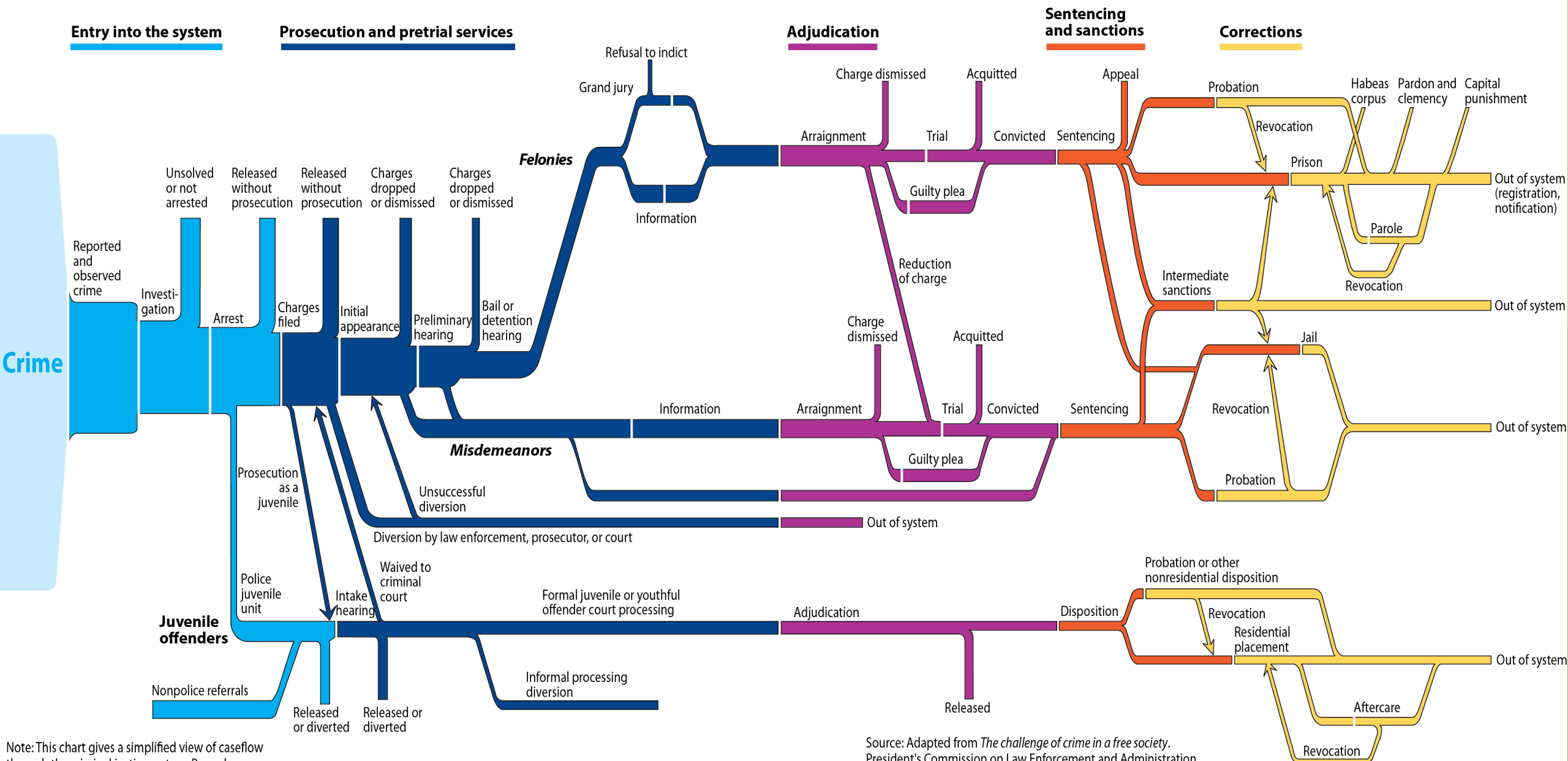


# Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

And, the Criminal Justice  
Continuum  
Incidence of Crime

# What is the sequence of events in the criminal justice system?



Note: This chart gives a simplified view of caseload through the criminal justice system. Procedures vary among jurisdictions. The weights of the lines are not intended to show actual size of caseloads.

Source: Adapted from *The challenge of crime in a free society*. President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, 1967. This revision, a result of the Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of the President's Commission, was prepared by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in 1997.

Basic History. . .

## **Bill of Rights/Constitutional Amendments**

- ▶ Created to address the oppression and lack of freedom.

# **DUE PROCESS**

**Rights and protections  
given to persons accused  
of crimes.**

# “Lady Justice”



- ▶ Justice is Blind - No prejudgments
- ▶ Each side is considered
- ▶ Weigh the evidence fairly
- ▶ Impartial/Objective
- ▶ Sword: protection, authority, power of justice and the law and a reminder of the need for punishment

The “Scales of Justice” represent the balance of the individual against the needs of society and a fair balance between interests of one individual and those of another.



# Crime in Vermont

## DATA:

- **Difficult to get a reliable picture**
- **Multiple databases, modes of collection**
- **Not all cases are reported**

# Unreported Crimes

- ▶ Why might certain types of crime go unreported?
- ▶ Why might some individuals or groups of people be less likely to report a crime?



2016 Offense Type	Offense Rate (per 1,000)	
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Murder/NNMS(38)	9	0.01
Negligent Manslaughter	3	0.00
Kidnapping	95	0.15
Robbery	81	0.13
Forcible Rape	130	0.21
Forcible Sodomy	9	0.01
Sex Assault with an Object	1	0.00
Forcible Fondling	64	0.10
Incest	2	0.00
Statutory Rape	13	0.02
Aggravated Assault	482	0.77
Simple Assault	1,958	3.12
Intimidation	193	0.31
Arson	39	0.06
Bribery	2	0.00
Burglary/B&E	1,740	2.78
Counterfeiting/Forgery	137	0.22
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	3,162	5.05
Embezzlement	132	0.21
Total	18,688	29.83

# Wicked Brief Snapshot: Crime & Victims

- Gender: More Female than Male
- Age: More Younger than Older -  
with differences in crime type
- Injury: Mostly Minor Injuries
- Location: Home, Highway, Commercial
- Drugs: Narcotics

# **The Price of Crime**

## **Financial and Emotional**

**What do different types of  
compensation expenses  
tell us about the impacts  
of crime in Vermont?**

# Victims Compensation Program

## Claims by Type FY 2019

Up 4% with largest increase in Other

Medical	\$ 63,447.23
Dental	\$ 6,246.70
Counseling	\$ 78,069.46
Lost Wages	\$ 106,859.25
Funeral	\$ 76,765.30
Other	\$ 141,165.93
Annual Total	\$ 472,553.87

# **Sexual Assault Program - Claims by Type FY 2019 - up 32%**

<b>Sexual Assault Exams</b>	<b>\$ 76,180.19</b>
<b>HIV Services</b>	<b>\$ 11,279.52</b>
<b>Counseling</b>	<b>\$ 5,562.62</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$ 93,022.33</b>

**Which Core Concepts speak  
to the characteristics we see  
in the reporting, incidence,  
and impact of crimes?**

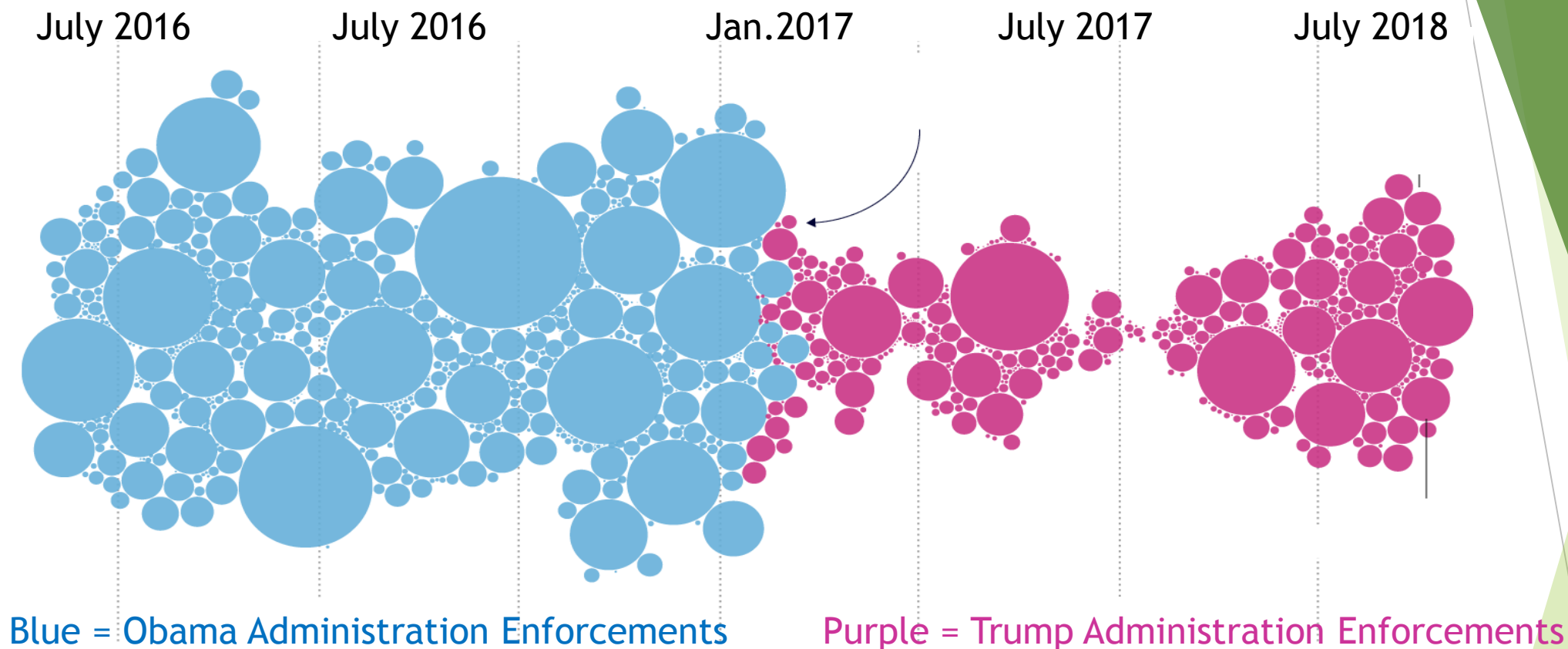
# Vermont Restitution Unit: FY 2019

- ▶ TOTAL NEW ORDERS: 981
- ▶ # of Victims Paid: 4422
  - ▶ 399 individual victims
  - ▶ 571 business victims & State Agencies - Not Walmart
  - ▶ 11 juvenile offenders
- ▶ COLLECTED from Case Managers: \$708,836.26
- ▶ COLLECTED from Taxes: \$424,591.83
- ▶ **TOTAL: \$1,133,428.09**

# Federal Victims of Crime Act VOCA

- ▶ Began in the 1980's with President Reagan
- ▶ Created with an Administrative Cap
- ▶ Entitlement grant - each state gets a fixed amount based on demographics.
- ▶ Vermont's share is small but significant
- ▶ Funded by court fines - major federal financial crimes - think Bernie Madoff etc... The Cap got lifted several years ago because the fund got so large!?
- ▶ The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services administers Vermont's VOCA finds through sub-grants and programs
- ▶ Victims Assistance Program placed victim advocates in all County State's Attorney's Offices and the Attorney General's Office.

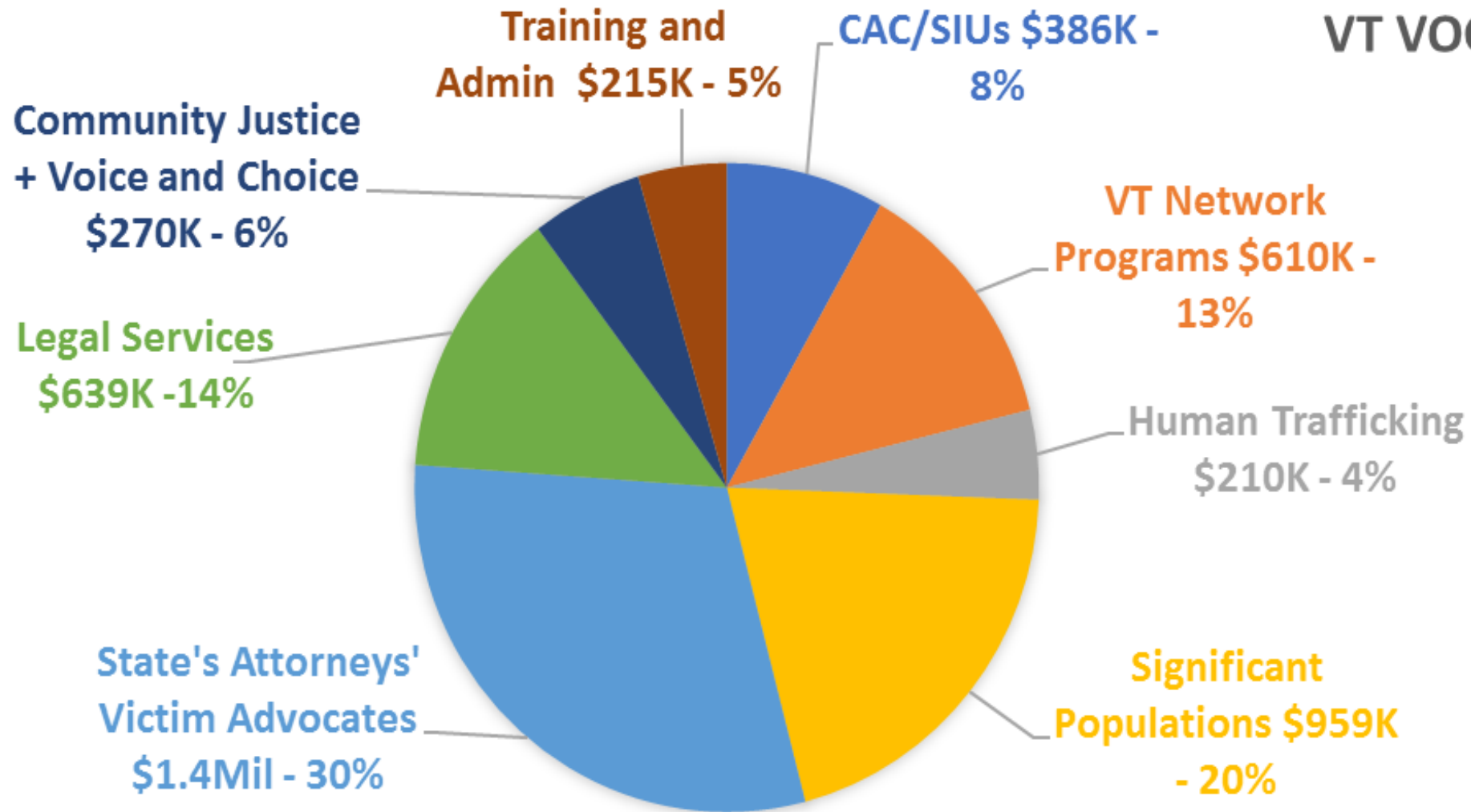




In the final 20 months of the Obama administration, the S.E.C. launched scores of big-money enforcement actions. The penalties have fallen since President Trump took office, in part because of philosophical differences between the two administrations, but the agency also says a recent Supreme Court decision limits punishment in some cases. (New York Times analysis of S.E.C. records)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/03/us/trump-sec-doj-corporate-penalties.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

## VT VOCA 2018



# Significant Populations + Special Projects VOCA

- ▶ Office of the Vermont Attorney General - Domestic Fatality Review Commission
- ▶ Association of Africans Living in Vermont
- ▶ Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)
- ▶ Outright Vermont
- ▶ Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
- ▶ Pride Center of Vermont
- ▶ Disability Rights Vermont- Advocacy Services
- ▶ Vermont Department of Public Safety - Major Crimes Director
- ▶ Vermont Network - Deaf Vermonters Advocacy Services
- ▶ Vermont Network - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- ▶ Rural Initiative

# Victim Service Providers:

- ▶ What does it mean to be victim centered?
- ▶ What are our ethical responsibilities?
- ▶ What does it mean to be a trauma-informed agency?
- ▶ What does your agency offer?
- ▶ What do you bring to the table?
- ▶ How do you enhance collaboration?

# Victim Service Providers

- ▶ Confidentiality
- ▶ Language Sensitivity
- ▶ Informed Consent
- ▶ Agency and Self-referral
- ▶ Cultural Sensitivity
- ▶ Trauma Informed
- ▶ Victim Centered