

JOINT CENTER ON VIOLENCE AND VICTIM STUDIES



Critical Analysis of Victim Assistance

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Location:

Fresno State University
Smittcamp Alumni House
2625 E. Matoian Way
Fresno, California 93740

Hosted by:

Fresno State University Department of Criminology

The *Critical Analysis of Victim Assistance* course is a multidisciplinary professional development program that challenges practitioners to critically analyze the process of effecting change in professional practice, organizational policy, and societal responses related to victim assistance. The program is most appropriate for experienced system and community-based practitioners and administrators who are challenged to consider key ideologies, values, and attitudes that influence professional and organizational approaches to service provision.

Pre-program communication solicits information regarding specific issues and problem areas that may help inform program content and application. A problem solving process is introduced as a framework for exploring and analyzing issues and challenges victim assistance, including analysis of the justice system and various allied areas that serve victims from a comprehensive perspective. Participants work collaboratively to explore quality professional practice, efficient and effective organizational programs and policies, and victim sensitive societal responses. This problem solving approach occurs through application exercises that build the knowledge and skills necessary for creating a step-by-step structured action plan that can be implemented post-program to effect change.

This high level professional development program also features an optional Professional Certificate in Victim Assistance: Critical Analysis at no additional cost. As a university-based organization affiliated with Washburn University, Fresno State University, and the University of New Haven, a professional certificate issued by the JCVVS offers a means of recognition which lends legitimacy to a field that continues to emerge as a profession.

Schedule

The following is a general framework of time and content.
Schedule is subject to change.

Day 1

8:15 - 9:30 Transformative Learning for Victim Service Professionals

Introductory session provides overview of course and the challenge of critical reflection and analysis for professional learning.

9:30 – 11:45 Perspectives of Victimization and Professional Responses

Exploration of key concepts, ideologies or values that underlie the field, and attitudes toward victims.

1:00 – 2:45 Ecological Perspective of Victimization

Exploration of supports and barriers using a model that encourages a broader and more holistic understanding of victimization.

3:00 – 5:00 Critical Reflection and Action for Change

Building on the ecological framework, identifying a continuum of resources to effect change, the essentials of formal and informal systems, and understanding a process of change for development of an action plan.

Cost

The registration fee of \$400 includes course instruction, course materials, refreshments, and post session consultation. Course materials include a text and a participant guide written specifically for the program, as well as other handouts as content supplements. In order to facilitate program planning, early registrations are requested. Registrations received after September 22 will be assessed a 15% late fee.

“The challenge to question assumptions, methodology, service provision, etc., is critical. I believe it’s the kind of educational experience we need in our profession.” (Arkansas)

Cancellations/Refunds

Registrants unable to attend should contact the Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies as soon as possible. A substitute may be sent at no additional cost. Refunds will be issued for cancellations made by September 22 minus a 15%. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after September 22. The Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment or other reasons deemed appropriate in which case a full refund will be issued. Liability is for registration fee only.

“I was indeed challenged to look at my attitudes toward the victims I serve and how I serve them. I realized that some things need to be changed or can be done better.” (Virginia)

Registration and Payment

Online: www.washburn.edu/jcvvs. Go to Professional Development, select Critical Analysis of Victim Assistance, select Course Registration.

Phone: (785) 670-1399

E-mail: AO@washburn.edu

Payment may be made by credit card, check or purchase order (invoice). Course fees should be paid in full at time of registration. Individuals will only be considered active registrants once payment has been received.

Day 2

8:15 – 8:45 Review

8:45 – 11:45 Justice System and Victims

Discussion of the major approaches to justice with consideration of the role of the victim and community. An outcome of this session is an actionable plan for a victim oriented justice system.

1:00 – 4:00 Allied Systems and Victims

Exploration of mental health, health care, substance abuse, and other systems that may provide direct or indirect service to victims with the objective to develop actionable victim oriented allied systems.

4:00 – 5:00 Professional Certificate/Academic Credit (optional)

Day 3

8:15 – 8:45 Review

8:45- 11:45 Critical Reflection and Action for Change - Developing an Action Plan

Building on the knowledge and skills of the prior sessions and with the support of colleagues, participants create a detailed action plan for post-program implementation.

1:00 – 3:00 Discussions and Next Steps

Collegial discussion of initial action plans, identification of short and long term action items, and developing a framework for continued support for project implementation and program completion.

For further information about the program contact:

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