

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

★ **Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse**

In this program, Crime Victims Council combines their expertise of working with victims of childhood abuse and their experience of partnering with criminal justice, medical, and community systems into this highly informative training for professionals who work with children. Training pieces include the history of the Child Protective Services law, defining the 10 categories of abuse, signs and symptoms of victimization, handling disclosures, and reporting suspected abuse to ChildLine. This training is certified by the PA Department of Education and the PA Department of Human Services and will satisfy the Act 126 and Act 31 mandates (2 or 3 hours).

★ **Victims' Rights and the Impact of Crime**

The Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley has been in the business of offering healing and hope to victims since 1973. This program focuses on the important services available to all victims in Lehigh and Northampton Counties. An overview of victimization, the emotional aftermath of crime and trauma, and barriers that prevent victims from receiving services will be discussed. This program will also examine victim's rights and take a look at how victims often experience the criminal justice system.

★ **Sexual Violence Prevention and Awareness**

This training encompasses much of what Crime Victims Council stands for. Information on multiple forms of sexual violence including sexual coercion will be provided. This training also focusses on examining critical short-term and long-term effects that victims of sexual violence may experience. Common reactions of significant others and appropriate active and reflective listening skills will give participants insight into the best way to support victims in a compassionate and professional manner. In addition, information about community-based resources and links to support organizations will be provided.

★ **Parents in the Know**

Parents in the Know is a program designed for professionals that defines their role in the prevention of child sexual abuse. This multi-session course gives an in-depth look at the underlying factors that contribute to the issue of violence against children. Participants will learn not only what makes a child more vulnerable to violence, but how to respond to and support child survivors. Participants will also learn about steps they can take to help prevent child sexual abuse in both their professional and personal lives.

★ **Respect at Work**

This workshop offers the expertise of CVC Advocates to assess workplace climates related to sexual harassment prevention and policy. The holistic, comprehensive, bystander focused approach of this program will build employees' knowledge about sexual harassment and response within the organization. Follow up training is available and highly recommended for supervisors to strengthen their abilities to respond to reports of sexual harassment and promote a respectful workplace.

The programs described are provided at NO COST. All our programs can be adjusted to suit the needs of the specific group. All our programs include a brief overview of CVC services. If available, we do need technology for the use of PowerPoint during the program.



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