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Expert Q&A: The Role of Victim Assistance Providers in Victim Impact Programs

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QUESTIONS

Q&A

What is Impact of Crime
Programming?

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Q&A
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What are some best practices in
Victim Impact Programs?

Q&A (continued)

How can system-based and community-based organizations support your work?

Q&A
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Have there been changes in Victim Impact Programs since the pandemic?

Q&A
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How can an Impact of Crime Program fit a correctional agency's reentry efforts?

Q&A (continued)

What happens when an offender can still not empathize with those they harmed? What other interventions can be used?

Q&A (continued)

What data indicate that Victim Impact Programs are effective, and how do you evaluate their effectiveness?

Q&A
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Do offenders typically get credit or a reduction in their sentence for attending Victim Impact Programs?

Q&A
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Is there collaboration between OVC and the CDC to assist Victim Impact Programs in intersecting with therapeutic jurisprudence?

Q&A (continued)

Are there any model programs you recommend other than OVC's Victim Impact: Listen and Learn?

Q&A
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Are Victim Impact Programs
developed as restorative justice?

Q&A
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How can I assist someone with writing an apology letter within the context of a Victim Impact Program?

Q&A (continued)

What are your thoughts on allowing victims to write letters back to an offender after receiving an accountability letter?

Q&A (continued)

Are there any trainings for Victim Offender Dialogue Programs, and what is an estimated timetable for facilitating these cases?

Q&A
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What do victims get out of Victim Impact Programs?

Q&A
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How do you prepare victims and facilitators for doing this work?

Q&A
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What do you feel is the future of the Impact of Crime Programs within correctional agencies?



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VICTIM IMPACT: LISTEN AND LEARN

Welcome to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) TTAC's download center for the Victim Impact: Listen and Learn curriculum. Victim Impact is geared toward helping offenders to become more aware of the impact that crime has on victims and to take responsibility for their actions and begin to make amends. The curriculum makes victims and their rights a central premise.

Use this download center to gather all the materials you'll need to conduct the training. We recommend that you create a folder for the Victim Impact Curriculum on your computer and download all the files you'll need into that folder rather than using the curriculum Web site during the training. You'll find tips on how to download files on all the unit pages.

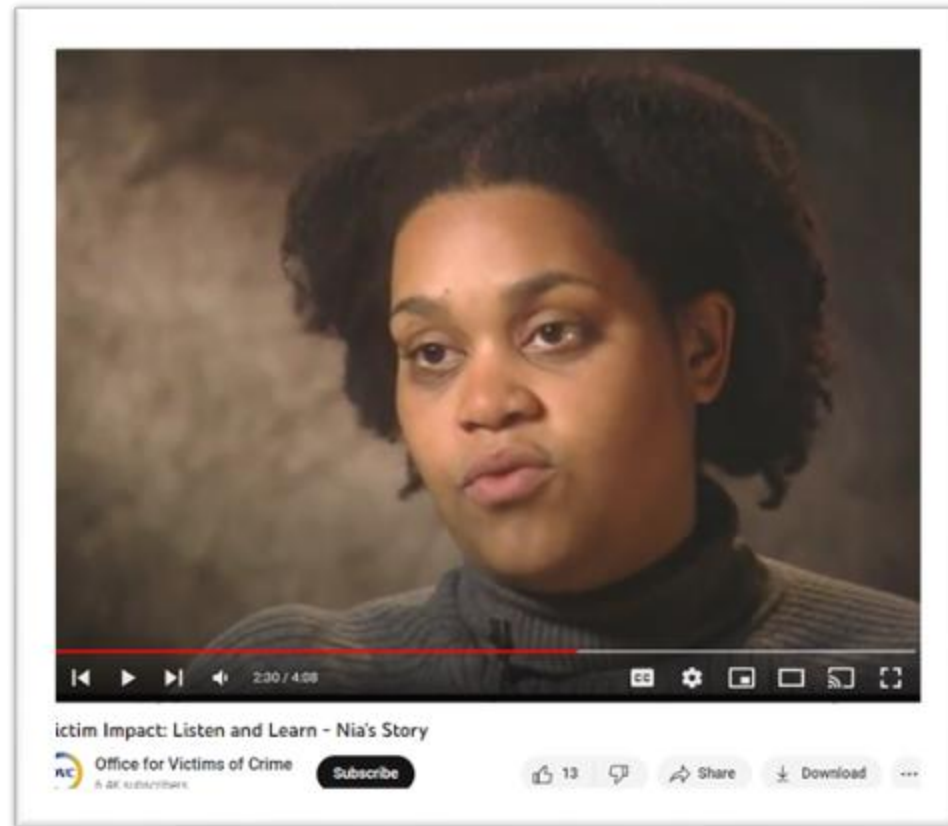
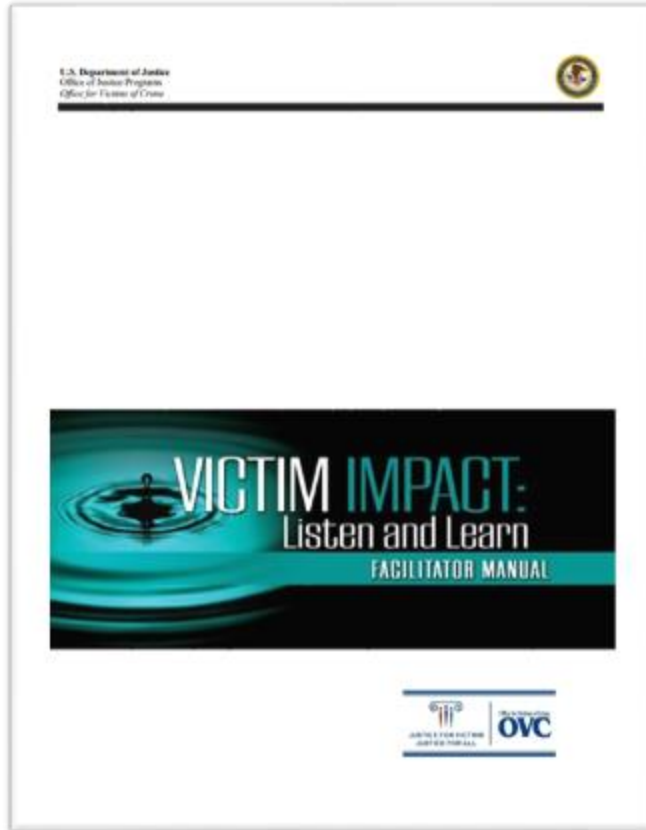
Prepare for the training by reading [About This Curriculum](#), where you'll learn more about how Victim Impact is organized and its basic precepts. You'll also learn about your target audience and what is required of facilitators. And you'll begin to navigate the download center and find tips for getting ready. This section is a must for first-time users of OVC TTAC's Victim Impact: Listen and Learn site.

Jump to [Training Units](#) to review and download each unit's offerings. This section is especially helpful to those who want to tailor the training to their participants' needs.

Download the full curriculum by visiting the [Presenter's Toolbox](#). Here you will find helpful tools, such as the customizable agenda, as well as all curriculum DVD clips and links to victim speaker synopses, a class contract, the Pre-/Post-Test, and a fillable certificate of completion.

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Questions?

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