

# **Hope For Children Foundation**

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## **Resources and Funding for Crime Victim Assistance**

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### ***Resources and Funding for Crime Victim Assistance***

*This training will provide updated information on funding available from the Crime Victims Fund, as well as resources available from the federal agency, the Office for Victims of Crime, that administers the Fund, to aid practitioners in their efforts to serve child and adult crime victims. Information on Federal legislation pertinent to violence against women will be presented, including an update on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, the Crime Victims with Disabilities Awareness Act, and the Hillary J. Farias and Samantha Reid Date-Rape Prohibition Act. A short video (9 minutes) that highlights the role of the criminal justice system in responding to child victims and witnesses will be shown, with a discussion to follow on the importance of supporting non-offending mothers and current initiatives to assist these efforts, such as the “Green Book” project of the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges that is jointly funded by the Department of Justice and Health and Human Services.*

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**Ms. Whatley has worked in the social service and healthcare fields for over twenty-five years, and is currently a program specialist with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) with the U.S. Department of Justice. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her master's degree in Health Services management from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas. At OVC, Ms. Whatley oversees program development and grant monitoring of training and technical initiatives which focus on serving crime victims with disabilities, victims of gun violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as liaison with practitioners in the mental health and medical fields. Ms. Whatley began her work in the victims' field as a Child Protective Services caseworker in Hidalgo County, Texas. She has managed two family support programs for U.S. Army Headquarters in Europe, and was instrumental in developing a Casualty Assistance Handbook for military commanders during Desert Storm, to assist planning for evacuation of wounded service personnel from the Persian Gulf to hospitals in the European Theater. Ms. Whatley has developed and guided the current OVC initiative to provide training and technical assistance for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs, including the publication of the SANE Development and Operation Guide, which is used by SANE programs across the country. She is currently working to develop the first national training conference for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) that will be conducted in San Antonio in May, 2001. In August, 2000, Ms. Whatley will travel to Edinburg, Scotland to present information on the SANE model at an international conference on emergency nursing to aid efforts in replicating this victim-centered model in other countries. While at OVC, Ms. Whatley has authored several articles on victims' issues and made numerous presentations at conferences across the nation.**

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**Resource List**

The national SANE/SART technical assistance website is: <http://www.sane-sart.com>

Information on the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program through the Texas Office of the Attorney General can be obtained by contacting:

Office of the Attorney General  
Sexual Assault Prevention & Crisis Services Division  
011-1 POB 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711-2548  
(512) 936-1270  
(512) 936-1650 FAX  
[njh@oag.state.tx.us](mailto:njh@oag.state.tx.us)

The “Green Book” or Effective Intervention in domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice can be ordered from the:

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
University of Nevada – Reno  
P.O. Box 8970  
Reno, Nevada 89507  
(775) 784-6012

With the exception of the “Green Book” and the video *For Families: Bridging Domestic Violence and Child Abuse*, the materials referenced in the Victim Services Update can be ordered from the Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center by calling or writing to:

Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center  
Box 6000,  
Rockville, MD 20849-6000  
1.800.627.6872 TTY 1-877-712-9279  
[Askncjrs@ncjrs.org](mailto:Askncjrs@ncjrs.org)

To expedite your order, please refer to the NCJ# of the publication or video if it is available.

Many of the printed materials can be downloaded from the OVC website:  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>

Printed Materials:

- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Development and Operation Guide, NCJ # 170609
- Office of Justice Programs Fiscal Year 2000 Program Plan: Resources for the Field, NCJ # SL412
- OVC Training Resource Guide, NCJ # 181583
- Responding to Child Victims and Witnesses: Resource Guide, NCJ # 181506

Videos:

5-Part Series on Child Victims and Witnesses:

- Through My Eyes (Children Exposed to Violence), 12 minutes long, NCJ # 178229, uses the voices, artwork, and writings of children to convey how children experience violence in their lives.
- Responding to Child Victims & Witnesses: Promising Partnership to Improve Case Outcomes, 16 minutes long, NCJ # 181500
- Responding to Child Victims & Witnesses: Innovative Practices for Prosecutors, 17 minutes long, NCJ # 181504
- Responding to Child Victims & Witnesses: Innovative Practices for Law Enforcement, 16 minutes long, NCJ # 181501
- Responding to Child Victims & Witnesses: Innovative Practices in the Courtroom, 15 minutes, NCJ # 181505

*For Families: Bridging Domestic Violence & Child Abuse.* This 12 minute video addresses how professionals in the domestic violence and child abuse fields can collaborate to effectively intervene to keep mothers and children safe, while holding perpetrators accountable. Developed by the National Children's Alliance (NCA) with funding from OVC. Available for a nominal fee from NCA by calling 800-239-9950.

All videos are close captioned.