TRAININGS FOR CURRENT STAFF: OVA VIRTUAL TRAINING BOOSTERS**
- **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID** (<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/>)
- **LOCAL COUNTY VICTIM SERVICE AGENCY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION POPULATIONS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- **PENNSYLVANIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (PCADV):** TRAINING@PCADV.ORG
 - RECOMMENDED:
 - ONLINE TRAININGS TAILORED TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
- **OVA STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAININGS**
(<https://www.ova.pa.gov/Resources/Employment/STOP%20Domestic%20Violence%20Training/Pages/default.aspx>)
- **TECHNOLOGY FACILITATED STALKING: OVA VIRTUAL TRAINING**

SEX OFFENSE

- **PENNSYLVANIA COALITION AGAINST RAPE (PCAR)** (<https://campus.nsvrc.org/course/index.php?categoryid=33>)
 - RECOMMENDED:
 - UNDERSTANDING TRAUMA AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COURSES
 - COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEX TRAUMA OF A TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR