Are You Prepared? The Role of Victim Assistance Providers in Preparing and Responding to Incidents of Mass Violence

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About ICP TTA

Augment Existing Emergency Response Plans
- Ensure care after criminal mass violence
- Inclusion of jurisdictions across the country
- Incorporation into exercises

Individual Training and Technical Assistance
- Selected communities
- Assigned consultants
- Subject matter experts training

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# 16 Best Practices in Planning for CMV/DT

1. Incident Command  
2. Committee Identification & Engagement  
3. Up-To-Date Contact List  
4. Family & Friends Reception/Notification Center (FRC)  
5. Victim Identification & Notification Protocol  
6. Public Information & Crisis Communications Protocol  
7. Volunteer Management Protocol  
8. Family/Friends Assistance Center (FAC) Plan  
10. Memorial & Special Event Management Protocols  
11. Community Behavioral Health Response  
12. First Responder Support  
13. Planning & Preparedness Grants and Emergency Funding Assistance  
14. Community Resilience Planning  
15. Criminal Justice System – Victim Support  
16. Training and Exercise

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Can you provide a real-life example/process of responding to a mass violence incident?

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Overall Response (continued)

Could you provide an overview of the various roles one might assume in such incidents?

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Flight or fight responses are well known. How do you help with those who freeze?

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How is mass violence defined?

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Is there a different response to mass violence than to incidents caused by nature?

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Is there a major difference in the reactions with individual violence/crime vs mass violence/crime?

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Would a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy Program typically respond to an incident of mass violence?

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With the possibility of responding to an event far outside of our usual work area - how do we learn and use resources effectively?
How important is the role of volunteers for response?

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Overall Response (continued)

Who would Victim Providers “report to" at a scene of mass violence?

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Partnerships & Planning

Do you have any suggestions to those of us who work inside a correctional facility?

How could this relate to our work with inmates?

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Partnerships & Planning (continued)

Have you found a source for tabletop exercises that are tailored to victim assistance providers?

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Partnerships & Planning (continued)

How do we connect with other agencies to help provide services?

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Partnerships & Planning (continued)

Is there a best practice method for sharing information among all applicable responding agencies that protects confidentiality?

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Partnerships & Planning (continued)

When training for response to an incident of mass violence is pre-planning with local law enforcement required?

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What strategies can be used to get buy in from the community to support victim advocates responding to mass violence?

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Partnerships & Planning (continued)

What needs to be prioritized for mass violence victims?

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Do you have any tips for spearheading a statewide response on mass casualty?

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Do you have any suggestions for setting up victim compensation funds in advance to be ready?

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When higher leadership is very centralized, how do I get them onboard with comprehensive/coordinated Mass Violence Incident prep?

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Partnerships & Planning (continued)

What are the top five most important mass violence incident preparations?

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Partnerships & Planning - Training

Do you have any training recommendations?

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Partnerships & Planning - Training (continued)

Should we take FEMA courses?

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Resources

- OVC TTAC Mass Violence and Terrorism webpage resources
- Overview of OVC’s Mass Violence Toolkit
- Mass Violence Toolkit Web Training Series
- Supplemental Resources for Planning, Response, and Recovery
- Information About Training and Technical Assistance

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