

JOINT CENTER ON VIOLENCE AND VICTIM STUDIES



Critical Analysis of Victim Assistance

Professional Development Hours: 18

Sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General
Wyoming Division of Victim Services

Wyoming Law Enforcement Training Academy
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The *Critical Analysis of Victim Assistance* course is an intense, multidisciplinary professional development program renowned for challenging practitioners to critically reflect and analyze professional practices, policies, and societal responses toward victims. Through exploration of meanings and assumptions, theory and research, and how they apply to policy and practice, participants gain knowledge and skills for potential transformation within their organization and services provided. As a transformational learning event, the program intends not only to increase content knowledge, but to facilitate action that can affect professional, system, and community change.

The course is appropriate for the diverse array of professionals who interact with victims and want to engage in a transformative learning process of critical reflection, analysis, and strategies for action. This type of learning process assumes that the learner has a working knowledge of foundation level content. As such, some level of experience and/or education is recommended for effective participation.

Materials

A pre-course assessment is sent to all registrants to help identify challenges and characteristics that may be incorporated into the course learning and to address expressed learning needs. The informal, collegial interaction between the instructors and participants in a small class setting lends itself to engagement, collaborative learning, and critical reflection necessary for a transformative learning experience. The materials provided include the book "Victim Assistance: Exploring Individual Practice, Organizational Policy, and Societal Responses," a critical reflection journal, and other handouts.

Professional Certification

The optional *Professional Certificate in Victim Assistance: Critical Analysis* is included as a service at no additional cost. The certificate is awarded by the JCVVS for demonstration of knowledge and further critical analysis professionally presented to the field. Certificate requirements are completed via web-based interaction that lasts approximately four months. As a university-based program, the JCVVS professional certificate offers credibility and recognition for the individual practitioner and for the field of victim assistance as a profession.

Academic Credit

Optional undergraduate and graduate college credit of three (3) hours is available from either Washburn or California State University, Fresno at a reduced tuition rate. Tuition is in addition to the program fee and is due at the time of the program.

March 29-31, 2010

Schedule

The program starts promptly at 8:15a.m. on Monday, March 29 and concludes by 4:00p.m. on Wednesday, March 31. Full participation in the program is expected. Please make every effort to ensure that work and other obligations do not interfere with the learning event. The following is a general framework of time and content. The schedule is subject to change.

Day 1

- 8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Introduction / Transformative Learning in Victim Assistance**
Introductory session provides overview of course and challenge of professional learning.
- 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Perspectives of Victimization and Professional Responses**
Overview and exploration of key concepts, victimological theory, and attitudes toward victims.
- 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Ecological Perspective of Victimization**
Exploration of victimization supports and barriers using a model that encourages a broader and more holistic understanding of victimization.
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Critical Reflection & Action for Change in Practice & Policy**
Overview of public policy and introduction of a model for policy change.

Day 2

- 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Critical Review and Application**
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Impact of Stress / Responses to Trauma**
Presentation of physiological and psychological aspects of stress, tools for assessment, and strategies for effective response.
- 1:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **The Justice System and Victims**
Discussion of the major approaches to justice with consideration of the role of the victim and community. Objective to develop a transferable victim oriented justice system.
- 4:15 p.m. - **Professional Certificate/Academic Credit** (optional)

Day 3

- 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Critical Review and Application**
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Critical Analysis of Practice, Policy and Societal Responses**
Application of concepts in terms of professional practice and policy as it applies to various types of victimizations and populations.
- 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Critical Analysis of Practice, Policy and Societal Responses**
(continued)
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Closing**

Location

The program will be held at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy facility located in Douglas, Wyoming. All attendees are expected to abide by the WLEA regulations. Visit the WLEA web site for complete information.

Lodging and Accommodations

Lodging and meals at the WLEA are included in the full registration fee. Lodging is dormitory style with two persons per room. Visit the WLEA web page for information about accommodations and guest information. Check-in is available Sunday, March 28 prior to 5:00p.m. or Monday between 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Individuals who do not want to stay at the Academy are offered a reduced fee though meals are still included.

Cost

The full registration fee of \$575 covers the program, course materials, lodging and meals. A reduced fee of \$425 is for those who do not stay at the WLEA. Limited scholarship funds may be available for those who stay at the WLEA.

Cancellations/Refunds

Registrants unable to attend should contact the Wyoming Division of Victim Services as soon as possible. A substitute may be sent at no additional cost. Refunds can be issued for cancellations made by March 12, 2010 minus \$150 deposit. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after that date. The Division of Victim Services reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment or other reasons deemed appropriate in which case a full refund will be issued. Liability is for registration fee only.

Registration

Complete the following and submit to the Wyoming Division of Victim Services by February 26, 2010.

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (day) _____
E-mail _____

T-Shirt size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

Course Fee (check all that apply):

- \$575 registration (lodging at WLEA – includes \$150 non-refundable deposit)
 \$425 registration (no lodging at WLEA – includes \$150 non-refundable deposit)
 \$150 deposit (balance must be received by March 12, 2010)
 \$25 late fee (registrations/payments received after March 12, 2010)

Method of Payment:

- Check/Money Order: *make payable to Wyoming Division of Victim Services*
 Purchase Order: *please submit all billing information*

Equal opportunity is assured to qualified individual without regard to race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, marital or parental status, or sexual orientation. Please contact the Wyoming Division of Victim Services if you have needs that require special accommodations.

For further information about registration and scholarship information, contact:

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