

## SESSION I OBJECTIVES

### By the end of this session, we will have...

- Familiarized ourselves with overall program goals and core concepts that encompass the Vermont Victim Assistance Academy, in the context of transformative education.
- Defined the importance of collaboration and practiced using skills necessary for collaborative work.
- Summarized types and incidences of crime that are most prevalent in Vermont.
- Identified the implications of confidentiality and informed consent within a set of victim services standards.
- Reviewed history of victims' rights in Vermont and nationally.
- Discussed various complicating factors in crime and victimization.
- Reviewed a criminal justice continuum that includes law enforcement response, the court process, department of corrections, and victims' services through the lens of a case study.
- Explored a victim's possible experiences as a case moves through the Criminal Justice System

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## HOMEWORK

### Pre-Session Assignment:

Please read and view the following:

- Complete sections of the Victim Assistance Training online VAT Online
- View a [Video](#): *Victims of Crime Act Celebrates 30 Years in Vermont*
- Complete and hand in the VVAA Session One Assignment Summary Worksheet

### After Day One:

- Reading (on our website, under Training VVAA Session One)
  - Title 13 chapter 165 (relating to crime victims)
  - Title 13 chapter 167 (relating to compensation and restitution)
- Reflect on the following questions:
  - How are victims perceived? How do they perceive themselves? How are they perceived in society, in your agency/ organization/ community, and by you?
  - When is a person who has experienced a crime NO LONGER a victim?

### Post-session One Assignment:

- Complete and hand in the worksheet: VVAA Session One Post Assignment - *Confidentiality and Informed Consent: Action Plan and Worksheet*

## Day One Agenda

September 30, 2019 • 8:30am – 4:30pm

- 8:30-9:00 ***Welcome and Introductions – Core Trainers/Core Concepts***  
Andrea Van Liew – Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services and Amy Farr, Victim Advocate, VT Attorney General’s Office  
➤ Participant Introductions & VVAA Logistics – Samantha Talbot, VCCVS
- 9:00-9:30 ***Program Orientation and Overview*** - Andrea Van Liew, VCCVS  
***Brave Space Group Guidelines*** - Amanda Rohdenburg – Outright VT
- 9:30-10:00 ***Introduction to Learning Stations Activity***  
Andrea Van Liew – VCCVS
- 10:00-10:15 ***BREAK & Self Care***
- 10:15-12:00 ***Learning Stations Activity***  
Andrea Van Liew – VCCVS
- 12:00-12:30 ***Historical Context of the CJS*** – Amy Farr
- 12:30-1:15 ***LUNCH*** (On Your Own) & ***Self Care***
- 1:15-2:00 ***Introduction to the Criminal Justice Continuum*** – Amy Farr,  
***Incidence of Crime in VT*** – Andrea Van Liew, VCCVS  
***Sentencing & the Victim Impact Statement*** – Anna Nasset, Stand Up Resources
- 2:00 -2:30 ***Discrimination by Policy or Law*** – Andrea Van Liew, VCCVS
- 2:30-2:45 ***BREAK & Self Care***
- 2:45 – 3:15 ***Small Group Discussion – Reflections on the Continuum***  
8 groups that will continue to meet throughout the VVAA
- 3:15-4:15 ***Vermont Victim Services – Financial Assistance***  
Andrea Van Liew & VCCVCS Staff: Vicki Garza, Sexual Assault Program; Christine Morrison, Victims Compensation Program & Michelle Pelletier, VT Restitution Unit
- 4:15-4:30 ***Closing Reflections***

## Day Two Agenda

October 1, 2019 · 8:30am – 4:30pm

- 8:30-9:00      ***Overview of the Day & Homework Reflection***  
Amy Farr, Victim Advocate, VT Attorney General's Office
- 9:00-10:00    ***Criminal Justice System – Role of Law Enforcement***  
Amy Farr – Victim Advocate, VT Attorney General's Office  
Virginia Merriam, Investigator, VT Attorney General's Office
- 10:00-10:15   ***BREAK & Self Care***
- 10:15-11:15   ***Criminal Justice System - Role of Prosecution***  
Amy Farr – Victim Advocate, VT Attorney General's Office  
Linda Purdy, Assistant AG, VT Attorney General's Office
- 11:15-12:15   ***Victims Services, Victim Advocacy & CJS Continuum***  
Amy Farr, Victim Advocate - VT Attorney General's Office
- 12:15-1:15    ***LUNCH & Self Care***
- 1:15-2:30      ***Impact of Crime & CJS Continuum***  
Amy Farr – Victim Advocate, VT Attorney General's Office  
Kate Brayton – Victim Services Director, Vermont State Police
- 2:30-2:45      ***BREAK & Self Care***
- 2:45-3:45      ***Victim Services in Department of Corrections***  
Jessica Dorr - Department of Corrections – Victim Services Program
- 3:45-4:30      ***REFLECTIONS and Looking Ahead*** – Andrea Van Liew, VCCVS
- Core Concepts
  - Take Away Journal
  - Q & A - VVAA Logistics
  - Assignment between sessions
  - Preview of Session Two