

New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA) *Spring/Summer 2018 Application*

The New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy (NJVAA) offers training in three programs:

Foundational Series: designed for advocates new to victim services, is an intensive, 40-hour academically based training experience providing a fundamental overview of crime victim services addressing topics such as victimology, the judicial system, advocacy, and issues central to working with victims of crime in New Jersey. Participation in the academy can serve as the first level of training.

Advanced Academy: consists of two-day training courses designed for more experienced professionals working with victims of crime or those who have completed the Foundational Series and received a certificate.

Skills Sessions: designed to build skills that address emerging issues consist of professional development trainings for providers and advocates at all levels of victim services.

Academy Objectives:

1. Offer a comprehensive, academic-based curriculum to enhance the quality of victim services.
2. Meet the foundation-level training needs of a wide range of victim service providers and allied professionals.
3. Enhance the social service, criminal justice, medical and mental health networks to ease the trauma of crime.

NJVAA Eligibility: To be eligible for selection to attend the Academy courses, candidates must:

1. Complete the application.
2. Serve in a paid or volunteer position having direct contact with victims of crime in New Jersey.
3. Have the appropriate number of years experience serving victims of crime for the course you are taking.
4. **For the Foundational Series, applicants must agree to attend all eight sessions.**

Certificate of Graduation: Participants receive a certificate upon successful completion of all eight Foundational Series sessions. The National Advocate Credentialing Program® (NACP), pre-Approved the NJVAA Foundational Series forty-hour basic training program.

Academy Costs and Time Frames: The NJVAA selects approximately 30 candidates representing both disciplinary and geographic diversity to attend **the Academy Offerings**. There is NO cost to attend NJVAA trainings. Registration is required for approval. We provide your course materials; meals are on your own.

Cancellation Policy: We request a written notice of cancellation to accommodate all interested candidates that might be on the waiting list (*guidelines for cancellation dates outlined below*). Failure to cancel in a timely manner may jeopardize your ability to register early for additional trainings.

- three weeks prior to the Foundational Series' start date and
- one week prior to an Advanced Series' or Skill Session's training

We have a limited number of available seats. We fill seats on a first come first serve basis and notify applicants of successful registration within one week of receipt of application. *Please let us know if you require any special accommodations.*

Email completed and signed application form to njvaa@ssw.rutgers.edu or call 848-932-0502 for any questions.



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Register early to reserve your seat. We fill seats on a first come first serve basis.
NOTE: The NJVAA selects approximately 30 candidates for each course.

Type or Print clearly. Incomplete applications are not considered.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Organization: _____ County: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Current Position/Title: _____ [] Paid [] Full-time [] Part-time [] Volunteer
Education Level: [] HS Diploma [] Associate's [] Bachelor's [] Master's [] Other: _____
Number of years of experience in the field of victim services: _____
Please list trainings you have attended related to victim services: _____

Indicate the course for which you are registering:

- [] The Foundational Series: June 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 26 Meriden Health Village 27 S Cooks Bridge Rd Jackson, NJ
Skill Sessions: (1-Day Trainings) [] Family Violence & Animal Abuse:
[] May 8, 2018, 390 George St. New Brunswick, NJ
[] May 24, 2018, 1200 Florence Columbus Rd., Bordentown, NJ
[] Coaching for Resilience: May 14, 2018, 390 George St. New Brunswick, NJ
[] Understanding Elder Abuse: June 21, 2018, 390 George St. New Brunswick, NJ
Advanced Series: (2-Day Trainings) [] LGBTQI: June 11 & 18, 2018; 1719 Rt 10 East, Parsippany, NJ
[] Human Trafficking: July 16 & 17, 2018; 1719 Rt 10 East, Parsippany, NJ

I certify the information provided on this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any omission or misrepresentation of facts or failure to furnish information will automatically invalidate consideration of this application and/or acceptance to the New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy.

FOR FOUNDATIONAL SERIES APPLICANTS:

Please note that acceptance into the Academy is not transferable to another colleague or staff member. By signing below, I signify my commitment to attend the full 40-hour course and to participate in the evaluation of the curriculum.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR ADVANCED SERIES OR SKILL SESSION APPLICANTS:

By signing below, I signify my commitment to attend the one or two-day training and to participate in the evaluation of the curriculum.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Skill Sessions

NJ Victim Assistance Academy

Skill Sessions build skills that address emerging issues. Trainings offered in this NJ Victim Assistance Academy professional development series are for providers & advocates at all levels of victim services.

Who should attend?

- Social Services
- Victim Advocates
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors & Attorneys
- Physicians & Nurses
- Domestic Violence Agencies & Facilities
- Elder Care Agencies

Family Violence & Animal Abuse

Presenter: Phil Arkow

Learn about:

- ⇒ How the link between violence to people & animals predicts domestic, child, & elder abuse
- ⇒ Key issues in assessing & intervening to break the cycle of violence
- ⇒ How to talk with victims about violence in their lives

May 8, 2018

Rutgers University
390 George St., Room 308
New Brunswick, NJ

May 24, 2018

Rutgers Eco Complex
1200 Florence Columbus Rd.
Bordentown, NJ

Resilience

Presenter: Pat Stanislaski

Vicarious trauma affects those who work with victims of crime. Learn how to:

- ⇒ Help victims of crime reach their full potential
- ⇒ Manage compassion fatigue to help yourself and others

May 14, 2018

Rutgers University
390 George St., Room 308
New Brunswick, NJ

Elder Abuse

Presenters: Carole O'Brien & Pat Stanislaski

Elder abuse is an injustice with many consequences for society. It violates the American value of just treatment for all. Learn how to:

- ⇒ Identify, report, and work with victims of elder abuse

June 21, 2018

Rutgers University
390 George St., Room 307
New Brunswick, NJ

Register Today:

Call 732.336.9930

Email NJVAA@sww.rutgers.edu



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Advanced Academies

NJ Victim Assistance Academy

Advanced Academies build the capacity of professionals serving victims of crime by cultivating skills, knowledge, and attitudes through training opportunities. Participants will learn and practice, with advocates across the state, the essential skills needed to empower crime victims to regain control of their lives.

LGBTQI

June 11th & 18th
(Presenter: Gabriela Celerio
Rutgers University, IFF
1719 Route 10, Suite 101
Parsippany, NJ

Human Trafficking

July 16th & 17th
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Foundation Series

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8-Day Training: **June 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 26**

Presenter: Christine Heer

Meridian Center 27 S Cooks Bridge Road, Jackson, NJ

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This training is NOVA certified through the National Advocate Credentialing Program.



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