

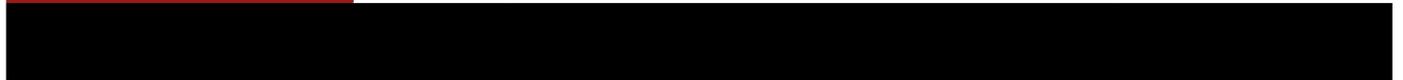


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Board of Victim Services



Biennial Report
FY 2011 - FY 2012





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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
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Dear Governor O'Malley:

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services, in accordance with Criminal Procedure Article Section 11-914, we are pleased to respectfully submit this comprehensive report covering fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

This report includes recommendations for the improvement of crime victims' rights and services in Maryland, as well as information on the administration of the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund. It also documents the increasing activities and initiatives the Board has undertaken during this period of time. This report is submitted, as mandated, to the Governor, the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

As you know, Maryland has established a distinguished record of service to those who suffer the undeserved consequences of crime. In terms of statutory and constitutional victims' rights and services, our State is recognized as a national leader. The future for Maryland criminal justice agencies to uphold victims' rights laws, while promising, remains our continuing challenge. The State Board of Victim Services strives to expand opportunities to inform and educate criminal justice agencies regarding their obligations to crime victims under Maryland law. This outreach effort continues in numerous local community conferences, regionally rotating meetings as well as through the Roper State Victim Assistance Academy. The State Board initiates collaborative projects in an effort to secure adequate levels of funding for program services and victim compensation, while providing a voice for crime victims in Maryland. As a result of assessing those needs, the Board submits its recommendations to you.

We are very proud of the dedicated work of the State Board, the State Victim Services Coordinator and the staff of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. We are honored to support you in our shared goals, and to see those efforts benefiting the needs of crime victims in our State. While Maryland can be justly proud of its past progress in improving the plight of crime victims, we must never forget that anyone can become a victim of crime. All crime victims should be treated with the dignity, respect and sensitivity they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy M. Brown".

Tammy Brown
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen Alexander".

Ellen Alexander
Chair, State Board of Victim Services

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

To ensure that all crime victims in the State of Maryland receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services.

Biennial Report FY2011 – FY2012

I. OVERVIEW

The Maryland State Board of Victim Services (Board) and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) are pleased to present this report for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. The biennial report highlights the important work carried out by the State Board, State Victim Services Coordinator (State Coordinator) and GOCCP staff, who work in partnership with crime victim service providers, communities, State agencies and the federal government to better serve Maryland crime victims. This report encompasses the Board's activities for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. The Board continues its efforts to improve the treatment of crime victims through legislative action, working collectively with criminal justice agencies and private non-profit organizations, creating and expanding innovative initiatives, while welcoming feedback and suggestions from individuals and communities across the state.

II. STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

Recognizing the unique and distinctive needs of crime victims, the Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services and the position of the State Victim Services Coordinator in 1988. This was done for the purpose of monitoring, assessing, coordinating and making recommendations concerning state and local efforts to assist victims of crime. The Board's mission is to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity, respect and compassion during all phases of the criminal justice process. In 1991, under the authority of GOCCP, the Maryland General Assembly created the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund to provide funding support for victim services. MVOC money is generated by the collection of court costs imposed on convicted defendants, which is subsequently used to award grant projects that provide direct services to help crime victims. The State Board and GOCCP administer and manage the MVOC and Legal Service for Crime Victims (LSCV) grant projects.

From a national perspective, the State Board is a unique entity; Maryland is a leader in this respect. The GOCCP continues to support State Board activities in the national and statewide arenas.

III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Listening to State and local criminal justice agencies and service providers in the field, the State Board took action, which resulted in the following accomplishments:

1. The State Board awarded thirty-eight (38) grants totaling \$980,573 in FY 2011 and thirty-four (34) grants totaling \$1,065,594 in FY 2012 from the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund for direct services to crime victims;
2. The State Board awarded one (1) grant totaling \$50,000 in FY 2011 and one (1) grant totaling \$75,000 in FY 2012 from the Legal Services for Crime Victims fund for legal services to crime victims in the criminal court system;
3. Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) are now a priority for the State Board. In 2011, the General Assembly found there was an increase in the number of sexual assault victims in the State. To address this concern, GOCCP was charged with establishing and sustaining child advocacy centers in Maryland. Furthermore, money for child advocacy centers would now receive funding from the State Budget to supplement, but not supplant, money that programs received from other sources. (Md. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Code Ann. § 11-923 (2011)).

Simultaneously in support of this legislation, the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund law was amended to include supporting child advocacy centers. (Md. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Code Ann. § 11-916 (2011)).

4. Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) expanded in 2011 to include parole and probation information and notification through a Federal SAVIN grant that was awarded to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The grant was later extended to include VINE information on all District Court witness documents and subpoenas generated by the courts. Since 2000, crime victims and citizens who are involved in the criminal justice system are kept informed and notified about upcoming criminal court cases and offender custody status changes at local detention centers and State prisons.
5. In an effort to integrate crime victim access, mandated forms and information in the new court case management system, the State Board is actively participating with the Maryland Judiciary, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) planners, providing them with recommendations and guidance. Crime victims' rights, recognized in current court processing systems, remain an essential component of the planning and successful implementation of the new integrated electronic court system.
6. Town Hall meetings titled, *A Town Hall Meeting: A Voice for Crime Victims* were held in four regions of the state. The purpose of the town hall meetings was to provide crime victims, their families, service providers and citizens a platform to voice their opinions before a panel of State and local government representatives.
7. The *Crime Victims with Disabilities National Conference* was attended by a team of participants from Maryland, including the State Victim Services Coordinator on behalf of the State Board. Each team is responsible to meet two times per year and work on goals and problems specific to their state. An action plan will be developed specific to crime victimization and persons with disabilities. State action plan documents will be posting on the Office for Victim of Crime (OVC) website by 2013.
8. The Roper Victim Assistance Academy (RVAAM) provided basic and advanced training to two hundred nine (209) students in 2011 and two hundred twenty six (226) in 2012. RVAAM is modeled on the National Victim Assistance Academy, a 40-hour, academically-based education and training program that covers a broad array of topics in victims' rights, victim advocacy and victim and witness services in the criminal adult and juvenile justice system. A victim service provider certification program was implemented in 2012.
9. To address declining MVOC and Criminal Injuries Compensation (CICB) funds:
 - State Board members and the State Coordinator met with Administrative Judges throughout the State in 2011 to discuss the importance of imposing court costs on convicted defendants at sentencing in Circuit, District and Traffic courts;
 - The Rules Committee defines "Indigence" for the purposes of these special costs that are imposed on convicted defendants. Within the year, the Court of Appeals approved amendments to two Rules regarding the assessment and collection of court costs that fund MVOC, Criminal Injuries Compensation (CICB) and the Victim Witness Relocation funds. Effective Jan 1, 2012, Rule 4-353 provides that a court may only waive these costs "upon an express finding stated on the record that the defendant is not likely to be able to pay significant part of those costs within the succeeding twelve (12) years." In an effort to improve inconsistent crime victim court cost assessment and collection, the State Board reached out to the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

- In an effort to remind Judges about imposing crime victim court costs at sentencing the State Board and State Victim Services Coordinator collaborated with the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCC) to partake in the revision of the Sentencing Guidelines Worksheet used by Judges in the circuit courts. The Worksheet that lists “indigency” as a reason to NOT impose crime victim court costs is now under revision.
10. In October 2011, the State Board held an all-day Retreat to evaluate its purposes, goals and objectives. Retreat activities confirmed that the State Board’s strengths are their mandates and the expertise of its members. A revised grant policy and procedure was also developed and added to the State Board’s Policy and Procedure manual.
 11. A law enforcement training video entitled *Crime Victims’ Rights: Legal Responsibilities of Law Enforcement* was produced with the assistance of Maryland Police and Correctional Services Training Commissions (MPCTC) and distributed to law enforcement agencies across Maryland. The DVD may be used for internal agency trainings, officer and service provider trainings as well as providing information to crime victims.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR

Building upon these accomplishments, the State Board of Victim Services has articulated specific recommendations for future initiatives. As required by Md. Code, Criminal Procedure §11-914, the State Board is submitting the recommendations to the Governor for the improvement of the treatment and services available to Maryland’s victims of crime, as follows:

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| Recommendation #1 | Provisions should be made in District and Circuit courts that increase costs imposed on convicted defendants that are distributed into the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation (CICB) and Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC). |
| Recommendation #2 | Based on four regional Town Hall Meetings, citizens and crime victim service providers are seeking continuing support for crime victims through legislation, statewide trainings, federal and State policies, technology and public awareness and community outreach. |
| Recommendation #3 | Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) should remain a priority for the Governor through state supported funding, collaborative regional trainings and the promotion of public safety linkages and partnerships between and among federal, state and local agencies. |
| Recommendation #4 | Roper Victim Assistance Academy (RVAAM) should remain in the state budget supporting basic and advanced training for crime victim service providers and first responders. |
| Recommendation #4 | Maryland should be a leader in the effort to assist the underserved population of crime victims with disabilities through outreach, training and the encouragement of state and local agency collaboration. |
| Recommendation #5 | Maryland should continue to support Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) courts, custody, parole, probation, sex offender alert line services as a line item in the State budget. |
| Recommendation #6 | Maryland should be an active participant with the Maryland Judiciary and Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), a new court case management system with integration of crime victims’ rights court forms and information. |

V. STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

(Appendix A)

VI. THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES STAFF

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VII. LEGISLATION

The State Board Legislative Committee works closely with GOCCP during the legislative session. Information is shared and testimony provided before the Legislative committees, all in the best interest of serving crime victims in Maryland. The majority of proposed legislation from the Governor relating to crime victim issues is supported by the majority of State Board members.

2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The State Board voted unanimously to send letters of support to the appropriate Legislative committees in favor of the following bills:

- **HB135**
Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request - Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)
Entitled: Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Crime Victims and Witnesses Funds - Court Costs
Synopsis: Increasing specified costs imposed on a defendant convicted of a crime by a circuit court or the District Court, that are deposited into the State Victims of Crime Fund, the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund, and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.
- **HB801**
Delegates Valentino-Smith, Alston, Healey, Parrott, Simmons, V. Turner, Vallario, Washington, and Wilson
Entitled: Criminal Procedure - Victims' Rights - Enforcement
Synopsis: Requiring, in any court proceedings involving a crime against a victim, the court to ensure that the victim is afforded rights provided to victims by law; authorizing a specified victim to file a motion requesting relief within a specified time period; providing that if the court finds that a victim's right to restitution under a specified provision of law was not considered or was improperly denied, the court may enter a judgment of restitution; etc.

2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The State Board voted unanimously to send letters of support to the appropriate Legislative committees in favor of the following bills:

- **SB122/**
Prior Year Introduction As: [HB 135/11 - JUD](#)
Sponsored By: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request - Departmental - Public Safety and Correctional Services)
Entitled: Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Crime Victims and Witnesses Funds - Court Costs
Synopsis: Increasing specified costs imposed on a defendant convicted of a crime by a circuit court or the District Court that are deposited into the State Victims of Crime Fund, the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Fund, and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

- SB 572/HB 766
Sponsored By: Delegates Vallario, Proctor, Alston, Bohanan, Braveboy, Davis, Elliott, Frush, Gaines, Healey, Hershey, Holmes, Hough, Howard, Hubbard, Ivey, K. Kelly, Lee, McDermott, Niemann, Summers, V. Turner, Valderrama, Valentino-Smith, Vaughn, Walker, Wilson, Hammen, Pendergrass, Bromwell, Costa, Cullison, Frank, Kach, A. Kelly, Kipke, McDonough, Morhaim, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Ready, Reznik, and Tarrant
 Entitled: State Government - Commemorative Days - Crime Victims and Advocates
 Synopsis: Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim April 3 as Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day to honor the individuals in the State who have become crime victims and the advocates who serve those victims; and requiring the Governor annually to take appropriate steps to publicize Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day.
This bill was signed by the Governor on May 22, 2012 and is effective on October 1, 2012.
- SB 75/HB 8
Sponsored By: Senators Raskin, Forehand, Getty, Jacobs, Shank, Stone, Brochin, Ramirez, Zirkin, and Simonaire, and [Delegate Washington](#)
 Entitled: Crimes - Electronic Communication - Harassment
 Synopsis: Prohibiting the use of electronic communication to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys another under specified circumstances; changing the defined term "electronic mail" to "electronic communication" and altering the definition; and making violation of the Act a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.
- SB 411
Sponsored By: [Senator Jennings](#)
 Entitled: Criminal Procedure - Maryland Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) Services -Contact Information
 Note: Although not passed, effective June 1, 2012, Senator Jennings, the State Board, GOCCP, Administrative Office of the Courts and DPSCS worked together and successfully implemented VINE information on all District Court generated documents and subpoenas mailed to victims and witnesses. The minimal cost is credited to a Federal SAVIN, subrecipient of DPSCS, monitored by GOCCP.

2012 crime victim related bills signed by Governor Martin O'Malley
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VII. STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES INITIATIVES

VICTIM INFORMATION NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VINE) INITIATIVE

VINE is an information service that provides victims of crime with dates for upcoming court hearings, custody status of offenders in local jails and state prisons, as well as parole and probation notification.

TOLL FREE 866-634-8463 or www.VINELink.com

The Maryland State Board of Victim Services understands that many crime victims would like advance notification for court hearings, and changes in an offender's custody, parole and probation status. Since its inception in 2000, VINE has not only fulfilled this need for victims of crime in Maryland, but they have worked diligently with GOCCP in recent years to simplify, improve and expand the technology of the VINE system.

- VINE operates through a fully automated computer service that electronically links a national call center located in Louisville, Kentucky with District and Circuit courts, all 24 detention centers and the state prison system.
- When new offender court case or custody status information is sent to the VINE Call Center, VINE compares the offender information to a list of individuals who have previously registered with the

service. When it finds a match, it immediately places calls or emails to the appropriate registered victim or person.

- Updated offender records are automatically sent to the center as often as every 15 minutes and court records are received once a day. VINE’s fully automated system is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- Crime victims involved in the court process rely on court advocates to notify them about upcoming court hearings, and the advocates, in turn, rely on the VINE system.

VINE Expansion

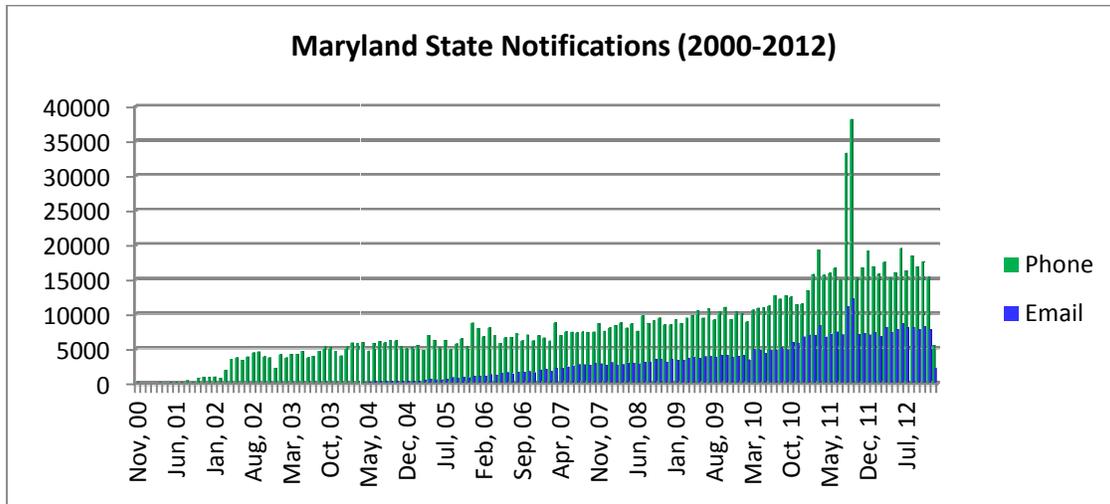
The VINE Protective Order (VPO): Implemented in Maryland in 2010 under a Federal grant, the program is supervised by the Family Violence Council coordinator and grant managed by the State Coordinator. This extension of VINE is an automated notification system that notifies domestic violence victims when Protective Orders have been served.

- VINE Protective Order (VPO) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in English and Spanish with 24-hour VINE Operator Assistance.
- VPO provides protective order case information to petitioners, victim advocates, and law enforcement. The VPO database is not searchable by name.
- Access to protective order information and notification is restricted to those with a protective order case number.

VINE Parole and Probation: In the Spring of 2010, VINE went live with including parole and probation in the existing system. Through a Federal grant, criminal justice agencies including police officers, detectives and agents may now utilize VINE on a daily basis to track offenders and assist with notifying crime victims. In the majority of cases monitored by the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP), agents will use VINE to ensure timely court, custody and parole or probation information is made available to crime victims. Agents will also monitor their cases and be notified by VINE when they are required to attend court hearings.

- Most importantly, crime victims have instantaneous access to information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- VINE parole and probation notification includes: Release from Supervision, Change in Supervising Agent, Transfer In/Out of State, and Change in Supervision Status.
- By the fall of 2011, VINE notifications added: Violation Hearing and Violation Hearing Results (revoked/guilty, continued/not guilty and continued).

VINE Usage



Custody and Court Notification November 2000 – November 2012.
This graph illustrates the dramatic increase in email notification.

Email Notifications

- Option to customize email notification with name, address, information and referrals; and
- Increase usage in email notification and decrease usage in phone usage.

Enhancements

VINELINK

- Display Court location and address on search results for VINE Courts
- Display a facility address and phone number within the reporting agency
- Implemented Google Captcha for increased security

VINEWatch

- Local victim resource information now displayed to VSR's
- Improved administrative reporting features:
 - Notification and Registration Reports can now be run for all delivery methods at one time
 - New Registration and Notification reports can now be exported allowing the ability to create a list with phone numbers and email addresses of registrants
 - Offender report shows total number of registrations for offenders
 - Provide ability to export Registration Report data to CSV file
- Ability to search for offenders by Alternate IDs

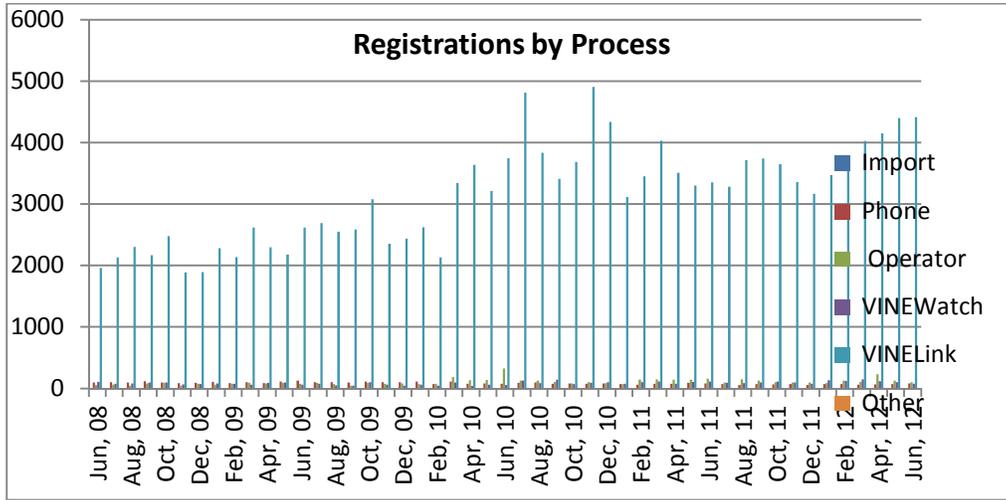
VINE – Courts, Custody, Parole and Probation, and Sex Offender Alert Line

- 14th highest usage in the country in 2012
- 2012 Maryland VINE Statistics (1/1/12-11/30/12)
 - 184,654 outgoing phone call notifications made on behalf of Maryland to crime victims and the community
 - 84,788 email notifications sent
 - Received 32,453 incoming calls to MD VINE toll free number
 - 48,525 new registrations for the year
 - 1,056,480 total Site Searches (includes VINELink, VINEWatch and phone)

In addition to crime victims, many law enforcement personnel and government agents find the convenience of email notification beneficial for pending court-hearing dates, either as a witness or as a parole or probation agent.

Registrations by Process

The chart below and the graph on the next page show the source of the VINE registrations. Over the years, the public website has seen a drastic increase in usage, while the toll-free phone registration has seen a reduction. The option to press 0 for operator assistance is still in use. The VINEWatch registrations are for password users only and utilized by government agencies and non-profit organizations including: victim advocates, law enforcement officers, state's attorney's office personnel, agents with parole and probation, jail and prison service providers.

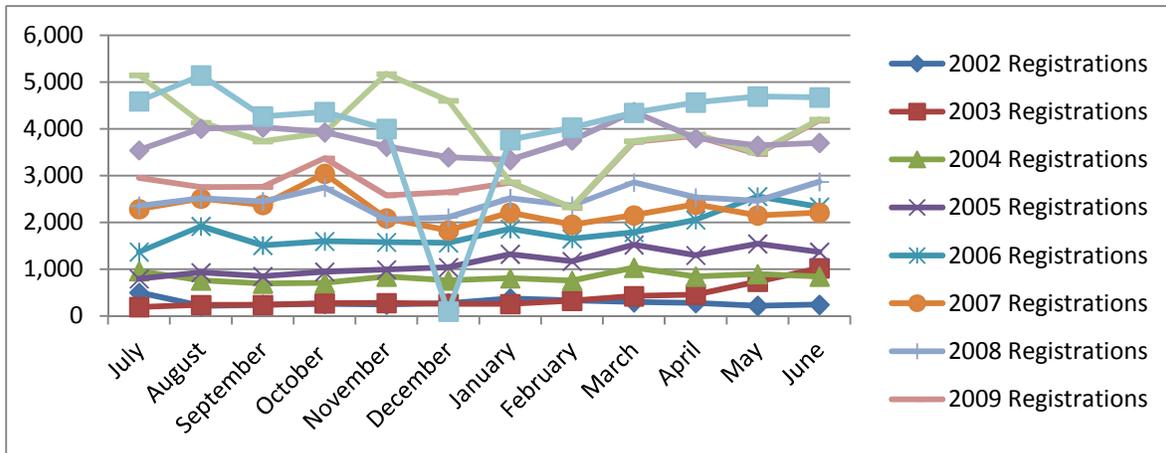


Registrations June 2008 – June 2012
 This graph illustrates that email is by far the most popular type of notification.

Registrations by Year

Month	2002 Registrations	2003 Registrations	2004 Registrations	2005 Registrations	2006 Registrations	2007 Registrations	2008 Registrations	2009 Registrations	2010 Registrations	2011 Registrations	2012 Registrations
July	504	195	961	797	1,372	2,287	2,357	2,952	5,145	3,543	4,589
August	222	240	762	933	1,919	2,512	2,519	2,756	4,134	4,004	5,141
September	243	241	699	851	1,511	2,377	2,452	2,760	3,732	4,036	4,267
October	263	274	710	946	1,599	3,042	2,748	3,372	3,919	3,928	4,360
November	251	280	849	992	1,579	2,091	2,065	2,582	5,175	3,622	4,001
December	276	264	766	1,042	1,564	1,830	2,110	2,647	4,604	3,394	100
January	380	259	810	1,324	1,863	2,215	2,519	2,851	2,866	3,337	3,765
February	337	331	758	1,171	1,652	1,956	2,361	2,314	2,323	3,757	4,027
March	299	428	1,036	1,522	1,789	2,154	2,855	3,723	3,742	4,363	4,344
April	281	461	848	1,300	2,055	2,385	2,538	3,847	3,885	3,801	4,564
May	223	740	899	1,546	2,557	2,153	2,464	3,464	3,491	3,643	4,695
June	245	1,023	847	1,371	2,334	2,212	2,871	4,180	4,203	3,701	4,672
TOTALS	3,524	4,736	9,945	13,795	21,794	27,214	29,859	37,448	47,219	45,129	48,525

In the chart above and in the graph below, usage shows a drastic increase in registrations from 2002 to 2012.



Appriss Contract (November 1, 2010 – October 31, 2013)

- The Appriss, Inc. contract including the technology portion is managed by The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Information Technology & Communications Division;
- The State Victim Coordinator works closely with the Appriss Account Manager to monitor usage, troubleshoot, and prepare statewide training events.
- VINE account and program are managed daily by the State Coordinator.
- The contract includes information and notification services for District court, Circuit court, detention centers, Division of Corrections, parole, probation, sex offender and Protective Orders; and
- A professional Appriss, Inc. trainer provides seven (7) statewide VINE trainings per year.
- Materials are included in the contract and are distributed by the State Victim Services Coordinator.
- Quantity of VINE materials distributed statewide from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012: 28,000 brochures/English; 5,027 brochures Spanish and 6,143 tear-offs pads (25 sheets per pad) English/Spanish.
- Public outreach is a portion of the agreement.

Training

- VINEWatch menu for accessing *Appriss University* online training for VINE and VINEWatch;
- VINE training for parole and probation agents with DPSCS Community Supervision to better assist with offender monitoring; and
- Regional statewide trainings are conducted for service providers, law enforcement, detention centers and anyone who works with crime victims.

In conclusion, in order to operate efficiently the VINE system relies heavily on the daily flow of data from the Office of the Administration of the Courts, twenty-four (24) detention centers and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. This requires full time supervision and attention from the State Victim Services Coordinator and the Appriss Account Manager. The system continues to improve each year, providing a reliable service for Maryland citizens with accessible information and advanced notification for upcoming court hearings and changes in status for offenders in custody and on parole or probation.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMPLIANCE INITIATIVE

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services (MSBVS) established the Victims' Rights Compliance Initiative in April 1999 in an effort to remedy crime victims' rights violations. This Initiative's goal is to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of crime and to give them an option to voice their concerns when they feel that their statutory rights have been violated at any point in the criminal justice system. The primary concern for crime victims in Maryland is to ensure that they are treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process and are able to exercise their statutory right to participate in the process.

2011 and 2012 issues the Compliance Coordinator responded to:

- Frustration with lack of, or limited criminal justice agency responses to the crime;
- Misunderstanding of civil versus criminal justice system;
- Lack of information regarding case status;
- Delay in processing and/or denial of claims for Criminal Injuries Compensation;
- Nonpayment of restitution by offenders granted probationary sentences; and

- Lack of notification of offender's parole, violation of probation and release from incarceration. Specifically, sustained complaints that involve the Division of Correction, Parole Commission and the Division of Parole & Probation.
- Violations included:
 - Failure to seek restitution from a probationer;
 - Failure to notify the victim of an offender's parole hearing and subsequent parole;
 - Failure to notify the victim of an offender's violation of probation and subsequent re-incarceration in the Division of Correction; and
 - Failure to notify the victim of an inmate's release from incarceration.

Compliance Prompts Positive Agency Policy Changes

Oftentimes crime victims are confused about the criminal court system and unaware of available services that could improve the quality of their lives and assist them in recovering from the crime. Agencies have responded to continuous complaints by implementing new policies or amending systemic procedures, based on the Compliance Coordinator's findings and recommendations. While response to such reports and recommendations is voluntary, involved agencies expressed a willingness to correct violations.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, agencies that repeatedly display noncompliance activity tend to revert back to noncompliant practices. Victims expressed a greater understanding of the elements of the criminal justice process and an overall satisfaction with the efforts of the coordinator and criminal justice agencies to remedy violations.

Training and Technical Assistance

During FY 2011-2012 the State Victims' Rights Compliance Coordinator provided direct support to numerous criminal and juvenile justice agencies enhancing their ability to comply with specific statutory mandates for crime victims.

Creation of a law enforcement training video entitled Crime Victims' Rights: Legal Responsibilities of Law Enforcement which ensures that law enforcement personnel are aware of what they are required to provide to crime victims is a vital step in our mandate to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity and respect. Crime victims must also be given the information they need to exercise their statutory rights under Maryland law.

- This training has also provided in the DVD with the result of close collaboration between the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP), the Maryland Police and Correctional Services Training Commissions (MPCTC), and the State Board.
- Law enforcement officers are required by state law to provide specific information to all crime victims and in cases involving violence, sexual assault, or domestic violence, they must provide additional specific services to the victims and witnesses of those crimes.
- In order to ensure that all law enforcement officers are trained on their statutory obligations to crime victims. Copies of the training DVD were distributed to all law enforcement agencies within the State.
- The material is specifically designed for academic and in-service training, however may be used in other instances.
- Video is posted at: http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/victim/LE_resources.php.
- Agencies interested in receiving in-service training credit may also apply to MPCTC for an approval number through the normal in-service program approval process.
- This training DVD is one way the State Board is taking a pro-active stance rather than a reactive one toward crime victims.
- Three MPCTC Trends Conferences were conducted: Sykesville, Md in October 2011, Centerville in May, 2012 and Cumberland in June, 2012.

In conclusion, the Victim Rights Compliance Initiative is a critical portion of crime victim services that the State Board and GOCPP provide to the citizens of Maryland. Compliance fosters and promotes an

equitable and fair criminal justice system. Offenders have rights, so do crime victims. Whether it is responding to a distressed crime victim or their representative, or providing education and training for local criminal justice agencies, compliance is a reliable and never ending process that holds clout and respect from the criminal justice system. The day that all agencies are in compliance with crime victim rights laws, will be the day that the Compliance Initiative is no longer needed.

VIII. MARYLAND VICTIMS OF CRIME (MVOC) AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS (LSCV) FUND

Maryland Victims of Crime Fund Mandate

The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund (MVOC Fund) was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 1991 Legislative Session. The legislation created a source of revenue for programs across the state, dedicated to serving victims of crime. The primary purpose of the MVOC Fund is to ensure implementation of the Declaration of Crime Victims' Rights Amendment to the Maryland Constitution and the Guidelines for Treatment of and Assistance to Crime Victims and Witnesses and other laws adopted to benefit victims and witnesses of crime (MD Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article §11-916).

- The MVOC Fund receives money from court costs collected in criminal cases pursuant to §7-409 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article as established under MD Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §11-916.
- The District Court and Circuit Courts have authority to impose fines on convicted offenders. In 1995 a bill was enacted increasing the fine courts could impose from \$20 to \$30 in Circuit Court and from \$10 to \$20 in District Court.
- In 1997, the court costs were increased again and codified whereby the Circuit Court fine is now \$45 and the District Court fine is \$35.
- For Traffic Court, in addition to any other costs required by law, a court shall impose on a defendant convicted of an offense an additional cost of \$3 in the case, including cases in which the defendant elects to waive the right to trial and pay the fine or penalty deposit established by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative regulation.
- It is the intention of the State Board to propose another increase within the next few years. State and local criminal justice agencies and non-profits are struggling more and more each year to maintain existing crime victim services.

Court costs collections are distributed by the State Comptroller among three victims' funds under Criminal Procedure Article Sec., 11-819:

District and Circuit Court

- MVOC (\$22.50 from each fee collected by circuit court, \$12.50 from each fee collected by District Court);
- Victim Witness Protection and Relocation Fund (\$2.50) from circuit court and District Court fees); and
- Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (MCICB).

Traffic Court

- From the first \$500,000 in fees collected in Traffic Court in the above referenced subsection, in each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall deposit one-half of each fee (\$250,000) into the State Victims of Crime Fund and one-half of each fee into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; and
- For fees collected over and above the referenced \$500,000 in each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall deposit the entire fee into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

District Court Collections by Jurisdiction FY 2006 through FY 2012
(Appendix D)

Circuit Court Collections by Jurisdiction FY 2006 through FY 2012
(Appendix E)

State Board Grant Policy and Procedure

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for MVOC and LSCV funds are posted on the GOCCP Website ten months prior to the start date of the grant cycle. The State Coordinator will periodically conduct a technical assistance workshop for potential applicants. MVOC and LSCV applications are normally due by the end of November, allowing advance time for reviewing and processing the award packets. The advance grant application process allows local governments the opportunity to plan ahead for the upcoming fiscal year budget. The second and third year MVOC continuation grant applications are submitted to GOCCP and reviewed in the spring each year

A Synopsis of the State Board's *Grant Policy and Procedure*:

1. Review teams consisting of two independent reviewers along with one Grant committee member will review MVOC and LSCV applications utilizing the State Board approved *Score Sheet*. Once all grant reviewers have completed the review and scoring, the review teams will meet in their groups of three (via teleconference or in person) and discuss their common applications. The group of three reviewers will then come to a consensus on one final score sheet for each application.
2. The final score sheets will go to the Grant committee members who will review the scores, discuss and recommend awards and denials. The Committee shall ensure that State Board and GOCCP priorities and requirements are upheld in each recommendation to GOCCP. The top scoring applications are selected for awards by the committee members and forwarded to GOCCP Executive Director or Deputy Director for approval. A few select applications will be brought and shared with committee members at the meeting.
3. Last, the State Board will render a majority vote and final approval of the recommended grant awards (preferably in an open meeting) will go to the Executive Director for a final approval, before the letters of intent and denial are mailed to the applicants.

MVOC Requirements

MVOC Priorities

- Direct Services for Victims of Crime;
- Victim Advocates in Law Enforcement;
- Victim Advocates in State's Attorney's Offices;
- Enhanced services and support for Child Advocacy Centers (Md. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Code Ann. § 11-916 (2011)); and
- Enhanced services to crime victims that aid and promote the distribution of mandated brochures and educate them on their rights according to Maryland law.

MVOC Purpose Areas

- The creation of a law enforcement training video entitled *Crime Victims' Rights: Legal Responsibilities of Law Enforcement* which trains law enforcement personnel as to what they are required to provide to crime victims - a vital step in our mandate to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity and respect. Crime victims must also be given the information they need to exercise their statutory rights under Maryland law;
- The training provided in the DVD was the result of close cooperation and collaboration between the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP), the Maryland Police and Correctional Services Training Commissions (MPCTC), and the State Board. This training has also been approved for in service training for officers through the Police and Correctional Officers Training Commission;
- Developing or improving the delivery of crime victim services to underserved populations;

- Providing support to specialized domestic violence advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted;
- Developing and enhancing crime victim programs addressing Non-English speaking citizens;
- Providing state, regional, federal, and national training for crime victim service providers is encouraged as a sole project for an application or as an addition to a project. Topics may include, but are not limited to: communicating and networking with victim/witness service providers, 13 cross training, interaction/communication with crime victims (i.e., first response, status of case, progress of case), judicial accountability, diversity/language barriers, understanding sexual violence, the dynamics of domestic violence, referring victims for follow-up services, promotion of Jane Doe reporting, and cultural sensitivity;
- Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault; and Implementing community-driven initiatives to address the needs of crime victims who are included in the underserved populations: people with disabilities, elder victims of crime, and
- Ensuring comprehensive programs and services are available to children of physical abuse.

Grants awarded after FY 2011 received level funding in years one, two and three. Prior to level funding, year one was 100%, year two 75% and year three 50%.

LSCV Requirements

LSCV Priority

- The Fund was created to ensure that money obtained from unclaimed restitution under this title is used to provide legal counsel for victims of crime in the criminal court justice system [Md. Code Annotated, Criminal Procedure Article §11-614 (b) (2)].
- Each year the Fund provides a salary for one (1) attorney salary.
- The Funds allow for legal representation and related legal support services to Maryland crime victims with special emphasis on some underserved victim populations including child, juvenile, elderly victims, sexual assault and families of homicide victims.

LSCV Purpose Area

- An attorney who will protect and defend crime victims' rights as provided by Maryland law; and
- An attorney who will provide legal counsel for crime victims in the *criminal court* system (not defense representation).

Funding: MVOC and LSCV Application Requests and Grant Awards

FY 2011 LSCV and MVOC Grant Applications and Awards

- First year MVOC applications: \$1,047,467
- First year MVOC awards: \$325,000
- Second year MVOC awards: \$288,216
- Third year MVOC awards: \$144,217
- Total FY 2011 MVOC awards: \$757,433
- LSCV (one year only) applications (3): \$148,477
- LSCV FY 2011 award: \$50,000
- Grant start on July 1, 2010 and end on June 30, 2011.

FY 2012 MVOC and LSCV Grant Applications and Awards

- First year MVOC applications: \$1,305,335
- First year MVOC awards: \$377,710
- Second year MVOC awards: \$230,533
- Third year MVOC awards: \$174,251
- Total FY 2012 MVOC awards: \$ 782,494

- LSCV (one year only) applications (5): \$325,766
- LSCV FY 2012 award: \$75,000

- Grant start on July 1, 2011 and end on June 30, 2012.

FY 2012 MVOC and LSCV Grant Awards (Appendix G)

IX. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

TOWN HALL MEETINGS



Voices for Victims: A Statewide Blueprint for Action

The Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) and the State Board joined forces and coordinated a series of four Town Hall meetings in late 2010 to provide a “Voice for Crime Victims.” Victims of crime, their loved ones, and advocates spoke frankly about their experiences with the criminal justice system to a panel of government officials. The purpose of the sessions was for State representatives to listen and gather information regarding services that Maryland provides for victims of crime as they attempt to recover from physical, emotional, and financial hardships. Crime victims, family members, and service provider representatives testified regarding positive and negative experiences with the criminal justice process.

Blueprint

The Statewide Blueprint for Action includes testimony indicating the need for greater assistance with domestic violence, stalking/cyber stalking, sexual assault, sex offenders, human trafficking, homicide, drunk driving, and restitution. The Blueprint then makes recommendations for improving crime victims’ experiences within the criminal justice system. This is a dynamic and evolving report that serves as a resource regarding Maryland’s laws and services to address the needs of crime victims. As a next step, GOCCP will discuss the topics revealed at Town Halls with experts in the field and combine implementation and reform efforts with various agencies throughout the State. This continued effort will involve the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention and partnering agencies throughout the State.

Participating Stakeholders:
Town Hall Participants
Service Providers
Judicial Officials
Attorneys
Law Enforcement
Educators

Crime Victims' Blueprint Workgroup

After the 2010 Town Hall Meetings, GOCCP researched the highlighted issues. Then, in May 2011, GOCCP convened a Crime Victims' Blueprint Workgroup of 55 Town Hall participants, service providers, judicial officials, attorneys, law enforcement, educators, and health care professionals to dialogue on highlighted issues that were voiced by crime victims. Feedback from this group, combined with deeper research, culminated in recommendations in the categories of legislation, policy, training, technology, community outreach, and public awareness. These were then drafted into a report, *Voices for Victims: A Statewide Blueprint for Action*.

In conclusion, due to the success of the Town Hall meetings, the State Board has decided to continue the momentum over the next few years and conduct four regional State Board meetings annually. Although the State Board meetings are not the same platform as the Town Hall meetings, non-profit organizations, local government agencies and citizens will still be allowed to speak out and State Board members will listen, plan and act.

Legislation, Training, Policy, Technology and Public Awareness and Community Outreach matrixes
(Appendix H)

CRIME VICTIM MANDATED BROCHURES AND FORMS

Pursuant to the mandates of the Constitutional Amendment, Declaration of Rights - Article 47 stating that "a victim of crime shall be treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process," the State Board developed two series of brochures to ensure that a victim's right to be informed were adhered to by law enforcement personnel, commissioners or juvenile justice intake workers and State's Attorneys. The statutes, entitled *Victims and Witnesses*, are detailed in Maryland Ann. Code, Title 11, and Criminal Procedure Article.

The mandated materials are tracked in a Brochure Database system for the purpose of accountability and cost effectiveness.

Mandated Materials

CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services brochure

- Upon first contact with a crime victim or a crime victim's representative, a law enforcement officer, District Court commissioner or juvenile intake officer shall give the victim or the victim's representative the "*CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services*" brochure.
- This brochure is designed to inform the recipient of their rights and services, while outlining the steps a case may go through in the criminal justice process and explaining the criminal justice system's responsibilities to crime victims and witnesses.
- In addition to law enforcement officers, District Court commissioners and juvenile intake officers shall also give the victim or the victim's representative the mandated brochure (MD Crim. Pro. Code Ann. § 11-914(9)(i)).

The Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form (CVNF)

- The prosecuting attorney is mandated to deliver the CVNF form, together with the *Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process* brochure (below) to a crime victim within 10 days of an indictment or information filed in Circuit court.
- The CVNF provides a formal procedural request for a victim or victim’s representative to be notified of all related court hearings and offender status changes in the criminal court system.
- The CVNF follows the offender through the criminal court system, the multi-layer form provides a copy for each agency: Clerk of the Court, State’s Attorney, Detention/Division of Correction/Department of Mental; Hygiene, Parole and Probation, Attorney General’s Office and the victim/victim’s representative.

Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process brochure

- The brochure provides a crime victim or a crime victim representative in Circuit Court with information about their rights and referrals for services in the state.
- The prosecuting attorney is mandated to deliver this brochure, together with the *CVNF (above)* to a crime victim within 10 days of an indictment or information filed in Circuit court.

Cost Analysis for Mandated Brochures and Forms

Primary Agency Responsible for Distribution Crime Victim Mandated Brochures/Form	Language	Total Cost
Law Enforcement <i>Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</i>	English	\$15,110
Law Enforcement <i>Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</i>	Spanish	\$821
State’s Attorney’s Office <i>Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process</i>	English	\$15,560
State’s Attorney’s Office <i>Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process</i>	Spanish	\$2,881
State’s Attorney’s Office <i>Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form</i>	English	\$3,168
State’s Attorney’s Office <i>Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form</i>	Spanish	N/A
TOTAL COST		\$37,540

Chart reflects MD Correctional Enterprises, Inc. printing costs between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2012 for crime victim mandated materials.

ANNUAL STATEWIDE MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Victims of Crime Memorial Service is one of two annual events sponsored by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services. The annual services are held to honor those who lost their lives to violent crime in the State of Maryland. The event commences with National Crime Victims Rights Week, which traditionally begins each year in April.

Since 2002, four regional memorial services are held simultaneously statewide. The regional locations address the growing number of participants and provide accessible locations for surviving family members.

The regions are geographically divided as follows:

<u>Eastern Region</u>	<u>Western Region</u>	<u>Southern Region</u>	<u>Northern Region</u>
Caroline	Allegany	Calvert	Anne Arundel
Dorchester	Carroll	Charles	Baltimore City
Kent	Frederick	Prince George's	Baltimore
Queen Anne's	Garrett	St. Mary's	Cecil
Somerset	Montgomery		Harford
Talbot	Washington		Howard
Wicomico			
Worcester			

Each year the State Board's Memorial Service Committee members meet with the hosts from the prior years' service and the hosts for the upcoming year to share information, plan, coordinate and collaborate with one another. All four services maintain uniformity with opening ceremonies led by a color guard, musical selections and the symbolic raising of the banner arranged with doves or stars representing those remembered. Two Governor's proclamations are presented: one to the hosting State's Attorney, and the other to an attending Board member. The most important and compelling part of the Memorial Service is the "Reading of the Names". Names of crime victims are written, read aloud and displayed as remembrance for family, friends and community members.

The State Board provides an annual allocation of \$1,000.00 to each region hosting a memorial service to afford regional coordinators the opportunity to plan programs without added concerns of raising money to finance events, and eliminate ensuing ethical concerns of elected officials regarding fund raising. The State Board supports the continuation of funds for each of the regions hosting services.

2011 Victims of Crime Memorial Service

Core Committee members include: Patricia Marshall (Chair) and Oliver Smith. Regional representatives from the hosting State's Attorneys' Offices: Michelle Mayoral from the Eastern Region; Joyce Schaum from the Western Region; Peggy Basham from the Northern Region; and Barbara Rivera from the Southern Region.

The Twenty-second Annual Victims of Crime Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 10, 2011.

- The Eastern Regional service was held at Centreville United Methodist Church in Centreville and was hosted by The Honorable Lance G. Richardson with the Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office.
- The Western Region held its service at the VFW Post #467 in Westminster. The Honorable Jerry Barnes with the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office hosted the service.
- The Northern Region service was held at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Baltimore, and hosted by The Honorable Scott D. Shellenberger with the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office.
- The Southern Regional service was held at Greater Waldorf Jaycee Community Center in Waldorf, and was hosted by The Honorable Richard Fritz with the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office.

2012 Victims of Crime Memorial Service

Core Committee members include: Patricia Marshall (Chair) and Oliver Smith. Regional representatives from the hosting State's Attorneys' Offices include Dawn Becker from the Eastern Region; Jill Ritter from the Western Region; Shirley Harbin from the Northern Region; and Debbie Harden from the Southern Region.

The Twenty-third Annual Victims of Crime Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 22, 2012.

- The Eastern Regional service was held at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton and was hosted by The Honorable Jonathan G. Newell with the Caroline County State's Attorney's Office, The Honorable Jonathan G. Newell presented before the reading of the names. There were over two hundred (200) names read at this location.
- The Western Regional service was held at Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Hagerstown. The Service was hosted by The Honorable Charles P. Strong, Jr. with Washington County State's Attorney's Office. There were more than three hundred and fifty (350) names read.
- The Northern Regional service was held at Long Reach High School in Columbia, and was hosted by The Honorable Dario J. Broccolino with the Howard County State's Attorney's Office. There were over nine hundred (900) names presented.
- The Southern Regional service was held at the Greater Waldorf Jaycee Community Center in Waldorf, and was hosted by The Honorable Anthony B. Covington with the Charles County State's Attorney's Office. There were over six hundred (600) names read at this moving service.

GOVERNOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Since 1994, to conclude the annual observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the State Board sponsors the Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon. This luncheon has proven to be a rewarding ceremony that highlights those who have dedicated their lives to providing invaluable assistance to victims of crime and improving victims' rights throughout Maryland. At each luncheon two award memorial plaques are presented: Henry Gleim and the other in honor of the late Virginia Mahoney. Each award presents its own unique merit for the recipient.

Henry Gleim Memorial Award

In memory of Henry Gleim, an unsung hero who gave unselfishly, generously, courageously and with the compassion for those who walk in the path of victimization, this award recognizes outstanding services to crime victims and those who work to serve them.

Award Recipients

2011 Margery Patten
2012 Dorothy Lennig, Esquire

Virginia Mahoney Memorial Award

In honor of Virginia Mahoney, the State Board recognizes an outstanding leader who has set the standard for excellence and professionalism in the field of victim services. This award recognizes one prominent state leader or high-ranking official who has epitomized true leadership in support of victim rights.

Award Recipients

2011 Secretary Gary Maynard
2012 No award given

Governor's Victim Assistance Awards

The Governor's Victim Assistance Awards are presented to individuals and agencies located in both the public and private sector who have demonstrated outstanding performance in providing services and support to Maryland's victims of crime. Nominee(s) must have made an outstanding contribution toward improving the status of, or delivering services to, crime victims and/or witnesses in Maryland. Award recipients are recognized for their exemplary work done in the area of victim advocacy that exceeds what is expected in one's routine job responsibilities. These contributions may involve exceptional efforts in a specific case, on a statewide event or issue, or any effort deemed worthy of recognition by the nominator. The number of recipients for this award is listed under each event year.

2011 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon

Since talent is so often the scar tissue over a wound, perhaps I had more than most men. Study those you admire for what they've accomplished, and you may be able to identify the painful and costly events that made them despair for a time but that, in the end, they had to thank for the fortitude of spirit that made it possible for them to achieve what they did. ~Elia Kazan: A Life, 1988)

The 2011 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, April 29th at Club Meade in Fort George G. Meade.

- Roberta Roper provided the welcome and introduction;
- Thirty (30) individuals and three (3) groups received a Governor's Victim Assistance Award. Debra Tall was the Master of Ceremonies;
- Edwardo Valseca and Jayne Rager Valseca were the keynote speakers; and
- There were approximately two hundred fifty (250) people in attendance.

2012 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon

Many small people, in many small places, do many small things that can alter the face of the world. ~Anonymous

The 2012 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon was held on Friday, May 4th at Club Meade in Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

- Nine (9) individuals received the Governor's Victim Assistance Award for being an Outstanding Criminal Justice Professional;
- Five (5) individuals received the Award for their Outstanding Volunteer Contribution to Victim Services and Seven (7) people received the Governor's Award for being an Outstanding Victim Services Professional. There were three group awards presented for Outstanding Criminal Justice Professionals;
- Ellen Alexander was the Master of Ceremonies;
- The keynote speaker was Jill Harrington-LaMorie, MSW, LCSW, DSW;
- Roberta Roper was presented with a Congressional Award; and
- There were approximately two hundred and twenty (220) people in attendance.

X. MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ROPER VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY OF MARYLAND

<http://rvaam.org>

The RVAAM is nationally recognized for having its sustainability, solid linkages with an academic partner, an active Alumni Association, state certification, regular advanced training offerings, and higher education programs that directly link with the Academy. Maryland is recognized as one of the nation's leaders in the movement to advance education and professionalize the field of victim services. To date, in addition to the 336 graduates of the basic 40-hour training program (2004-2012), more than 1,370 participants have benefited from advanced trainings, conferences, workshops, and symposiums conducted through the Academy.

Academy 2011

- A total of 36 graduates completed the 40-hour residential Roper Victim Assistance Academy in June 2011.
- Participants represented 10 counties and 1 state and Washington, D.C.

- Participants are employed in the following areas – government, non-profit and private agencies, law enforcement, state’s attorney’s offices, corrections, probation and parole, education, health care, and mental health services.
- Fourteen participants were from the government agency employees, three were from law enforcements, 3 were from state’s attorney’s offices and twenty-two were non-governmental participants.
- 50% had between 3 to 5 years of experience; 31 % had more than 5 years experience, 11% had 1 to 3 years experience and 8% had less than one year experience.
- 89% were female.
- Twenty-four trainers provided training at the 2012 Academy.
- All Academy training is nationally approved and certified for professional and/or university credits. The Academy offers CEU’s and university credits for both the Basic and Advanced training programs.

Academy 2012

- A total of 35 graduates completed the 40-hour residential Roper Victim Assistance Academy in June 2012.
- Participants represented 8 counties and 2 states and Washington, D.C. (Maryland and Georgia).
- Participants are employed in the following areas – government, non-profit and private agencies, law enforcement, state’s attorney’s offices, corrections, probation and parole, education, health care, and mental health services.
- 63 % had between 3 to 5 years of experience; 20 % had more than 5 years experience, and 17% had 1 to 3 years experience.
- 92% were female.
- Twenty-four trainers provided training at the 2012 Academy.
- All Academy training is nationally approved and certified for professional and/or university credits. The Academy offers CEU’s and university credits for both the Basic and Advanced training programs.

Advanced Trainings 2011-2012

1. Re-Framing the “Other”: Embracing Diversity in Ourselves and Others Presenter: Sabrina N’Diaye February ‘11 (34 participants)
2. Looking into the parallel process Presenter: Dr. Yehuda Bergman – February ‘11(36 participants)
3. Equine-Assisted Growth and Learning Activity - April ‘11(12 participants)
4. Employment Rights of Victims
5. Presenter - Johnny Lee, Executive Director, Peace At Work - May ‘11(34 participants)
6. Beyond The Barrier - Alternative Interventions Utilizing Psychodrama And Playback Theatre Techniques In Non Clinical Settings Presenter – Yehuda Bergman, Ph.D. – May ‘11(40 participants)
7. Illuminations (6 hours) - September ’11 (22 participants)
8. Child Victims (3.5 hours) Pauline Mandel & Dee Gardner, MCVRC – June ’12 (26 participants)
9. Cyber- Victimization (4 hours) – D. Thomas – June ’12 (24 participants)
10. Litigating victims’ rights (6.5 hours) Meg Garvin, Director - August ‘12
11. National Crime Victim Law Institute (33 participants)

The Victim Services Professional Network

The Academy was the first in the country to establish an alumni association. The Maryland Alumni are actively engaged in community activities, legislation, charity activities, promoting job opportunities, and professional development.

The purpose of the RVAAM Alumni Association (aka, The Victim Services Professional Network [VSPN]) is to provide a vehicle by which Alumni may assist in the attainment of the goals set forth by the Academy. As such the goals of the Alumni Association are:

1. To build a network for victim service providers.
2. To establish a mentoring program for Association members, to include victim service providers new to the field as well as seasoned providers.
3. To assist with identification of training needs at both the basic and advanced levels.
4. To expand and enhance the level of professionalism within the victim services field.
5. To establish non-profit status for the Association

As such, the Alumni Association has created a set of committees designed to support these goals. A description of each committee is listed in the left-hand column. The Alumni Association welcomes the active involvement of its members and as such is always looking for more Alums to serve on these committees so they can share their talents and knowledge with their fellow peers.

Academy Newsletter

The newsletter is structured to focus on one specific issue. All of the essays and resources highlighted within the newsletter center around that issue. April newsletters are reserved for the promotion of that year's upcoming Academy. Seven (7) newsletters were published during the fiscal years. The newsletters and more information may be found on the RVAAM website.

State Certification Updates

The Academy has developed state level certification criteria and professional standards that tie together with certificate programs and courses at UB. The certification program is gearing up for a significant increase in the number of applications in 2013 now that the program is fully operational. Prospective applicants may go to the new website page under the Academy website to locate all application materials and general information. There are three levels of certification, to date there are more than 15 certified providers in Maryland, with close to 25 pending applications, and several applicants who need to complete their testing requirements. This is the first state certification program affiliated with an Academy.

APPENDIX A

STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

The State Board of Victim Services continues to abide by its traditional meeting agenda, scheduling Board meetings one year in advance for the first Wednesday of each month. The State Board held Nineteen (19) State Board meetings during the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. During this time, respective committees met periodically.

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Procedure Article §11-912, the State Board of Victim Services - Membership as of June 30, 2012 is composed of the following members:

Ellen Alexander	Chair
Barbara Bond	Vice Chair
	Office of the Attorney General
Bonnie Ariano	Department of Human Resources
Chief Walter T. Coryell	MD Association of Chiefs of Police
Jessica Dickerson	Department of Juvenile Services
Cortney Fisher	Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Linda Fleischer	Public Member
Rea Goldfinger	Public Member
R. Gary Hofmann, III	MD Sheriff's Association
The Honorable Laura Martin	State's Attorney
Molly Knipe	Service Provider
Kristen Mahoney	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
	- Served from January 1, 2011 – July 6, 2012
Tammy Brown	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
	- Served from September 5, 2012 – present
Patricia Marshall	Service Provider
Kathleen O'Brien	Public Member
Margery Patten	Public Member
Sandy S. Roberts, Esquire	MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
Bonita Spikes	Public Member
Debra Tall	Service Provider
Deborah A. Unitus	State Judiciary's Designee
The Honorable Frank R. Weathersbee	State's Attorney
Ginni Wolf	Public Member
Jeanne Yeager	Service Provider
Board Vacancies	

As of December 2012, the State Board has no vacancies.

APPENDIX B

THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES STAFF

State Victim Services Coordinator

The Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services and the position of State Victim Services Coordinator (State Coordinator) in 1988. The State Board and the State Coordinator is charged with the responsibility of compliance, monitoring, assessing, coordinating and making recommendations to the Governor concerning state and local efforts to assist victims of crime. The State Coordinator is located within the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, and serves under the authority of the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The State Coordinator has the overall responsibility for program development and program operations, as well as administering the provisions of the State Board of Victim Services. The State Coordinator provides staff support to the State Board on victim service matters while providing technical assistance to local public and private programs that provide victim assistance. The State Coordinator also performs research and gathers data on victims and victim assistance programs, and disseminates that data to the public.

A full-time MVOC Program Assistant provides dedicated State Board administrative support to the State Coordinator.

APPENDIX C

2012 Crime Victim Related Legislative Session Summary

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention supported the following bills that passed:

- ***Senate Bill 175 / House Bill 8: Crimes - Electronic Communication – Harassment.**
This bill prohibits the use of electronic communication to maliciously engage in conduct that alarms another and clarifies the term "electronic mail" to "electronic communication" and alters the definition. This bill was signed by the Governor on April 10, 2012 and will be effective October 1, 2012.
- **Senate Bill 291: Unemployment Insurance - Coverage - Victims of Domestic Violence.**
This bill prohibits the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from charging specified unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit and authorizes the Secretary to find that a cause of voluntarily leaving employment is good cause if it is directly attributable to the individual or the individual's spouse, minor child, or parent being a victim of domestic violence. This bill was signed by the Governor on April 10, 2012 and will be effective on October 1, 2012.
- **Senate Bill 352/House Bill 607: National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information - Sign Posting Requirements.**
This bill requires the business owner of a privately owned bus station or truck stop located in the state to post in restrooms a sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 22, 2012 and will be effective on October 1, 2012.
- **Senate Bill 572/House Bill 766: State Government - Commemorative Days - Crime Victims and Advocates.**
This bill requires the Governor annually to proclaim April 3 as Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 22, 2012 and will be effective on October 1, 2012.
- **Senate Bill 647 / House Bill 1146: Domestically Related Crimes – Reporting.**
This bill requires the court to determine, at the request of the State's Attorney, whether a crime for which a defendant is convicted or receives a probation before judgment disposition is a domestically related crime, and to enter that finding into the court record to become part of a defendant's criminal record. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 22, 2012 and will be effective on October 1, 2012.

Other 2012 important public safety legislative changes:

- **Senate Bill 889 / House Bill 349 – Criminal Law - Misdemeanor Possession of Child Pornography - Statute of Limitations.**
This bill increases from 1 to 2 years, the period of time within which a prosecution for misdemeanor possession of child pornography must be instituted after the offense was committed. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 2, 2012 and will be effective October 1, 2012.
- **Senate Bill 1082 / House Bill 860: Children in Need of Assistance and Child Abuse and Neglect - Sexual Abuse - Definition**
This bill alters the definition of "sexual abuse" for provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance, child abuse, and child neglect to include specified actions relating to human trafficking, obscene material, pornography, and prostitution. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 2, 2012 and will be effective October 1, 2012.

House Bill 1160: Family Law - Interim and Temporary Peace and Protective Orders - Duration

This bill extends the duration of a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order under specified circumstances, such as when the court is unexpectedly closed. This bill was signed by the Governor on April 10, 2012 and will be effective October 1, 2012.

APPENDIX C

2012 Crime Victim Related Legislative Session Summary *continued*

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention supported the following bills that did not pass:

- ***House Bill 135: Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Crime Victims and Witnesses Funds - Court Costs.**
This bill increased certain costs imposed by a circuit court and the District Court for certain crimes and offenses.
SB122 received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.
- **Senate Bill 168: Criminal Procedure - Victim's Compensation - Temporary Lodging for Domestic Violence Victims.**
This bill allowed a domestic violence victim to be eligible to receive funding to compensate for temporary lodging.
SB168 passed the Senate but received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.
- **Senate Bill 359: Domestic Violence - Persons Eligible for Relief and Orders to Vacate Home.**
This bill broadened the definition of "person eligible for relief" for a protective order to include an individual who was in a dating relationship with the respondent, regardless of how serious, and an individual who had sexual contact with the respondent, whether consensual or non-consensual. The bill also provided for an additional situation in which a respondent can be ordered out of a shared residence by a protective order.
The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee never took a vote on SB359.
- ***Senate Bill 411: Criminal Procedure - Maryland Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) Services - Contact Information.**
This bill required District Court documents and correspondences to contain contact information for Maryland Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) services and required the State Board of Victim Services to make that contact information available at the District Court level.
The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee never took a vote on SB411.
- **Senate Bill 561 / House Bill 883: Family Law - Protective Orders - Additional Relief.**
This bill authorized a judge, in a final protective order, to order the respondent to remain a specified distance away from the residence, place of employment, school, or temporary residence of a person eligible for relief.
SB561/HB883 passed the House but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.
- **Senate Bill 612 / House Bill 1074: Criminal Law - First Degree Assault – Strangulation.**
This bill prohibited a person from committing an assault by applying pressure on the throat or neck of another person in a specified manner and established that a person who violated the Act is guilty of the felony of assault in the first degree and on conviction is subject to a specified penalty.
SB612/HB1074 passed the Senate but the House Judiciary Committee never took a vote on this bill.
- **Senate Bill 626 / House Bill 1102: Child Abuse - Failure to Report - Civil Penalty and Child Abuse Prevention Fund.**
This bill authorized the Attorney General's Office to institute a civil action against mandatory reporters who failed to report child abuse or neglect under specified circumstances and established a Child Abuse Prevention Fund at the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention for the civil penalties collected under the Act.
Neither the Judicial Proceedings Committee nor the Judiciary Committee took a vote on SB626/HB1102.

APPENDIX C

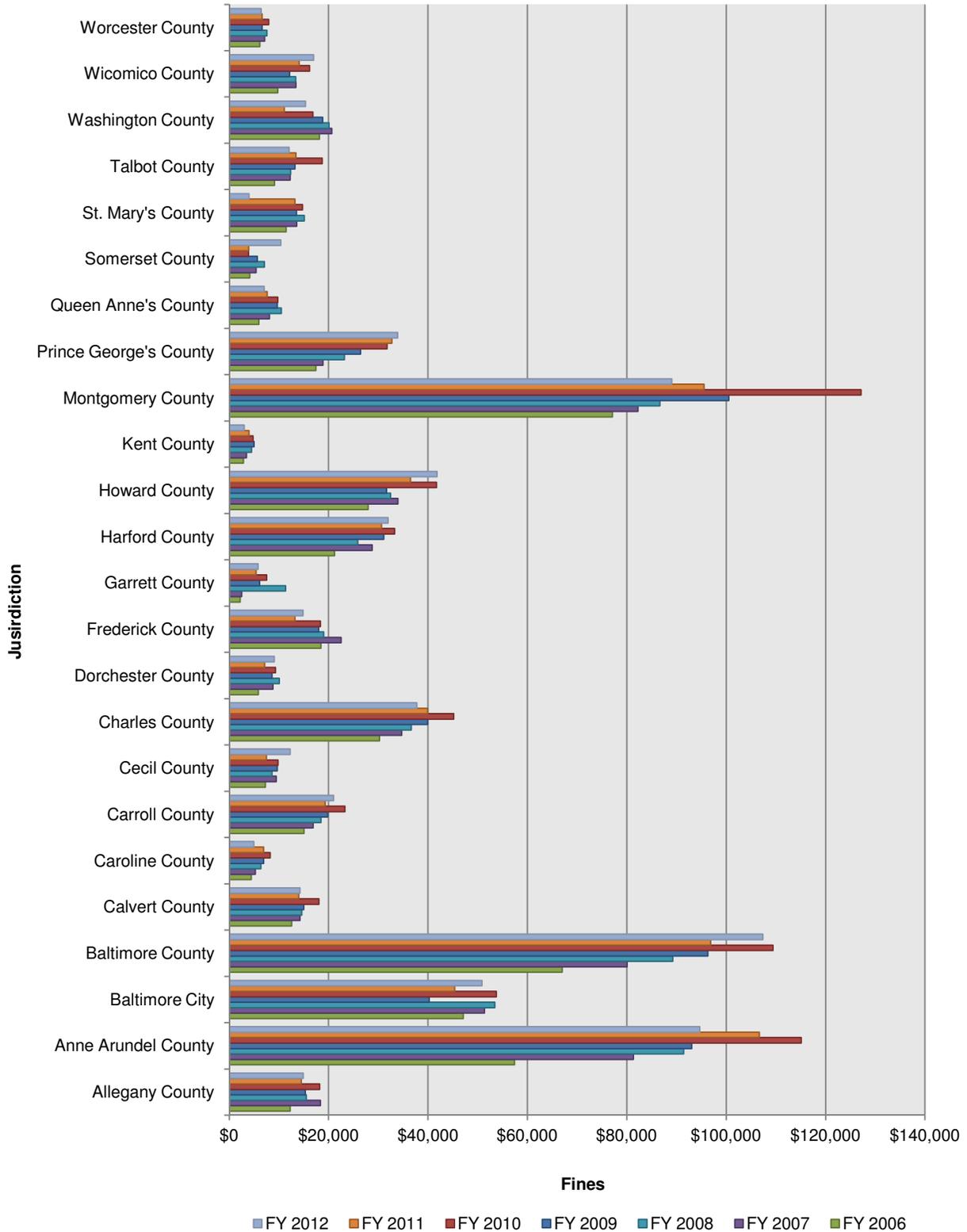
2012 Crime Victim Related Legislative Session Summary *continued*

- **Senate Bill 799/ House Bill 766: Criminal Law - Sex Offenders - Statutory Sex Offense.**
This bill altered the age difference required between a victim and an offender for a third degree sex offense, prohibited specified persons from engaging in sexual acts with a person who is 14 or 15 years old, required a specified person convicted of engaging in specified sexual acts to register on the state sex offender registry and created a non-public registry database for persons convicted of this crime.
SB799/HB766 passed the Senate but the House Judiciary Committee never took a vote on the bill.
- **Senate Bill 863 / House Bill 1110: Kristin Marie Mitchell Law.**
This bill added dating violence to provisions of law that required the reporting of incidents of specified conduct by a county board of education and required the State Board of Education to develop a model policy that includes a prohibition on dating violence.
SB863/HB1110 was withdrawn.
- **Senate Bill 902 / House Bill 391: Criminal Procedure - Seizure and Forfeiture - Property Used in Human Trafficking.**
This bill expanded the definition of human trafficking, allowed law enforcement agencies to seize property that was used in the commission of human trafficking and distributed the proceeds of that fund to an “Anti-Human Trafficking Fund” which was to be administered by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention.
Neither the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee nor the House Judiciary Committee took a vote on SB902/HB391.
- **Senate Bill 993: Crimes - Human Trafficking of Minor – Defenses.**
This bill allowed an individual to raise a defense to prosecution under 11-303(b) of the Criminal Law Article based on the defendant’s mistaken belief that the victim was over the age of 18 or based on the minor’s consent unless the defendant made a reasonable good faith attempt to ascertain the age of the minor by requiring the production of documentation and not relying solely on the verbal allegations or apparent age of the minor.
The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee never took a vote on SB993.
- **House Bill 681: Truth in Sentencing Task Force.**
This bill established a Truth in Sentencing Task Force, provided for the membership and duties of the Task Force, and required the Task Force to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012.
The House Judiciary Committee never took a vote on HB681.
- **House Bill 1365: Department of Juvenile Services - Restitution - Referral to the Central Collection Unit.** This bill allowed the Department of Juvenile Services and the Community Supervision Division of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (formerly the Division of Parole and Probation) to refer all restitution accounts to the Central Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management for collection.
HB1365 failed to get out of Conference Committee.

*Maryland State Board of Victim Services voted unanimously in favor of sending a letter of support to Legislators.

APPENDIX D

DISTRICT COURT VICTIM COST COLLECTIONS - CRIMINAL CASES



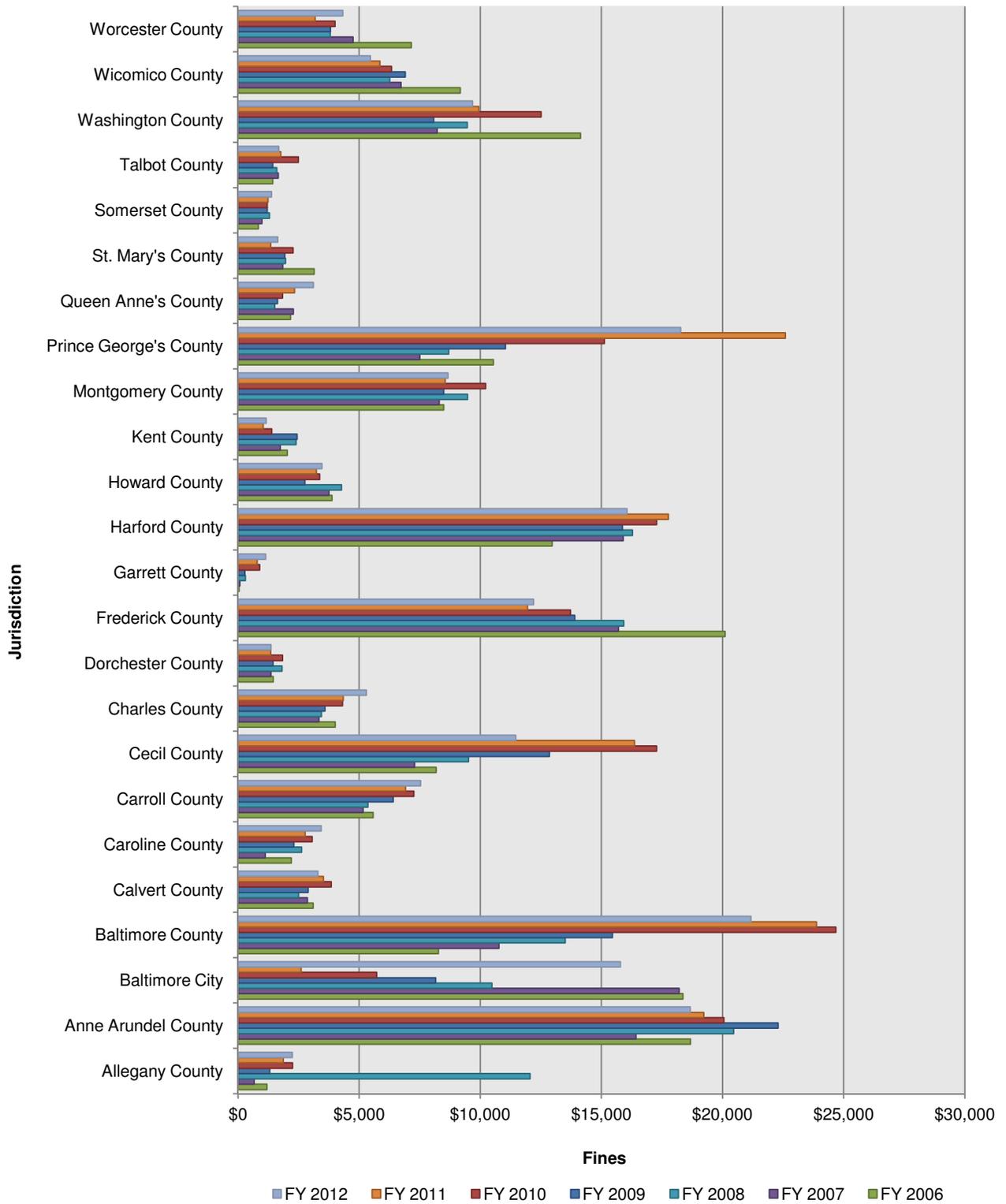
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DISTRICT COURT VICTIM COST COLLECTIONS - CRIMINAL CASES

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Allegany County	\$12,263.20	\$18,367.95	\$15,509.71	\$15,320.32	\$18,213.50	\$14,486.24	\$14,905.78
Anne Arundel County	\$57,411.60	\$81,319.23	\$91,412.13	\$93,046.16	\$115,104.67	\$106,682.98	\$94,707.39
Baltimore City	\$47,107.10	\$51,340.12	\$53,465.31	\$40,225.18	\$53,763.70	\$45,351.56	\$50,877.43
Baltimore County	\$67,025.74	\$80,050.28	\$89,247.97	\$96,326.36	\$109,404.74	\$96,873.23	\$107,370.88
Calvert County	\$12,544.66	\$14,258.26	\$14,588.43	\$15,022.37	\$18,052.52	\$14,000.21	\$14,260.18
Caroline County	\$4,450.01	\$5,246.26	\$6,355.37	\$6,908.77	\$8,255.60	\$6,944.80	\$4,950.17
Carroll County	\$15,076.82	\$16,890.03	\$18,431.90	\$19,815.83	\$23,290.02	\$19,306.80	\$20,981.65
Cecil County	\$7,285.73	\$9,480.70	\$8,599.13	\$9,668.63	\$9,799.09	\$7,467.01	\$12,245.08
Charles County	\$30,239.69	\$34,703.32	\$36,660.17	\$39,930.57	\$45,153.13	\$39,958.58	\$37,747.32
Dorchester County	\$5,858.95	\$8,823.28	\$10,076.87	\$8,613.12	\$9,328.42	\$7,120.38	\$9,051.84
Frederick County	\$18,442.08	\$22,517.82	\$19,010.78	\$18,012.04	\$18,375.04	\$13,209.09	\$14,857.37
Garrett County	\$2,186.62	\$2,508.21	\$11,331.43	\$6,099.64	\$7,546.07	\$5,416.79	\$5,800.35
Harford County	\$21,179.54	\$28,788.47	\$25,889.08	\$31,097.03	\$33,302.77	\$30,629.90	\$31,942.78
Howard County	\$27,948.04	\$33,960.15	\$32,449.53	\$31,645.18	\$41,705.21	\$36,508.23	\$41,797.75
Kent County	\$2,839.28	\$3,448.21	\$4,486.60	\$4,991.98	\$4,783.92	\$3,960.72	\$3,025.00
Montgomery County	\$77,101.61	\$82,248.55	\$86,644.53	\$100,542.96	\$127,111.91	\$95,524.27	\$89,021.98
Prince George's County	\$17,452.41	\$18,835.68	\$23,195.78	\$26,437.29	\$31,760.17	\$32,724.38	\$33,907.05
Queen Anne's County	\$5,966.97	\$8,083.04	\$10,458.94	\$9,678.76	\$9,774.66	\$7,645.18	\$7,021.45
Somerset County	\$4,125.00	\$5,416.08	\$7,065.64	\$5,675.35	\$3,862.50	\$3,933.38	\$10,369.38
St. Mary's County	\$11,460.84	\$13,564.85	\$15,093.58	\$13,550.20	\$14,734.10	\$13,234.49	\$4,002.68
Talbot County	\$9,119.13	\$12,264.40	\$12,335.64	\$13,204.55	\$18,715.00	\$13,447.22	\$12,042.93
Washington County	\$18,169.92	\$20,639.03	\$20,100.84	\$18,827.90	\$16,816.33	\$11,097.34	\$15,379.81
Wicomico County	\$9,775.01	\$13,425.91	\$13,380.33	\$12,170.55	\$16,146.71	\$14,074.87	\$16,963.28
Worcester County	\$6,142.71	\$7,138.55	\$7,603.63	\$6,612.36	\$7,932.42	\$6,633.11	\$6,441.22
	\$491,172.66	\$593,318.38	\$633,393.32	\$643,423.10	\$762,932.20	\$646,230.76	\$659,670.75

APPENDIX E

CIRCUIT COURT VICTIM COST COLLECTIONS - CRIMINAL CASES



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CIRCUIT COURT VICTIM COST COLLECTIONS - CRIMINAL CASES

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Allegany County	\$1,192.50	\$667.00	\$12,058.00	\$1,305.00	\$2,247.50	\$1,872.50	\$2,240.00
Anne Arundel County	\$18,673.29	\$16,427.95	\$20,458.37	\$22,290.17	\$20,048.23	\$19,226.61	\$18,661.02
Baltimore City	\$18,364.57	\$18,207.81	\$10,477.00	\$8,154.72	\$5,721.55	\$2,603.89	\$15,787.53
Baltimore County	\$8,269.31	\$10,770.58	\$13,505.60	\$15,451.00	\$24,668.97	\$23,873.94	\$21,174.46
Calvert County	\$3,103.75	\$2,860.00	\$2,498.90	\$2,890.87	\$3,843.07	\$3,524.92	\$3,294.50
Caroline County	\$2,196.85	\$1,122.00	\$2,619.62	\$2,298.79	\$3,064.08	\$2,765.50	\$3,430.23
Carroll County	\$5,573.82	\$5,159.70	\$5,355.20	\$6,405.76	\$7,256.60	\$6,917.26	\$7,539.20
Cecil County	\$8,181.75	\$7,285.06	\$9,515.29	\$12,851.14	\$17,273.99	\$16,365.98	\$11,461.38
Charles County	\$4,012.50	\$3,342.50	\$3,439.38	\$3,583.88	\$4,316.03	\$4,348.30	\$5,299.65
Dorchester County	\$1,448.50	\$1,363.90	\$1,813.98	\$1,443.90	\$1,836.75	\$1,349.00	\$1,358.50
Frederick County	\$20,103.48	\$15,699.64	\$15,913.80	\$13,895.05	\$13,725.26	\$11,949.43	\$12,203.09
Garrett County	\$45.00	\$77.50	\$300.00	\$285.00	\$892.50	\$787.50	\$1,147.50
Harford County	\$12,969.22	\$15,901.63	\$16,283.11	\$15,867.42	\$17,278.20	\$17,767.52	\$16,053.52
Howard County	\$3,874.92	\$3,750.47	\$4,272.24	\$2,762.11	\$3,369.08	\$3,236.60	\$3,467.79
Kent County	\$2,032.50	\$1,740.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,439.87	\$1,393.55	\$1,037.50	\$1,165.00
Montgomery County	\$8,486.12	\$8,303.20	\$9,471.28	\$8,489.40	\$10,216.09	\$8,551.33	\$8,670.00
Prince George's County	\$10,544.73	\$7,507.71	\$8,701.21	\$11,040.37	\$15,116.26	\$22,589.08	\$18,266.53
Queen Anne's County	\$2,164.50	\$2,280.00	\$1,517.85	\$1,627.50	\$1,837.00	\$2,332.69	\$3,113.31
St. Mary's County	\$3,147.50	\$1,845.00	\$1,957.50	\$1,932.50	\$2,274.75	\$1,350.00	\$1,642.50
Somerset County	\$843.95	\$989.17	\$1,299.50	\$1,202.50	\$1,204.68	\$1,239.99	\$1,384.50
Talbot County	\$1,431.50	\$1,662.26	\$1,596.25	\$1,431.50	\$2,486.50	\$1,765.50	\$1,681.50
Washington County	\$14,140.75	\$8,216.13	\$9,463.00	\$8,072.00	\$12,511.00	\$9,937.00	\$9,679.50
Wicomico County	\$9,175.04	\$6,727.90	\$6,257.85	\$6,902.33	\$6,336.04	\$5,855.48	\$5,465.92
Worcester County	\$7,156.00	\$4,750.30	\$3,808.50	\$3,812.84	\$4,003.88	\$3,181.08	\$4,321.92
	\$167,132.05	\$146,657.41	\$164,983.43	\$156,435.62	\$182,921.56	\$174,428.60	\$178,509.05

APPENDIX F

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES
FY 2011 GRANT AWARDS
(July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)**

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	LSCV FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA)	SALI Crime Survivors' Initiative (SALI-CSI)	\$50,000.00	One Year
APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MVOC FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
Harford County Sheriff's Office	Victim's Services Initiative	\$5,354.00	One Year
Baltimore Police Department	Family Crimes Victim Advocate	\$11,893.00	01
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Domestic Violence Clinical Services	\$18,900.00	01
Garrett County Health Department	Garrett County Forensic Health Services Program	\$5,784.00	01
Heartly House, Inc.	Legal Services	\$35,000.00	01
House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.	Enhancing Victim Services	\$35,000.00	01
Human Services Program of Carroll County, Inc.	Domestic Violence Safe House	\$35,000.00	01
Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Crime Victim Intervention	\$29,259.00	01
Mercy Medical Center	Sexual Assault Response Enhancement Project	\$34,750.00	01
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Victim Services Project	\$6,759.00	01
Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City	Latino Victim Advocate II	\$35,000.00	01
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Multidisciplinary Team Training	\$13,724.00	01
Prince George's County, Maryland	Domestic Violence Support	\$459.92	01
Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.	Victims of Crimes: Surviving and Succeeding	\$34,907.00	01
Allegany County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Assistant	\$7,098.05	02
City of Baltimore	Clinical Case Manager	\$40,864.25	02
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	24/7 Safety and Access	\$25,620.00	02
Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Trauma Based Treatment Center	\$26,250.00	02
House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.	Adelante Familia	\$21,338.74	02
Mercy Medical Center	IPV Forensic Examination Kits	\$21,787.00	02
Meritus Medical Center	SAFE Training	\$10,876.00	02
Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office	Child Victim Advocate	\$15,400.41	02
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Child Maltreatment Project	\$22,500.00	02
Prince George's County, Maryland	Victim Advocate Coordinator	\$20,887.69	02
Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)	Crisis Specialist	\$13,722.00	02
Talbot County Department of Social Services	Child Mental Health Support	\$4,734.00	02

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APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MVOC FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)	Victim Services Specialist	\$24,000.00	02
CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor	\$17,500.00	03
Cecil County Board of County Commissioners	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate	\$14,543.58	03
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Children's Clinician	\$17,500.00	03
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	Shelter Case Manager	\$14,750.00	03
Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Crisis Intervention	\$7,432.04	03
For All Seasons, Inc.	Bilingual Legal/Victim Advocate	\$15,892.00	03
Garrett County Health Department	SAFE Program	\$3,101.71	03
Northwest Hospital Center	Strangulation Response	\$16,611.00	03
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Tree House Child Assessment Center	\$17,500.00	03
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc.	Crisis Intervention and Victim Advocacy	\$1,445.00	03
University of Maryland - Ofc. of Research Admin. & Advancement	Campus Victim Assistant	\$15,899.99	03

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**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES
FY 2012 GRANT AWARDS
(July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)**

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	LSCV FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.	Victims' Legal Representation	\$75,000.00	One Year
APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MVOC FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.	The Domestic Violence Crisis Resource Counselor Project	\$35,000.00	01
Cecil County Board of County Commissioners	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate	\$27,923.94	01
Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Lethality Assessment	\$34,339.00	01
For All Seasons, Inc.	Sexual Assault Victim/Legal Advocate	\$27,000.00	01
Kent County Sheriff's Office	Victim-Witness Service Provider	\$35,000.00	01
Roberta's House, Inc.	Homicide Survivors Transformation	\$25,299.99	01
Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy	Domestic Violence Victim Impact	\$27,855.00	01
University of Maryland - Ofc. of Research Admin. & Advancement	Victim Advocacy Services	\$25,350.00	01
YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	YWCA Court Advocate	\$33,367.00	01
Baltimore Police Department	Family Crimes Victim Advocate	\$34,938.60	02
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.	Domestic Violence Clinical Services	\$14,175.00	02
Garrett County Health Department	Forensic Health Services	\$4,338.00	02
Heartly House, Inc.	Legal Services	\$26,250.00	02
House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.	Enhancing Victim Services	\$26,250.00	02
Human Services Program of Carroll County, Inc.	Domestic Violence Safe House	\$26,250.00	02
Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Crime Victim Intervention	\$21,944.00	02
Mercy Medical Center	Sexual Assault Response Enhancement	\$26,047.00	02
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Bilingual Victim Services Project	\$5,069.00	02
Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City	Latino Victim Advocate	\$26,250.00	02
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Multidisciplinary Team Training	\$10,231.86	02
Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.	Victims of Crime: Surviving and Succeeding	\$26,228.00	02
Allegany County State's Attorney's Office	Victim Assistant	\$4,686.55	03
City of Baltimore	Clinical Case Manager	\$17,498.00	03
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Resource Center (Dove Center)	24/7 Safety and Access	\$17,080.00	03
Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Trauma-Based Treatment Center	\$17,500.00	03
House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.	Adelante Familia	\$17,500.00	03

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APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MVOC FUNDS	PROJECT YEAR
Mercy Medical Center	IPV Forensic Examination Kits	\$14,525.00	03
Meritus Medical Center	SAFE Training	\$7,251.00	03
Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County	Child Maltreatment Project	\$15,000.00	03
Prince George's County, Maryland	Victim Advocate Coordinator	\$17,500.00	03
Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc. (SARC)	Crisis Specialist	\$8,958.70	03
Talbot County Department of Social Services	Child Mental Health Support	\$23,687.00	03
TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)	Victim Services Specialist	\$12,000.00	03
Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.	Crisis Support and Intervention	\$13,836.00	04

APPENDIX H

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES
2010 Town Hall Meetings
Legislation Matrix

PROBLEM	Reaction
Violations of Protective Orders are Not Enforced	Establishment of a separate domestic violence assault would enable the state to track domestic violence more effectively and hold offenders accountable by imposing sanctions that reflect the severity of the offense
Batterers Are Often Able to get Joint or Sole Custody of Children	Propose legislation to raise the level of consideration given to domestic violence in child custody determinations & Replicate sex offender classification & Replicate mandatory sentencing for violent domestic offenders
Protection Is Needed During Child Drop-Off Exchanges	Propose legislation that increases penalties for certain crimes committed in the presence of children
Insufficient Protection for Victims of Cyber Crime	Introduce legislation that prohibits and/or increases penalties for stalking through electronic means & Legislation needs to be federal
Not Enough is Done to Investigate and Arrest Human Traffickers	Maryland's definition of Human Trafficking should fall under the federal definition
The Assets of Homicide Victims are Not Protected	Maryland should pursue a Slayer Statute
First Degree Murder Offenders are Given the Possibility of Parole	The State of Maryland could mandate truth-in-sentencing for all homicide cases
Vehicular Homicide can be Charged as a Misdemeanor	Support legislation that would require a person who caused a death in an automobile accident to appear in court
Victims Are Not Receiving Court-Ordered Restitution	Enforce harsh sanctions on offenders if they do not pay restitution to the victim as court mandated

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**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES
2010 Town Hall Meetings**

Training Matrix

Who Needs Training?						
PROBLEM	Law Enforcement	Judges	Commissioners	Prosecutor	Medical Personnel	First Responder
Violations of Protective Orders are Not Enforced	X	X	X			
Domestic Abusers May Become Dangerous on Pre-Trial Release		X		X		
Abuse Continues Due to the Lack of Real Time Monitoring						
Batterers Are Often Able to get Joint or Sole Custody of Children		X				
Protection Is Needed During Child Drop-Off Exchanges						
Insufficient Protection for Victims of Cyber Crime	X	X	X	X		
The Criminal Justice System Does Not Believe Child Victims	X	X	X	X		X
Child Victims are Required to Testify About Their Victimization		X		X		
Inadequate or Insensitive Responses Made to Victims	X	X	X		X	X
There is a Lack of Communication About Registered Sex Offenders						
Not Enough is Done to Investigate and Arrest Human Traffickers	X			X		X
The Assets of Homicide Victims are Not Protected						
First Degree Murder Offenders are Given the Possibility of Parole		X	X	X		
Vehicular Homicide can be Charged as a Misdemeanor	X					
Victims Are Not Receiving Court-Ordered Restitution		X		X		

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**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES
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Policy Matrix

PROBLEM	Reaction
Domestic Abusers May Become Dangerous on Pre-Trial Release	Monitor judge's discretion using Court Watch programs
Abuse Continues Due to the Lack of Real Time Monitoring	Monitor and expand the piloted hybrid program
Protection Is Needed During Child Drop-Off Exchanges	Continue to develop the Safe Haven Visitation Center project & Replicate law enforcement information exchange
Insufficient Protection for Victims of Cyber Crime	Survey how other states are addressing Cyber Stalking & Conduct a sample of School Boards and Police Departments within the State of Maryland to gather further information regarding confidence, available technology, partnership, and skills needed to stop Cyber Stalking
The Criminal Justice System Does Not Believe Child Victims	Survey the budget and costs of Expert Witnesses
Child Victims are Required to Testify About Their Victimization	Conduct a survey to find who is using the "Jane Doe" law & Develop a national calendar of training & Child cases should be moved up the docket and set as a priority because children's stories may change over time due to the insufficient recollection, or influence from others
Inadequate or Insensitive Responses Made to Victims	Conduct a survey to find who is using the "Jane Doe" law & Provide a statistical analysis of in-service training
Not Enough is Done to Investigate and Arrest Human Traffickers	Build a partnership with the Human Trafficking Federal Taskforce
Victims Are Not Receiving Court-Ordered Restitution	Implement automated restitution & DPP and VINE should link websites to ensure victims are receiving restitution

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2010 Town Hall Meetings

Technology Matrix

PROBLEM	Reaction
Abuse Continues Due to the Lack of Real Time Monitoring	Increase the state's use of hybrid monitoring or active monitoring for certain domestic abusers
Child Victims are Required to Testify About Their Victimization	Maryland could pursue two-way video testimony as other states have done in the absence of Supreme Court guidance
Not Enough is Done to Investigate and Arrest Human Traffickers	Maryland can start tracking cases of human trafficking more closely

Public Awareness & Community Outreach Matrix

PROBLEM	Reaction
There is a Lack of Communication About Registered Sex Offenders	Increase public awareness through community outreach (e.g., community notification, etc.)
Not Enough is Done to Investigate and Arrest Human Traffickers	Provide public awareness through the POLARIS Project
First Degree Murder Offenders are Given the Possibility of Parole	Public awareness should be provided to members of the community