

Training and Technical Assistance for Mass Violence and Beyond: How to Plan, How to Respond, and How to Leverage Resources

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OVC's Role In Mass Violence Planning and Response

In 1984, Congress established the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) under the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

OVC Mission: To enhance the Nation's capacity to assist victims of crime and promote justice and healing for all victims.

Federal, International, and Tribal Division (FIT)

Antiterrorism & Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP)

- General introduction to AEAP and video at:
https://ojp.gov/ovc/providers/domestic_terrorism.html
- Grants and Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)
 - When is AEAP appropriate?
 - Grant types
 - TTA
 - Expenses often funded under AEAP grants
- Mass Violence Toolkit

AEAP

- Helps supplement overwhelmed areas
- Grant types:
 - Crisis Response (up to 9 months)
 - Consequence Management (up to 18 months)
 - Criminal Justice Support (up to 36 months)
 - Crime Victim Compensation (any time) to reimburse victims for eligible expenses
- Training and Technical Assistance (consultants)
 - Identify resources; assess needs; coordinate victim services; develop response strategies; draft grants

AEAP-Funded Expenses

- AEAP-Funded Expenses:
 - Counseling and group therapy
 - Compensation for medical and mental health costs, lost wages, funeral expenses, and co-payments
 - Temporary housing
 - Repatriation of remains
 - Cleaning and return of personal effects
 - Child and dependent care
 - Physical and vocational rehabilitation
 - Employer and creditor intervention
 - Some victim-related law enforcement and medical examiner costs
 - Support for victim participation in criminal justice proceedings
 - Victim outreach, awareness, and notification systems

Helping

Victims of Mass Violence & Terrorism

PLANNING, RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND RESOURCES

www.ovc.gov/pubs/mvt-toolkit/

- Mass Violence Toolkit
 - Build capacity for effective victim response
 - Complement, not replace, existing emergency response plans

OVC State Compensation and Assistance Division (SCAD)

MASS VIOLENCE SUPPORT

- Your VOCA grant manager is part of the OVC SCAD Team.
- OVC will reach out to you after an incident: This may include your existing VOCA grant manager as well as staff from the OVC Mass Violence team (part of the FIT Division) following a mass violence incident to offer OVC support and assistance.
- They can help you think about allowable way(s) to deploy existing VOCA resources in response to a mass violence incident.
- They can link you with other states that have deployed existing resources in creative, yet compliant ways in mass violence situations.

What happens in VOCA Administrator land after an incident? A few questions to consider...

Who do you have listed as the VOCA Administrator with OVC?

Do you respond?

How do you respond?

Who are your partners?

How long can you sustain response?

Does state leadership know your role and resources?

Are you part of your state response plan?

Have you exercised your plan?

Do you have subrecipients with the capacity to manage additional funds and respond over time?

Do they have competency in serving the impacted cultural group?

Are victims using your normal pathways to services?

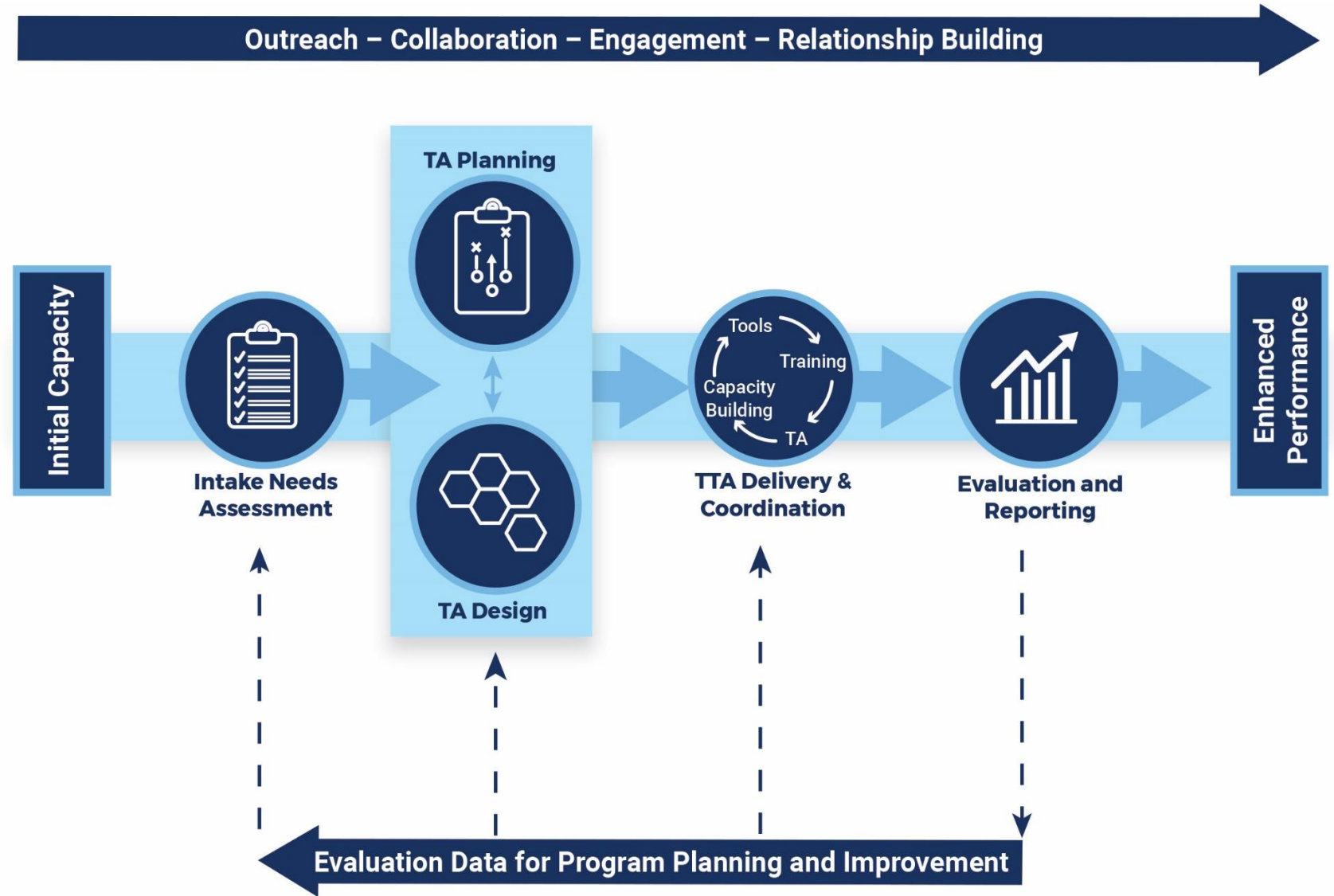
Common experiences

Best practices

What OVCTTAC Can Provide

- Training
- Planning Technical Assistance
- Response Technical Assistance
- Writing Assistance (Needs Assessment, AEAP)
- Provide Plan Feedback
- Assist in Identifying Partners and Resources in Response
- **Today's Take Away—Say YES to help!!**

OVCTTAC Approach to TTA



Support for VOCA Administrators

- Mentoring Program
- Outreach and TTA to Administrators
- Regional Meetings with Administrators
- NVAA Training on Leadership and Strategic Planning
- Annual Training at the National VOCA Training Conference
- Assistance with Subrecipients



- MyVOCA Resources
- VOCA TTA Listserv
- Regional Training and Technical Assistance (RTTA) Specialists Outreach

On Demand, Specialized TTA Requested by the Field or OVC



Regional Training and Technical Assistance Team



In Person

- ✓ Curriculum-based training on specific topics
- ✓ Customized training
- ✓ Short and long term technical assistance
- ✓ Support for conference workshops and plenary sessions

Curriculum-Based Training

- ✓ An array of standardized, face-to-face trainings
- ✓ Range of topics relevant to victim service providers and allied professionals
- ✓ 1 to 3 days, depending on training selected
- ✓ OVCTTAC provides expert instructors, training materials, participant manuals, and CEUs
- ✓ Agency provides facility and participants, and covers any audiovisual costs

Customized Training

- ✓ Training tailored to address specific needs/interests of an organization, community, or region
- ✓ Topic and length of trainings vary
- ✓ Training delivered by subject matter experts at no cost to agency
- ✓ Recent customized topics have included:
 - Trauma-Informed Leadership
 - Program Evaluation, which included a follow up TA component as well
 - Domestic Violence High Risk Teams
 - Crisis Response/MV Response for facility dog handlers

Online Resources



- Online blended learning training
 - Interactive self-paced activities
 - Collaborative facilitated webinars
- For seasoned and new or emerging leaders to enhance skills and abilities
- 10 weeks long



Connect online with national experts and colleagues about best practices for assisting victims of crime.

- New topic each month
- Subject matter experts answer your questions live
- All sessions are recorded, so you can watch them anytime at your convenience



Effective Management Series

- Online blended learning trainings
 - Interactive self-paced activities
 - Collaborative facilitated webinars
- 10 trainings, ranging from 2–4 weeks long, designed to build capacity in victim serving organizations
 - Financial Management
 - Program Evaluation
 - Board Development
 - Collaboration
 - Succession Planning
 - Building and Managing Volunteer Programs
 - Building Resiliency in Organizations
 - Building Community Support
 - Promotion and Marketing
 - Strategic Planning

VAT Online

- 53 modules; 43 hours of online training
- Provides basic skills and knowledge to victim service providers with 0–3 years of experience

Hate and Bias Crimes
Lesson 2: Helping Victims

Police and Victim Advocate Involvement With the Community

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Help
Resources

Human Trafficking and Military Training

Human Trafficking TA

TTA includes tailored, onsite consultations and trainings, regional training forums, webinars, and online resources such as the e-Guide.

- Expands capacity of OVC Grantees to serve all victims of human trafficking with a trauma-informed and victim-centered response.
- Delivers customized TTA that builds the field and assists traditional victim service providers and allied professionals to improve their response to human trafficking victims.
- Strengthens the collaboration between law enforcement and victim services to increase identification and victim-centered investigations and response.
- Ensures inclusion of survivor trainers and participants for TTA, forums, and related events.

Military Advocate and Military/Civilian Partnership Training

- Provides online training resources for military sexual assault advocates (Advanced Military Sexual Assault Advocate Training).
- Provides community-based training for military installations and local victim serving agencies in partnership format.

VictimLaw



- VictimLaw is the first free, online database containing victims' rights-related legal provisions.
- VictimLaw contains more than 26,000 federal, state, tribal, and military victims' rights laws.
- The website provides brief overviews of the justice system, victims' rights, legal terms, and links to additional resources on related issues.
- Email legalassistance@ovcttac.org for VictimLaw technical assistance.



Tribal Support

- Tribal victim assistance page on OVC TTAC website
- Report on the tribal victim assistance page: *Developing and Implementing a Response to Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities: A Summary of the Suggestions from the National Roundtable Discussion on Sexual Assault in Indian Country*
- *Project Beacon: Increasing Access to Services for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Sex Trafficking*. OVC TTAC supports a diverse set of consultants who provide training and technical assistance to three urban American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) nonprofit organizations to develop their capacity to meet the needs of AI/AN victims of sex trafficking.
- *Consultant Network*: OVC TTAC supports a diverse set of consultants who provide training and technical assistance to three tribal communities to develop their capacity to expand services and responses to tribal victims of crime by creating a more comprehensive and holistic approach to victims through the development and use of tribal community wellness centers.

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Building the capacity of victim assistance organizations across the country.

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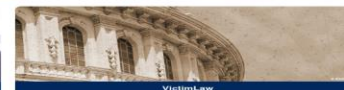
HOW WE CAN HELP



SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS



RESOURCES



NEWS

Dayton, Ohio: Resources and Support for the Victims of the Shooting
August 7, 2019

El Paso, Texas: Resources and Support for the Victims of the Shooting
August 7, 2019

Orlando, California: Resources and Support for the Victims of the Shooting
August 7, 2019

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Resources

- Web-Based Training
- Toolkits and Searchable Databases
- Special Focus Areas
- VictimLaw
- Resource Library
- Expert Q&A
- TTAC Network Resource Directory
- MyOVC Resources

How We Can Help

- Training
- Customized Technical Assistance
- Speaker Support
- National Victim Assistance Academy
- Professional Development Scholarships

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TO STAND ALONE,
SMART ENOUGH TO
KNOW WHEN YOU
NEED HELP, AND
BRAVE ENOUGH TO
ASK FOR IT.**

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