

# The Criminal Justice Council presents Delaware Victim Assistance Academy

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The Criminal Justice Council presents the Delaware Victim Assistance Academy! Based on the National Victim Assistance Academy model, the CJC brings a premier training and education program for new and beginning victim assistance providers that is specific to Delaware.

The mission of the Delaware Victim Assistance Academy (DVAA) is to offer standardized training that integrates interdisciplinary, evidence-based knowledge and practice to victim service professionals and allies by providing a space for learning, networking, and applying new skills. Through training and mentorship opportunities, the DVAA strives to develop a community of practice where Delaware's direct service professionals become more culturally sensitive and inclusive, victim/survivor-centered, and trauma-informed in their work.

### DVAA Goals

1. Provide the foundational skills and tools necessary to work with victims and survivors of crime.
2. Provide information about the victim services field in Delaware to incorporate the history of victim services, as well as local, state, and national resources within the State.
3. Provide an opportunity for advocates to network and gain professional contacts within the field.
4. Broaden and strengthen the professionalism and promote sustainability of victim services in the State of Delaware.

### Academy Faculty

The DVAA Faculty is made up of established and emerging leaders within the state's pool of Victim Assistance providers. Areas of expertise range from the history of the Victims' Rights Movement, to the provision of trauma-informed and victim-centered services, and beyond, to projections of the future Demographics of Delaware to show how the changing needs of our state will affect the services that clients need.

### Who Should Apply?

We encourage individuals who work with victims of crime to attend. This includes paid (full or part-time) staff from a variety of community-based and system-based programs and other allied professionals, such as law enforcement, probation and parole, and corrections.

### How Do I Apply?

Visit <https://cjc.delaware.gov/dvaa>. Be aware that the application includes a personal statement where prospective students are expected to briefly state why they want to attend and how their participation will benefit them, their organization, and their community. **Application deadline is January 11, 2019.**



## Participant Eligibility

The DVAA is designed for victim service providers and allied professionals who have experience of three years or less (0-3 years) in the field. Up to 20 applicants will be accepted to the 2019 Academy.

## Application Process & Cancellation Policy

A link to the online application will be available at <http://cjc.delaware.gov/dvaa>. All applications must be received online by **January 11, 2019**. No hard copies will be accepted. In order to be eligible for selection, candidates must complete all portions of the application. Applicants will be notified of their selection status in **February of 2019**. Once accepted, applicants will be asked to provide a signed letter of support from their supervisor/ program coordinator. The CJC will create a waiting list if more applicants apply than space available. Open spots during the cancellation period will be offered to the wait list on an as-available basis. If an accepted applicant cancels after the Cancellation Deadline (**March 1, 2019**) and the space cannot be filled, the individual will be billed for the first night of the hotel stay (\$94.00+ taxes & fees).

## Orientation Meeting

A Pre-Academy Orientation meeting will be held on **March 12, 2018** in Dover. The exact time, and location will be specified in the acceptance letter.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**December 4, 2018:** Registration opens

**January 11, 2019:** Application deadline

**February 15, 2019:** Applicants are notified of Acceptance Status

**March 1, 2019:** Last date for Accepted Applicants to cancel without penalty

**March 12, 2019:** Orientation Meeting

**March 24-29, 2019:** Academy is held (*Sunday evening session TBD; Monday through Friday 8AM-5PM*)

## Academy Logistics & Costs

The DVAA is a residential training, meaning that the event will occur over six days and five nights at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Each accepted student will receive a scholarship that will cover lodging, breakfast, and lunch for the duration of the training. Dinners will not be provided, and participants will be responsible for those meals and their transportation to and from the Academy. By accepting the invitation to attend, participants must agree to stay all five nights at the selected venue and commit to attending each session in full. The housing costs are supported by funding through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, VOCA-Victim Assistance Grant Program Award #2016-VA-GX-0058. No Federal Funds will be used toward food or beverage; state funds and agency sponsors will provide meals.

## Continuing Education Credit

Continuing education units may be available for selected professions based on those that indicate a need during the application process.

## Certificate of Graduation

Academy attendees who attend, participate in, and successfully complete all learning modules will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants may be eligible to apply for a Provisional Level Credential through the National Advocate Credentialing Program.

## Questions? Contact:

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