



SPRING 2022-SESSION I-SCHEDULE

Monday and Tuesday 5/23 and 5/24 and Tuesday 5/31 and Wednesday 6/1

Welcome to the new world of virtual education! This training conveys information to participants in asynchronous (independent study) and synchronous (groups, Zoom, blogs, etc.) formats. We are grateful for the experienced mentors, our Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who will make this a great experience!

This format, delivered in two days in week one, and a day and a half in week two, will give learners time between the presentations and group work to review any (asynchronous) materials and complete any homework assignments.

Content and Trainers for Session One-Foundations of Victim Services in Vermont

Monday May 23rd -The Criminal Justice Continuum in Vermont

- **9:00-9:10** Welcome: Jennifer Poehlmann, Executive Director, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services
- **9:10-9:20 am:** Introduction and Expectations: Samantha Talbot, Center for Crime Victim Services
 - CCVS-Homework Assignment: Participants will be assigned to break-out rooms of 4-6 people. Teams will be asked an ice breaker question. Then the teams will be assigned to a case that involves a person to whom criminal victimization has occurred. Teams will be asked to consider the ways they can assist the (hypothetical) client/survivor/victim as they go through the Academy. On the last day 6/1/22 participants will be asked to:
 1. Illustrate the path that the client/victim/survivor took in the justice system based on what they've learned through the Academy.
 2. Show which wrap-around resources that the victim was able to use. Based on resources they learned in the Academy, and resources that they researched themselves.
 3. Teams will share their thoughts on the last day of the Academy.
- **9:20-9:30:** Welcome to the World of Victim Services: Senator Patrick Leahy
- **9:35-10:10:** An Introduction to the Criminal Justice System in Vermont: Meghan Place, Advocate, Jena Santa Maria, Director of Victim Services, Department of Corrections
- **10:15-11:20:** Community Based vs. State Based Advocates with a Panel of Experts-Tammy Loveland, Bennington State's Attorney's Office, Sharon Norton, Domestic Violence Specialist, VT Department for Children and Families, Amanda Cochrane, Executive Director, Umbrella, Thato Ratsebe, Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Marichel Vaught, the Community of Vermont Elders
- **11:20-12:30:** BREAK
- **12:30-1:30** Victim Services at the Department of Corrections and the VAN (Vermont Automated Notification) Service: Jena Santa Maria, Meghan Place, Lucinda Eckrote, Ashley Fisk, and Danielle Levesque

- 1:35-2:30: Group Breakout Meeting Time – Case Assignments
- 2:30-3:20 Reflections: Questions and Material Overview

Tuesday May 24th – Ethics and Rights

- 9:00-9:05: Welcome Back!
- 9:05-10:05: Victims’ Rights: Our Collective Responsibility: Armina Medic, Victim Advocate Office of the VT Attorney General
- 10:10-10:55: Unpacking a Victim Impact Statement: Anna Nasset, Stand Up Resources
- 11:00-11:55: Policy Advocacy and Emerging Issues: Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director; Jessica Barquist, Director of Policy; and Kara Casey, Director of Economic Empowerment from the Vermont Network and Jennifer Poehlmann, Executive Director from the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services
- 12:00-1:00: Break
- 1:00-1:55: Civil Rights: Lindsey Owen, Executive Director, Disability Rights VT
- 2:00-2:55: Ethics in Victim Services: Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Victim Services Division, Angela McCown, Director
- 3:00-3:30: Reflections on the Day

Tuesday, May 31st – Programs and Resources

- 9:00-10:00: Time for learners to review asynchronous materials
- 10:00-10:05: Welcome Back!
- 10:05-12:00: Victims Compensation Program: Christine Morrison and Abby Gladstone-Strobel; Sexual Assault Program: Vicki Garza and the Vermont Restitution Unit: Michelle Pelletier, Manager Vermont Restitution Unit
- 12:00-1:00: BREAK
- 1:00-1:55: Keywords for Victim Needs Using Vermont 211: Beth Diamond, Resource Database Coordinator, Vermont 211
- 2:00-2:20: Language Line, Keppler McClelland, Language Line Solutions
- 2:25-3:20: Vermont’s Legal Partnership for Crime Victims: Cielo Mendoza, Legal Services Vermont; Laura Bierley, Vermont Legal Aid; Wynona Ward, Have Justice Will Travel, Michelle Donnelley, Professor and Staff Attorney at Vermont Law School and Gene Nelson, Grants Manager, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services
- 3:25: Reflections on the Day

Wednesday, June 1st – Session I Capstone & A Look Ahead Towards Session II

- 9:00: Welcome Back!
- 9:15-10:20: Trauma and Resilience with Gender Inclusivity: Dr. Ronnie Gladden
- 10:30-11:20: Groups Share: Where and how did the system help your client/survivor?
- 11:30-12:30: A Survivor Shares Her Experience
- 12:30: CLOSING REMARKS
 - Jennifer Poehlmann Executive Director Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services