

Crime Victims Compensation for Battered Women: Advocating for Economic Justice



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This Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) public education and training project is part of a parallel effort with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) to help domestic violence and sexual assault victims more effectively utilize the Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Program in Pennsylvania.

Funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Bureau of Victims' Services, the project will give local domestic violence program staff the information and advocacy tips they need to help victims of domestic violence access the CVC program. In addition, it will give advocates some guidance in how to discuss financial matters, including CVC, and incorporate safety planning into the CVC process.

To this end, PCADV produced the materials in this handbook, **Crime Victims Compensation for Battered Women: Advocating for Economic Justice**. This resource includes:

- ⑥ A review of the CVC program and guidelines
- ⑥ A host of tools and information to more thoroughly understand the system
- ⑥ Specific tips for advocates
- ⑥ A number of checklists
- ⑥ Materials to support advocates' work with the CVC program
- ⑥ Information for victims of domestic violence crimes

The handbook will be distributed and used in the 12 trainings the Coalition will conduct for line staff from local domestic violence programs, representing each of five key advocacy groups: Children's, Counselor, Legal, Medical and TANF. The statewide trainings will focus on how to strengthen advocacy efforts to support participation in the CVC program by victims of domestic violence.

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