

# new york state coalition against sexual assault

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## **New York State Victim Assistance Academy** Unlock the Power of Knowledge

**June 13 - 17, 2005 at** 

Topics that will be covered in this five-day Academy include:


- Types of victimization, including homicide, sexual assault, terrorism, hate crimes, stalking, family violence, identity theft, child victimization, elder abuse, intoxicated driving, and more.
- Crime victim compensation, reimbursement and other remedies.
- Mental Health needs of victims, coping with trauma and grief.
- Taking care of the caregiver: stress management for providers.
- The role of criminal justice systems (criminal, civil, juvenile, alternative, restorative) and victims rights.
- Race, class, sexual orientation, age, gender, ethnicity, immigration status, language, religion, rural, suburban and urban issues and their impact on effective service delivery.

Participants will receive a student workbook (printed or on CD ROM) with historical, theoretical, practical, statutory and resource information. Students will have temporary e-mail accounts and access to a Blackboard electronic discussion group.

**Applications are being accepted until April 8, 2005.**

**If you would like an application, please send an email to: [application@nyscasa.org](mailto:application@nyscasa.org) or call Jean Fei from NYSCASA at 518-482-4222**

The New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) is the grant recipient and lead agency in the development of the NYSVAA. NYSCASA is a statewide, nonprofit membership organization that provides technical support and assistance to 78 Rape Crisis Programs and advocates for the effective response to all people affected by sexual assault.

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The New York State Victim Assistance Academy (NYSVAA) offers an opportunity to live, work, study and network with providers from all areas of victim services. The Academy is designed to provide a basic foundation in victims' rights, advocacy, issues, laws, standards, and procedures unique to New York State.

### **Buffalo State College, State University of New York**

Buffalo State College (BSC) is the largest four-year college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. BSC is located in the vibrant museum district of Buffalo, surrounded by cafés, restaurants, shops and Victorian-styled houses.

### **Who Should Attend?**

The NYSVAA encourages a broad representation of individuals, organizations and agencies serving crime victims in New York State. The NYSVAA is designed primarily for people who have either less than five years of experience in the field of crime victim advocacy or less than five years of experience in their area of specialization. Applicants with more than five years experience should address their interest in attending in question 5 of the application.

### **Application Process**

You can quickly get an application by sending an email to [application@nyscasa.org](mailto:application@nyscasa.org). Please feel free to copy and share the form with other victim service providers who would like to attend this Academy. The completed form, personal statement, and one letter of recommendation must be received by April 8, 2005. Do not send your registration fee at this time. The fee is due upon notification of acceptance. Class size is limited to 50 participants.

### **Selection criteria**

Victim service providers and allied professionals who demonstrate a commitment of service to crime victims will be considered, with preference for those with less than five years of experience in their area of specialization. The Academy will consider additional criteria in order to represent urban, suburban, and rural communities and the State's wide range of racial, cultural, and professional groups.

### **Academy Cost and Time Frame**

The cost of the Academy is \$300, which includes registration for the 40-hour course, meals, lodging in residence halls for five days, course materials, student manual, temporary ID card, access to library and computer labs, plus parking. Some scholarships are available based on need. Registration for rooms will be available on Sunday, June 12 starting at 4:00 PM. The Academy's first session will begin 8 AM on Monday, June 13. It ends at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 17.

### **Certificate of Completion**

Upon successful completion of the entire Academy, including participation in all sessions, participants will be awarded a certificate.

### **Academic Credit & Additional Certifications**

Academic and Continuing Education Credits are available for additional fees. Other certifications may also be available.

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