National Town Hall
Learning Objectives

• Describe the services and resources available from the two Office for Victims of Crime-sponsored Centers that address the many elements of mass violence incident readiness, response and resilience; and the difference between the two Center’s offerings.

• Identify the myriad online resources available from the NMVVRC for information, professional training/education, and victim/survivor and public awareness.

• Describe how Town Hall participants can request technical assistance from the NMVVRC and OVC TTAC.
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In 1984 Congress established the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) under the USDOJ through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

OVC’s Mission: to enhance the Nation’s capacity to assist victims of crime and promote justice and healing for all victims.
Antiterrorism & Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) Introduction

Antiterrorism Emergency Reserve:
OVC has access funding from the Emergency Reserve that is available beyond the appropriation cap for the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) that congress establishes annually.

AEAP grants; TTA; ITVERP; Interagency Reimbursable Agreements, etc.

AEAP grants are specifically designed to assist victims of criminal mass violence and domestic terrorism in areas that have been overwhelmed after a mass violence incident by supplementing existing resources.

AEAP page with video link
AEAP - Grants

• Helps *supplement* overwhelmed communities

• Grant types:
  • Crisis Response (up to 9 months)
  • Consequence Management (up to 18 months)
  • Criminal Justice Support (up to 36 months)
  • Crime Victim Compensation (any time) to reimburse victims for eligible expenses

Grants are retroactive back to the date of the incident
Types are usually wrapped into one grant application
AEAP - Grants

• Compensation for medical/MH costs, lost wages, funerals, etc.
• Group or individual counseling
• Emergency housing, clothing, transportation
• Child/dependent care
• Physical/vocational rehabilitation
• Employer and creditor intervention
• Victim participation in criminal justice proceedings
• Victim outreach, awareness, notification systems, etc.
AEAP Grants – Resiliency Centers

Goal: single point of entry for victims to access services

- Navigators – POCs for victims
- 360-wraparound mental, medical, behavioral health, and legal services
- Connect victims/families with resources
- Behavioral health on-site counseling and therapeutic services
  - Ex., recovery, holiday tips, PTSD/relationships, etc.
- Tele-therapy, website to distribute info, etc.
AEAP Grants - Process

OVC & OVC TTAC TA – process that takes many months

- OVC reaches out to state VOCA offices
- Deploy expert T&TA consultants: ID resources; assess needs; facilitate meetings; develop response strategies; draft AEAP grants
- Need to determine what costs are supplemental
- Engagement will continue over time as victims’ needs evolve and decisions are made about what can and cannot be funded under AEAP
- Be patient – it’s a process
Overview of OVC TTAC Resources

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Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)

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OVC TTAC is the gateway to training and technical assistance for victim service providers, allied professionals, and organizations who serve crime victims. Our aim is building the capacity and sustainability of organizations that serve victims and survivors.
To improve your capacity to serve crime victims in your community, here are some ways OVC TTAC might work with you:

Provide skilled trainers with specific subject matter expertise for your upcoming training event

Conduct an organizational needs assessment and design a targeted response through training, technical assistance, or peer support.

Develop a basic evaluation strategy for determining your program's effectiveness

Mass violence TTA, AEAP assistance

Strengthen advocacy programming that helps assure equal justice for victims and produces a positive, sustainable impact.
OVCTTAC
Mass Violence Resources

AEAP Consultant Support

OVCMass Violence Toolkit

OVCTTAC Mass Violence Web Page

Mass Violence Toolkit Web Training Series

Training and Technical Assistance
AEAP Consultant Support

Request from OVC

Team of Consultants

Role of Consultants

- Needs Assessment
- Draft AEAP Application
- Follow-on Technical Assistance
OVC TTAC AEAP

Supported Communities

- Boston, MA
- Las Vegas, NV
- Orlando, FL
- Charlottesville, VA
- Sutherland Springs, TX
- Benton, KY
- Thornton, CO
- Parkland, FL
- Sante Fe, TX
- Thousand Oaks, CA
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Florence, SC
- Virginia Beach, VA
- Hesston, KS
- Burlington, WA
- Poway, CA
- Charlotte, NC
- Highlands Ranch, CO
- Gilroy, CA
- Odessa/Midland, TX
- El Paso, TX
- Dayton, OH
- Glendale, AZ
- Jersey City, NJ
- Nashville, TN
- Boulder, CO
- Rigby, ID
- Indianapolis, IN
- Collierville, TN
- Waukesha, WI
- Oxford, MI
OVC Mass Violence Toolkit

- Build capacity for effective victim responses
- Lessons learned, obstacles faced, replicate good practices, short- to long-term responses
- Victim responses from planning through long-term issues
Who can use the Toolkit to develop a victim assistance plan?

- Emergency Planning Managers
- State and City Government Officials
- Law Enforcement Officials
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Administrators - Compensation and Assistance
- Prosecutors’ Offices
- Victim Service Providers
- Etc.
Welcome to the Mass Violence and Terrorism Resource page. This web page provides a range of resources to assist with developing a comprehensive plan to respond to the immediate and short- and long-term needs of victims of mass violence incidents.

- Request no-cost, customized training and technical assistance.
- View a webinar training series that highlights elements of the OVC Mass Violence Toolkit.
- Access a variety of resources to assist in planning for and responding to victims of mass violence incidents.

At-A-Glance:

- This icon will indicate information or resources that relate to the Partnerships and Planning phase of a mass violence response.
- This icon will indicate information or resources that relate to the Response phase of a mass violence response.
- This icon will indicate information or resources that relate to the Recovery phase of a mass violence response.
Technical Assistance – Micro-Learning Video

On-Demand Learning Series
Death Notifications: Best Practices
OVCTTAC

Mass
Violence
Web
Page
Mass Violence Toolkit Web Training Series

Webinars

- Overview
- Donation Management
- Communications
- First 24-48 Hours
- 48 Hours and Beyond
- Death Notification
- Volunteer Management
- Community Resiliency Center

[www.ovcttac.gov](http://www.ovcttac.gov)
Resources > Webinars
Request Free Technical Assistance

- Training
- Initial Consultation
- Meeting Facilitation
- Protocol Development
- Followup Consultation

• Email TTAC@ovcttac.org for more help
Overview of National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center (NMVVRC)

Resources

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NMVVRC Mission

To improve community preparedness and the nation’s capacity to serve victims and communities recovering from mass violence through research, planning, training, technology, and collaboration.

The NMVVRC was created on October 1, 2017 at the Medical University of South Carolina, with support from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime.
Efforts to Assist Victims, Survivors & Communities *Must* Be:

- Survivor-driven
- Trauma-informed
- Community- and culturally-relevant
- Evidence-based and evidence-informed
- Tailored to the unique needs of the impacted community
The NMVVRC Efforts Are Guided by:

- A Stakeholders’ Forum of mass violence survivors, responders, and victim services and mental health professionals that meets quarterly

- Information sharing and collective, strategic thinking of two monthly Forums:
  - Resiliency Center Directors’ Forum
  - Resiliency Center Administrators’ Forum

- In January 2022, our newly-launched, bi-monthly Survivor-driven NGO Forum
Our Principal Partners

American Hospital Association

National Governors Association

U.S. Conference of Mayors
We serve as the source for best evidence to achieve a social understanding of mass violence upon which civic leaders, mental health professionals, journalists, policy makers, and victim assistance professionals can rely. Our vision is to provide communities access to evidence-based information and resources needed to effectively prepare for and respond to mass violence incidents.

www.nmvvrc.org
Over 50 Tip Sheets Developed for:

- MVI victims, survivors and witnesses
- Victim service professionals
- Mental and behavioral health professionals
- First responders
- Criminal justice professionals
- Community and civic leaders
- News media professionals

https://www.nmvvrc.org/media/nmvvrc-tip-sheets/
Useful NMVVRC Publications

• MVI After-Action Report Review
• Victim-centric MVI After-Action Report: Recommendations & Template
• The Role of Police Executives in Assisting Victims of Mass Violence: Lessons From the Field (2020) Police Executive Research Forum
MVI Core Compendium

- Compendium with 26 training/learning modules
- It offers comprehensive training materials for victim service providers, mental/behavioral health professionals, community leaders and others based on:
  - Readiness
  - Response
  - Resilience
  - Recovery

https://www.nmvvrc.org/learn/mvi-core-compendium/
The NMVVRC has developed the free Transcend NMVC app to assist with recovery from the psychological and behavioral response that can occur following direct or indirect exposure to mass violence incidents.

Although the app was developed specifically for mass violence victims, people exposed to other types of stressful events are also likely to find the strategies and techniques in the app to be useful in their recovery, as well.

DOWNLOAD FOR FREE:

- [Download on the App Store](#)
- [GET IT ON Google Play](#)
Our Monthly Mass Violence Podcast (MVP)

• *October podcast,* “Exploring the connection between domestic violence and mass violence” with Lisa Geller from the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence and the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence

• *November podcast,* “Hate crimes and mass violence” with Georgia state Senator Dr. Michelle Au

• *December podcast,* “What does it take to be a reliable victim advocate?” with Clarissa Whaley, Victim Wellness Coordinator and Victim Services Manager for the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of South Carolina

• *January podcast,* “Balancing victims’ rights & defendants’ rights during mass violence court cases” with Meg Garvin, Director of the National Crime Victim Law Institute
Planning and Implementation Guide for Comprehensive, Coordinated Victim Assistance for Mass Violence Incident Trials
Co-branded with USDOJ, U.S. Attorney of South Carolina
Online Template for Anti-terrorism Emergency Assistance Program

• Designed to:
  • Help communities plan for and submit their applications for AEAP support from the Office for Victims of Crime
  • Promote a comprehensive understanding of victim, survivor & community needs following a MVI
  • Simplify the overall AEAP application process
The mission of the Virtual Resiliency Center is to provide online, centralized resources to help professionals and communities create and strengthen individual and collective resiliency in the aftermath of a mass violence incident or terrorist attack (MVI).

- Four areas of focus:
  1. Managing Trauma & Grief
  2. Victim & Survivor Resources
  3. Personal Health & Wellness
  4. Connection and Support
When a Mass Violence Incident Occurs

OUR RESPONSE

• Connections to OVC
• Respond to inquiries for support and technical assistance from local and/or state stakeholders, upon request
• Provide a curated Resource Page via traditional and social media to the impacted community
After a Mass Violence Incident

• List of resources
• Resources posted on social media

#CityName
#CityNameStrong
Our Focus on Behavioral & Mental Health
Examples of MH/BH Consultations We Have Provided

- Sutherland Springs Baptist Church Shooting, Texas
- Parkland, FL Attorneys General Offices/ Stoneman Douglas HS, FL
- Santa Fe HS, Texas
- Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh, PA,
- Harvest 91 Concert Las Vegas, NV
- Marshall County HS, KY
- Florence County, SC
- Pulse Nightclub Resiliency Center, Orlando, FL
- Boulder, CO
- Atlanta, GA
- Multiple Governors’ Offices/Attorney Generals’ Offices
Evidence-Based Mental Health Interventions
Evidence-informed Early Interventions
Skills for Psychological Recovery

Skills for Psychological Recovery
Field Operations Guide
National Center for PTSD
National Child Traumatic Stress Network

- Problem-Solving
- Positive Activity Scheduling
- Building Social Connections
- Helpful Thinking
- Managing Reactions

NMVVRC
Readiness, Response, Resilience
Evidence-Based Trauma Treatments

Adults
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE)
- Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)
- Complicated Grief Therapy (CGT)
- GRIEF Approach

Children and adolescents
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
Community & Survivor Surveys
Community Surveys

- **Flint Michigan Water Crisis** - victims of large-scale criminal negligence incident [https://www.nmvvrc.org/learn/large-scale-criminal-incidents/flint-surveys/](https://www.nmvvrc.org/learn/large-scale-criminal-incidents/flint-surveys/)

- **Mass Violence Communities of El Paso, Parkland, and Pittsburgh** – 2078 community participants

* **Las Vegas Survivor Surveys** conducted in 2021, in partnership with the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center - **177 survivor participants**.
To Request a Consultation or Technical Assistance:

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Questions from the Field

Thank you for submitting questions to our presenters!
Next National Town Hall

Date to be announced soon.....

Agenda will focus on
MASS VIOLENCE READINESS
Thank you