

Training Catalog

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The Iowa Attorney General's Office strives to provide up-to-date trainings that highlight best practices and will assist our partners by providing on-demand trainings which include investigation and prosecution of violent crimes, working with traumatized individuals, legal updates, and traffic safety/OWI.

This catalog will provide you with a non-exhaustive list of FREE trainings that can be customized for individual agencies. It is recommended that law enforcement, medical, advocates and prosecutors in your area be invited depending on the topic of choice.

Please review the topics on the following pages. We can discuss what you feel are important for responders in your area and will fit into the timeframe of the training that you would like to host.

Courses

Victim Assistance 101:

This training will provide attendees with important information about the different programs that are available to survivors of crimes and their families through the Victim Assistance Section. 1 hour

Legal Updates:

Laws change fast and frequently, stay up to date on the newest laws as it relates to sexual abuse, human trafficking and elder abuse. 1 hour

Vicarious Trauma for First Responders:

During this training, attendees will learn how working with traumatized individuals will affect providers/responders over time. The training will suggest ways to release that trauma, so it doesn't cause issues for the responder in the future. 1 hour (Wellness CLE 1 hour approved)

Ethics of Chapter 915:

Prosecutor's ethical duties as required under Chapter 915 of the Iowa Code - Victims' Rights. 0.5 hour (Ethics CLE 0.5 hour approved)

Compensation Program:

A more in-depth look at the Iowa Crime Compensation Program. Training will discuss the eligibility requirements and the benefits available for victims and potentially their family. An ideal for advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, medical and mental health professionals. 1 hour

Sexual Assault Examination (SAE) Program:

During this training medical facilities and providers will learn the appropriate documentation needed for our Crime Victim Section to provide payment to nurses or facilities that provide sexual assault services to survivors. 1 hour

Statewide Victim Service Call Center:

Attendees will learn how the Iowa Victim Service Call Center operates and provides services to survivors within Iowa. 1 hour

Overview of a Sexual Assault Examination:

This training will discuss what a survivor will experience during a sexual assault exam and how the evidence collected can be utilized by law enforcement and prosecution. 2 hours

Sexual Assault Prosecutions:

Learn the best practices for sexual assault investigations and prosecutions including interviewing and corroboration. 2 hours

Child Sex Abuse Prosecutions:

Learn the dynamics involved in child sexual abuse, how to recognize grooming that has played a role in the offense, the evidence to look for and collect to corroborate the disclosure and create the best case for prosecution. 2 hours

Alcohol/Drug Facilitated Sexual Abuse:

Facilitated Sexual Abuse: This training will provide attendees with knowledge on how alcohol and drugs can be used to facilitate sexual abuse, common trends, ideas to use during the investigation to determine if alcohol or drugs were used as a weapon against the survivor. 1 hour

Domestic Violence Prosecutions:

Learn the best practices for domestic violence investigations and prosecutions, including trials without a victim. 3 hours

Starting and Maintaining a Domestic Assault Response Team (DART):

This training will discuss how to start and maintain a DART. DART's have been proven result in the best outcomes in domestic abuse cases. 1 hour

Homicide and Other Violent Crime Prosecutions:

Learn the best practices for working with victims and survivors of homicide and other violent crimes throughout the entirety of the process. 1 hour

Human Trafficking in Iowa:

During this training attendees will learn about trends in trafficking in Iowa and what we can do to provide the survivors with the best care. 2 hours

Trauma:

Attendees will learn how the trauma will affect the survivor and their memory. 1 hour

Testifying and Trial Prep:

This training will provide information to all that may become witnesses for the case and those that will be testifying during trial. Attendees will learn appropriate demeanor, how to answer questions, and ways to prepare for trial (still being prepared) 2 hours

Rape Culture:

During this training you will learn where we developed our bias when it comes to sexual abuse and how the media has influenced most people's judgement when it comes to sexual abuse. We will also discuss one of the newest forms of sexual abuse, revenge porn. 1 hour

Consent Issues:

This training provides attendees with information on how consent plays into the investigation and how to help investigate cases where the offender claims consent and the survivor says it wasn't consensual. 1 hour

Sexual Abuse Report Writing:

This training will provide attendees with best practices for writing reports for sexual abuse investigations to include using quotes from both the survivor and the suspect, importance of using appropriate wording and more. 1 hour

Starting and Maintaining a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):

This training will discuss how to start and maintain a SART. SARTs have been proven to result in the best outcomes in sexual abuse cases. 1 hour

Track Kit:

During this training, attendees will learn how to enter kits into the Track Kit system and why it is important to be transparent to the survivors of sexual abuse. 45 minutes

Biographies:

Trainings will be conducted by the training team, prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates, and other subject experts to bring you the most up to date and useful information available. Biographies for the Training Team for the Attorney General's Training Team

Michael McDonald:

Michael works as a Training Coordinator for the Victim Section of the Attorney General's Office. Michael has been a police officer for over 26 years here in Iowa, spent 7 years as a supervisor with the Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders, and has an adopted son that is a sexual abuse victim. Michael was also the Program Coordinator for the Iowa SAKI Program, completed the Clergy Abuse Investigation, and assisted with the development and implementation of the Track Kit System. Michael.McDonald@ag.iowa.gov

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Sara works as the Sexual Assault Forensic Response Coordinator for the Victim Section of the Attorney General's Office. Sara comes from over 13 years as a sexual assault and violent crime advocate, as well as the SAKI Coordinator for Polk County. Sara also spent a year in the Polk County Attorney's Office as a Victim Liaison. Sara.Hulen@ag.iowa.gov

Gretchen Brown-Waech:

Gretchen is the Program Coordinator with the Iowa Attorney General's Victim Assistance Section. She was the founding director of Deaf Iowans Against Abuse, serving Deaf survivors of domestic and sexual violence statewide for 8 years. In her present role in the Victim Assistance Section, she oversees Iowa VINE (Victim Information and Notification Every Day), the Identity Theft Passport program, and other victim-supporting programs overseen by the section. She also has targeted training expertise in disability access, human trafficking, and trauma-informed practice for medical, legal, law enforcement, and advocacy professionals. Gretchen.Brown-Waech@ag.iowa.gov

Natalie Lampley:

Natalie Lampley works as the Resource Coordinator for the Victim Assistance Section of the Attorney General's Office, previously as the Victim Specialist. Natalie holds a Dual Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services and Psychology and a Master of Science in Psychology with 3 years of Post Graduate (Doctoral) education. Natalie has over 22 years of combined experience working with youth, adults, and families in areas such as child and family services, and juvenile/criminal justice. Natalie has provided advocacy/supportive services, outreach, consultation, facilitation, and training/education in the area of domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse, behavior modification, and serious emotional disturbances. Natalie holds several certifications, including Certified Victim Advocate. Natalie.Lampley@ag.iowa.gov