



Module 2

History of the Crime Victims' Rights Movement in the United States



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Office for Victims of Crime

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"Putting Victims First"



Learning Objectives

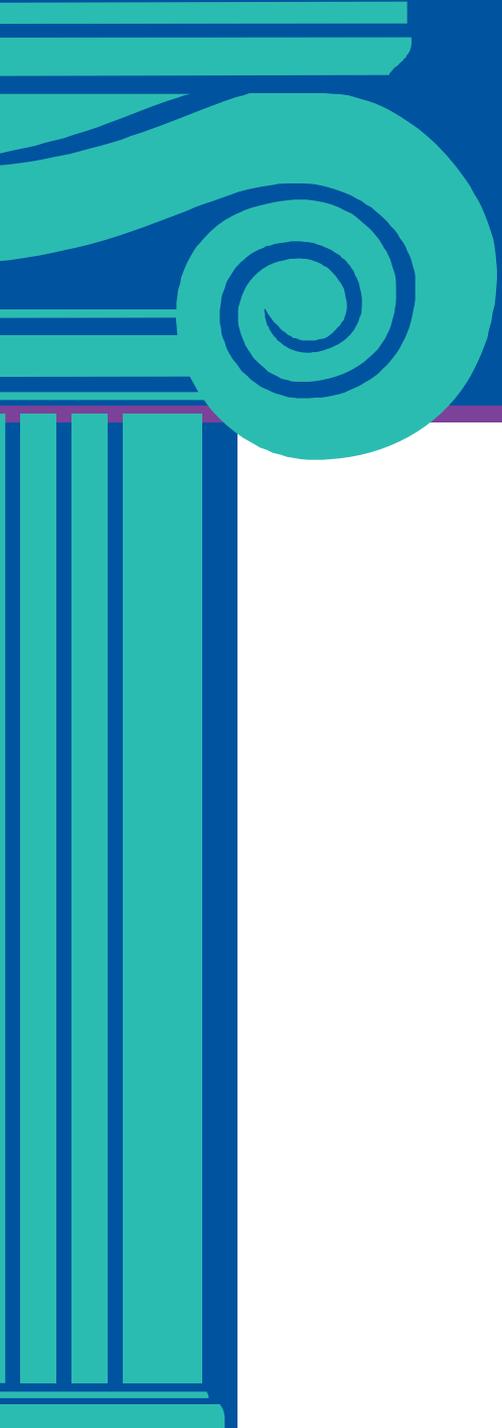
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- ❖ Describe and access the OVC Oral History Project.
- ❖ Describe at least three landmarks in the history of the victim assistance field.



Activity

History Jeopardy

- ❖ **Your answers must be in the form of a question.**



OVC Oral History Project



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- ❖ **“The History of the Crime Victims’ Movement in the United States”**
- ❖ **“A Retrospective of the 1982 President’s Task Force on Victims of Crime”**
- ❖ **“Paving the Path to Justice” videotape of the history of the field**
- ❖ **How To Create an Oral History Project (for states and jurisdictions)**



Key Landmarks of the Field

- ❖ **Crime victim compensation program – 1965**
- ❖ **Five additional compensation programs created – 1970**
- ❖ **First 3 victim assistance programs - 1972**



❖ **President's Task Force on Victims of Crime**

- ◆ **Creation of the Office for Victims of Crime**

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- ❖ **Task Force on Family Violence**
 - ◆ **Efforts to secure a federal constitutional amendment for victims' rights**



❖ **Passage of VAWA**

- ◆ **Creation of the U.S. Congress Victims' Rights Caucus**
- ◆ **The Crime Victims' Rights Act was signed into law in 2004**



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Closing of Module 2

- ❖ **Questions?**
- ❖ **Comments?**