

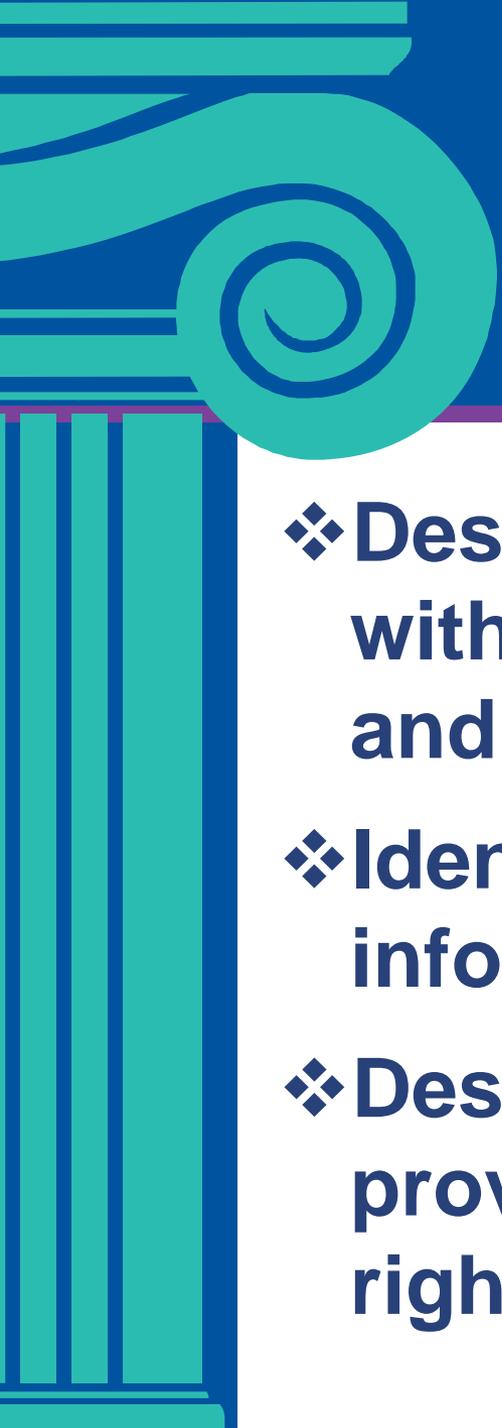
Module 11

Resources for Victim Advocates



Innovation • Partnerships
Safer Neighborhoods

Office for Victims of Crime
OVC
"Putting Victims First"



Learning Objectives

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- ❖ Describe national resources that provide information about victims' rights.



U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC is a federal agency within the Office of Justice Programs, USDOJ. Congress formally established OVC in 1988 through an amendment to the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to provide leadership and funding on behalf of crime victims.



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The mission of OVC is to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims.



OVC Resources

- ❖ **OVC Training and Technical Assistance Center**
- ❖ **OVC Resource Center**
- ❖ **OVC Directory of Crime Victim Services**
- ❖ **OVC Web Forum**
- ❖ **Victim Assistance Training Online (VAT *Online*)**



Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

- ❖ Provides national leadership in developing the Nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through VAWA.
- ❖ Created in 1995, OVW administers financial and technical assistance.



Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs

- ❖ **Supports states, local communities, and tribal jurisdictions.**
- ❖ **Develops and implements programs to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, provide services that address the needs of youth and their families.**



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- ❖ **Centers for Disease Control**
- ❖ **Family Violence Prevention and Services Program**
- ❖ **Indian Health Service**
- ❖ **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**



National and State Victim Assistance Resources

- ❖ ***Worksheet 11.1: Web URL roster***
- ❖ ***Worksheet 11.2: 26 Federal and national toll-free information and referral resources for crime victims and advocates***



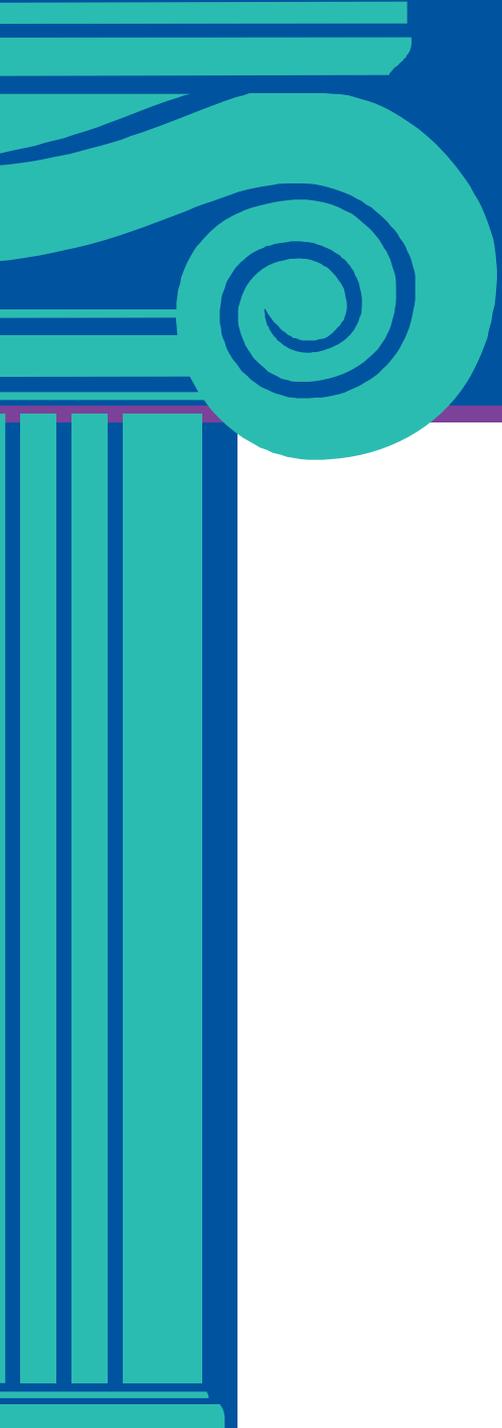
Federal Funding

- ❖ **www.grants.gov**
- ❖ **Central source to find free information about a wide range of federal grant funding.**
- ❖ **Sign up to be notified of grant opportunities and to receive the *Grants.gov Succeed* Newsletter.**



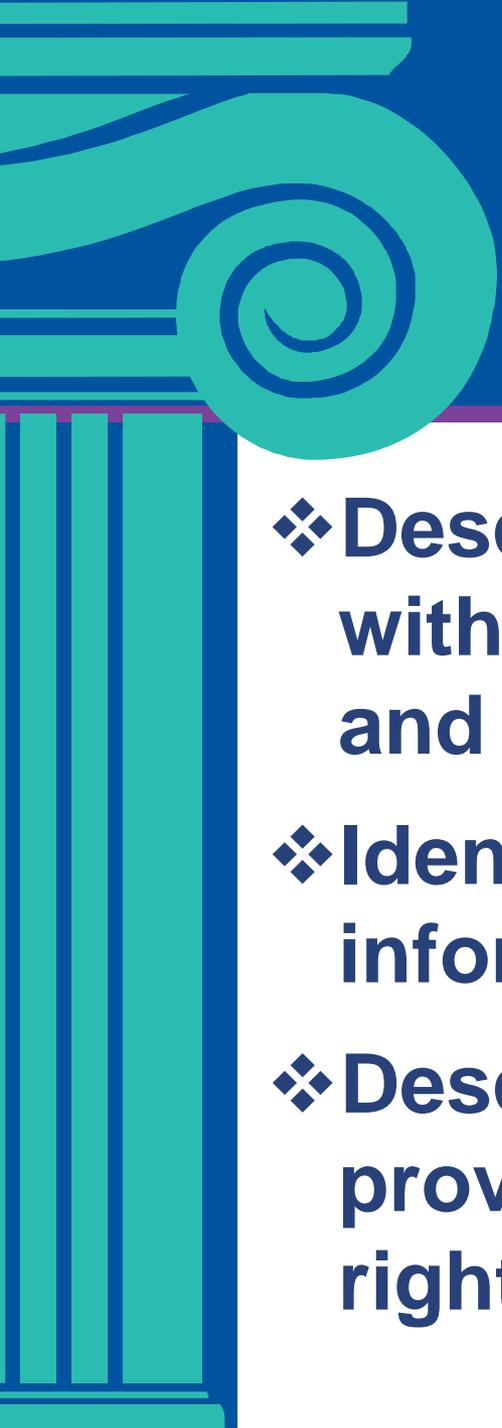
Crime Victims' Rights

- ❖ **Legal Information Institute**
- ❖ **WashLaw**
- ❖ **VictimLaw**
- ❖ **U.S. Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus**
- ❖ **National Crime Victim Law Institute**



Activity

Word Search Worksheet 11.3



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Closing of Module 11

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