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Assisting Original Crime Victims and Survivors in Wrongful Conviction Cases



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Welcome and Introductions



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Poll #1 & #2



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Experiences of Original Victims and Survivors in Exoneration Cases



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A Prosecutor's Perspective: How Officials May Be Able To Help Improve the Experiences of Original Victims and Survivors



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Poll #5



Recommended Practices for Improving Experiences and Providing Support



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Recommended Practices: Improving Experiences and Providing Support

#1: Original victims/survivors should be provided an opportunity to choose how much communication they would like during the post-conviction process and how they would like to be reached (in-person, by phone, in writing, etc.).



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Recommendations for Improving Experiences and Providing Support

#2: Ideally, notification/communication should occur before any court action that could get picked up by the media or before any stipulation by the state.



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#3: Ideally, initial notification is best if done in-person by a trained victim advocate. Regardless of who provides notice, trauma-informed communication is key.



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#4: Notification/communication should be objective or neutral to avoid creating greater confusion or trauma.



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#5: Victim-centered, trauma-informed support and services should be available (e.g., help with the media, understanding of legal process, access to peer support). Healing Justice can provide assistance on all of these.



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#6: Healing Justice's advisory group provides direct and ongoing peer support. Healing Justice's contact information should be shared with all victims and survivors so that we can offer whatever help may be needed.



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Q & A



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Available Resources

National Institute of Justice, Addressing the Impact of Wrongful Convictions on Crime Victims:

<http://nij.gov/journals/274/pages/victim-impact-wrongful-convictions.aspx>

National Institute of Justice, February 22, 2016, Listening Session for Original Victims and Survivors:

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/249931.pdf>

COPS Office Podcast on Experiences of Original Victims and Survivors:

http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/html/podcasts/the_beat/09-2014/TheBeat-092014_ThompsonMorrow.mp3

National Innocence Network, Policy Statement Concerning Original Victims and Survivors:

<http://innocencenetwork.org/statement-concerning-victims>



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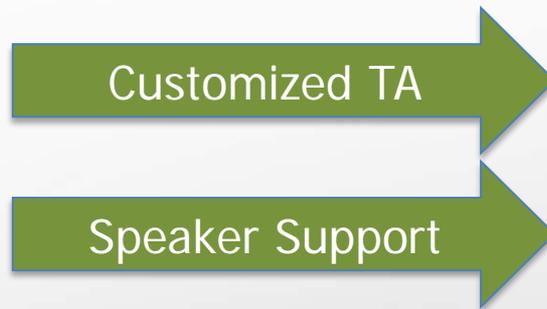
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How We Can Help

OVC, through OVC TTAC, can help by offering education and tools to the field at no cost, so those who provide services have the skills to reach out to victims of every type of crime, from every background, in every place, and offer them what they need to rebuild their lives.

Training
Gather a group of victim service and allied professionals in your area, arrange a meeting space, and select a training from an array of topics. OVC will provide instructors, an onsite coordinator, instructor training materials, and a Participant Manual for each participant.

Customized Technical Assistance
OVC delivers tailored technical assistance to meet your organization's needs on various victimizations or crime and victim assistance topics. OVC uses a network of consultants and experts in the victim services field to design and deliver customized technical assistance.

National Victim Assistance Academy
This intensive, interactive learning experience helps develop and promote professional skills and knowledge for victim service providers. OVC uses a blended learning approach by including interactive, self-paced training and collaborative, facilitated webinars to provide the field with the knowledge and skills to better serve victims of crime.

Speaker Support
Drawing from a diverse network of consultants, OVC provides speakers for conference sessions and plenary, panel, or victim impact presentations to support your meeting or conference.

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OVC offers scholarship support for multidisciplinary teams, victim service professionals, and others in the field with at least 1 year of experience to attend victim-focused trainings and conferences that will enhance their ability to work with victims of crime.

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