

VICTIMS' RIGHTS BRIEF

For Arizona's Justice System Administrators, Practitioners and Advocates



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The Victims' Rights Brief is published by the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services, which remains wholly responsible for its content. The goal in generating the Brief is to promote justice and healing for crime victims by sharing information and fostering sensitivity within the justice system. To learn more about victims' rights visit us at www.azag.gov.

**EXTENDING THE
VISION
REACHING EVERY
VICTIM**

**NATIONAL
CRIME VICTIMS'
RIGHTS WEEK
APRIL 22-28, 2012**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 22-28, 2012 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). It is a time for all Americans to learn about victimization, reflect on the cost of crime to our society, and promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime rebuild their lives.

For three decades, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has successfully promoted awareness of victims' rights and services and honored countless crime victims and survivors. This year's theme—*Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim*—calls on us to expand the vision that inspired the movement and celebrate the progress achieved to date.

It captures the spirit and resolve needed to realize our common goal of reaching each victim in need of hope and help, one victim at a time.

Although there is much to celebrate within the victim rights movement, we face multiple, complex challenges in reaching out to victims. New types of crime have emerged and proliferated as a result of changes brought about by technology, globalization, and demographics in our society. Meanwhile, long-standing types of victimization endure, demanding a renewed commitment to action.

We've come a great distance since the days when crime victims had no rights or services. Yet we also know how many crimes are still committed, how few are reported, and how many victims struggle alone to overcome the impact of crime. In these financially challenging times, we see our colleagues struggling to achieve more for victims, while working with less. As we move forward, let us all work together to help keep the doors open, so that all victims have somewhere to go for help - every victim, every time.

Statewide and National Events

Inside this issue is a partial listing of the events occurring nationally and around our state to observe National Victims' Rights Week. We invite you to participate and support events to renew your own commitment to your work and honor victims in their recovery.

National Events

Friday, April 20, 2012

NCVRW 2012 Prelude Event: National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony

Each year, OVC pays tribute to crime victims and survivors and honors individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service for victims. The award recipients, who are selected from public nominations in nine categories, are extraordinary individuals, organizations, teams, and programs that provide services to victims of crime. The ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C., and is open to the public. For more information, visit the OVC website at <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/events.html>.

Arizona Events

Monday, April 23rd, 11:00 AM

The Arizona Governor's Office, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Arizona Department of Corrections, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council will be holding a collaborative event in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The Governor's Office "Triumph over Tragedy" award will be presented, along with the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Awards and awards from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Heather Grossman, a domestic violence survivor who has been profiled in national media outlets and is a valley resident.

Additional speakers include Attorney General Tom Horne, County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Department of Corrections Director Charles Ryan, and Department of Juvenile Corrections Director Charles Flanagan. **This event is reserved for those who have already submitted an RSVP.**

Arizona State Capital, House Lawn, 1700 West Washington, Phoenix

Maricopa County

Monday, April 23rd, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center (FAC) will be hosting an awareness event in the Atrium of City Hall, in front of Starbucks. Also attending will be Victims' Advocates from the Phoenix City Prosecutor's Office. FAC will have information on Denim Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Advocates will be sharing information on Victims' Rights Awareness.

Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington St., Phoenix

Monday, April 23rd, 4:00-6:00 PM

In Recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services, Arizona State University's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) will be hosting an event at the Arizona State University (ASU) downtown campus. Mr. Rick Bistrow, Chief Deputy at the Attorney General's Office will be giving the welcome address. The featured speaker will be Natasha R. Herzig, who is known for her advocacy work to help fight sex trafficking. She will be sharing her compelling personal story of being a survivor of sex trafficking. Event is free and open to students and the general public. Refreshments will be provided.

*ASU Nursing Building - NH12, Room 110
424 N Central Ave., Phoenix*

Thursday, April 26th, 10:00 AM

The United States Attorney's Office - District of Arizona will be holding a Memorial Service at their Phoenix office to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Please RSVP to Shawn Cox, US Attorney's Office, Victim Witness Coordinator, Victim Witness Program by April 20, 2012; (602) 514-7595 or email: Shawn.Cox@usdoj.gov.

US Attorney's Office, Two Renaissance Square, 40 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1200, Phoenix

Navajo County

Friday, April 27th, All Day Event

The Navajo County Attorney's Office will host their third annual Victims' Rights Symposium at the Northland Pioneer College Performing Arts Theater. It is an all-day symposium featuring keynote speakers and workshops. The Symposium is open to the general public, as well as any professionals who work with victims.

*Northland Pioneer College Performing Arts Theater,
1611 S. Main St., Snowflake, AZ 85937*

Pima County

Sunday, April 22nd 12:30-4:30 PM

Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center Charity Bowling Tournament and Raffle. For more information call Callie Koch at 243-6420 or ckoch@sozadvocacy.org.

Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile., Tucson, AZ

Tuesday, April 24th 4:00 PM

Preventing Dating Violence presentation by Bobbi Sudberry, Executive Director of Kaity's Way. Sponsored by Homicide Survivors and the Pima County Attorney's Office. For more information call 740-5525 or email robert.mccafferty@pcao.pima.gov.

Tucson Police Department, West Division, 1310 W. Miracle Mile, Tucson, AZ.

Wednesday, April 25th, All Day Event

Dine Out For Safety - Dine out at participating restaurants and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault. Visit www.dineoutforsafety.com for a list of participating restaurants.

Various Locations

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*Extend the vision
to every victim in
your community
by wearing this
ribbon during
2012 National
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Crime Victims' Rights Week Awareness Ribbons

If you or your agency would like awareness ribbons, crafted by ADC, please send an email to azvictims@azcorrections.gov and request the Victims' Rights Week ribbons. There are a limited supply on hand for distribution.

Links and Resources

To help promote National Crime Victims' Rights Week, as well as victims' rights any time of the year, visit the following sites for resources, information and downloadable material:

- <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/gallery/index.html>
- <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2012/index.html>
- <http://www.ovc.gov/>
- http://www.azag.gov/victims_rights/

General Crime and Victimization Statistics

- During 2012, U.S. residents age 12 and older experienced an estimated 18.7 million violent and property crime victimizations, down from 20.1 million in 2009.
- In a 2008 report (most recent year this data was collected), for crimes both reported and not reported to the police, the total economic loss to victims was \$1.19 billion for violent crime and \$16.21 billion for property crime.
- In 2010, violent crimes (against both males and females) by intimate partners totaled 509,230, and accounted for 13.4 percent of violent crimes.
- During 2010, 92,865 persons over the age of 65 were victims of violent crime.
- An estimated 14,748 persons were murdered nationwide in 2010, a 4.2 percent decline from 2009.
- Of female murder victims in 2010, 37.5 percent were killed by a husband or boyfriend.
- Law enforcement cleared (by arrest or exceptional means) 64.8 percent of the murders that occurred nationwide in 2010.
- In 2010, an estimated 8.1 million adults, or 3.5 percent of the population, became victims of identity fraud, down from about 11 million in 2009.
- In 2010, victims age 12 or older experienced a total of 188,380 rapes or sexual assaults.
- In 2010, 49.6 percent of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement.
- In 2010, approximately 1.4 million people were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) in the United States.
- In 2009, 56 percent of alcohol-impaired drivers and motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes had a BAC of .15 or greater, nearly twice the legal limit (.08 or higher) in all states and the District of Columbia.
- During a one-year period, 60.6 percent of children and youth from birth to 17 years of age experienced at least one direct or indirect (as a witness) victimization.
- In 2007, 32 percent of students ages 12 to 18 reported having been bullied at school.
- About one-third (37.8 percent) of surveyed youth have witnessed violence against another person during their lifetime. However, among 14- to 17-year-olds, 7 in 10 have witnessed violence against another person in their lifetime.
- More than 1 in 5 (22 percent) of 14- to 17-year-olds in the United States have witnessed a shooting in their lifetime.

For statistical sources, please visit the OVC website at <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrv2012/pdf/StatisticalOverviews.pdf>



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