

PCCD STOP Protocol Development Tools

Introduction to the field

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“Growth is a spiral process, doubling back on itself, reassessing and regrouping.” –
[Julia Margaret Cameron](#)



► My how things have changed!

1994 – VAWA Enacted

- Bill Clinton President
- 11 Million US Homes connected to the Internet
- 16% of Americans had a cell phone
- First “spam” email sent
- PA Act 85 establishes a statewide registry of protection orders
- Federal Assault Weapons Ban
- Friends #1 TV Show

2022 – VAWA Reauthorized 5th Time

- Joe Biden President
- **109** Million US Homes connected to the Internet
- **82%** of Americans have smart phones
- **60 Billion** Spam Emails per day
- Individuals convicted of sex trafficking added to PA Megan’s Law Sex Offender Registry
- Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Signed into Law
- Stranger Things #1 TV Show

➤ Why Revisit Protocol Requirements?

- VAWA reauthorized with new certification requirement for prosecutors.
- Many tools, trainings and resources exist that were not previously available.
- STOP Teams have grown in their collaboration, knowledge and expertise.
- Move towards consistency in response across Pennsylvania by outlining the essential components of the response.
- There have been advances in the understanding of the needs of survivors and enhanced practices have evolved to meet those needs.

➤ Reassessing STOP Protocol Requirements

In early 2021, PCCD called together a workgroup of statewide stakeholder partners:

- Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
- Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association
- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association

Each organization brought their subject matter expertise, unique insights and specialized technical assistance materials to the table.

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➤ Protocol Development Guide Tour

- Introducing our ***newest*** protocol development tools
 - We know you are busy providing direct services. These tools provide all the information STOP Teams need to create, supplement, or refine their DV and SA protocols to meet PCCD standards.
 - With these tools, there is no need to “start from scratch” or piece together unrelated sample protocols. We’ve done the initial legwork for you. Now its time to customize the templates to fit your jurisdiction’s needs.

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Domestic Violence Protocol Guide

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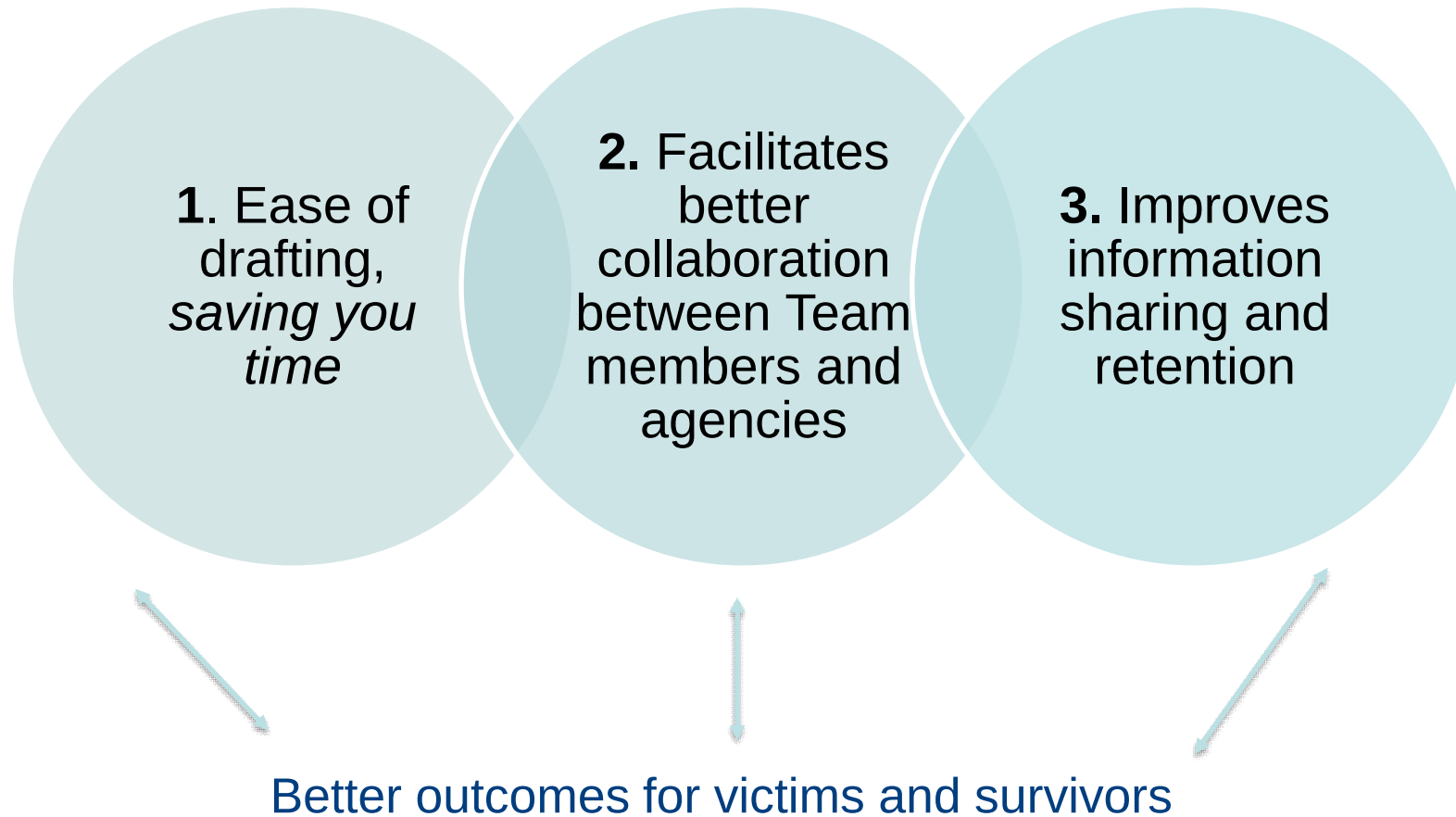
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➤ Benefits to using these tools



➤ 1. Ease of Drafting

- The protocol guides act as plug-and-play templates that include all of the information required for your Team to draft complete, well-research coordinated-community response protocols.
 - There are areas in [brackets and highlighted with a blue background] to assist Teams in filling out their own information.
 - [Blue sections] contain drafting prompts, hyperlinks to applicable resources or statutes, and some sections include sample language that may be adopted verbatim.
 - There are many sections that contain standardized information already completed and vetted by experts.

1. Ease of Drafting

1. Pennsylvania Law

[Refer to 18 PA. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 2718 and provide a breakdown of Pennsylvania's strangulation law and affirmative defenses (statutes are also located in **appendix 1**. Your Team needs to clearly determine *when* such defenses when be considered. More information on Pennsylvania's strangulation law can be found on PCADV's website.]

Legal citation & hyperlink to full text of statute

2. Signs and Symptoms

1. Identifying physical symptoms of strangulation: [Your STOP Team should research and discuss the physical symptoms of strangulation including those that show external signs of injury and those that do not. Helpful resources can be found on PCAR's website, as well as through The Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention **EXAMPLE: Red eyes or spots (petechiae), neck swelling...**]

Statutes referenced are also available in appendix 1 (no internet required)

Hyperlinks to local and national resources

2. Identifying victims' language around strangulation: [Your STOP Team should research and discuss how victims and survivors talk about strangulation, the common terms they use, and the physical and mental symptoms they report experiencing.]

Example language

3. The need for immediate medical response and evaluation, even when physical signs are not visible: Victims may look fine and say they are fine, but just underneath the skin there may be internal injury and/or delayed complications. Internal injury may take a few hours to be appreciated and is why an immediate medical response and evaluation is so important. The victim may develop serious bodily injuries from the strangulation, and these can even result in the victim's death hours or days after the initial incident.⁵

Pre-drafted sections reviewed by field experts

➤ 1. Ease of Drafting

- Tracks with PCAR's *Effective Collaboration for SART / STOP Teams* video training series.
- Appendices include:
 - STOP Grantee statute compilation: Full text of statutes referenced in protocol templates with hyperlinks.
 - PA Protective order chart: Explains all types of protective orders available in PA.
 - Supplemental law enforcement trauma-informed evidence-based investigation and initiating arrest protocol guides: Full templates for law enforcement who do not yet have a protocol on point for these situations.
 - Supplemental basic human trafficking protocol guide: An optional template for Teams who desire a more robust section about human trafficking in their protocol.

➤ 2. Facilitates Collaboration

- Multidisciplinary collaboration is essential for a proactive coordinated community response. The protocol guide template includes prompts for members of the STOP Team to discuss certain topics and agree upon a shared response.

2. STOP Collaborative Team Suggested Membership

It is encouraged for STOP Teams to include additional stakeholders in their collaborative community response. [Directions: Reflect with your STOP team about which types of organizations and stakeholders you would like to see become a part of the Team and why their participation would benefit victims and survivors of sexual assault in your community. For example, if there is a migrant farm worker population in your community, having the participation of an organization that has already earned the trust of that population would be beneficial in connecting their clients with the other STOP Team organizations. This section can also help identify where there are gaps in available services and where victims fall through the cracks.]

Discussion prompt
aimed at improving
and expanding
services to survivors



Child Advocacy Center Representative	Public Defender
Dispatch Representative	Medical Advocate
Healthcare Administrator	Judicial / Court Staff

➤ 2. Facilitates Collaboration

- For example, section 3 (Roles in the Coordinated Community Response) requires each member to fill out information about their role and responsibilities as a member of the coordinated community response.
- This helps all members of the Team understand their role and the roles of others, promoting cohesion and thoughtful referrals.

9. Collaboration and Referrals

- a. [Explain the current relationship between healthcare professionals and other members of the team?]
 - i. [How can this be improved upon?]
 - ii. [What are barriers?]
- b. [Explain how referrals are made to other Team agencies and services.]
 - i. [Include information on Memorandums of Understanding ("MOU") with other Team agencies and/or the point person for facilitating referrals and maintaining consistent communication between agencies.]
 - ii. [Include information about how confidentiality is maintained when making referrals and collaborating with other members of the CCR.]

Discussion prompt
aimed at
improving
collaboration

Blueprint for
making referrals
between Team
agencies

3. Information Sharing & Retention

- Not all STOP Teams have the same level of membership, time, and access to resources. These tools ensure that all Teams are on equal footing for protocol development.
- We also recognize that there is high turnover in the fields involved in the coordinated community response. These tools can help institutionalize procedures, practices, and jurisdiction-specific information for your Team agency.

1. Human Trafficking Considerations

[Your STOP Team should summarize the information most relevant to victims and survivors in your community, including information about resources for human trafficking victims available in or near your jurisdiction. Read about human trafficking on the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts ("AOPC") website. *EXAMPLE: There is a strong link between domestic violence and human trafficking. In fact, the federal government has acknowledged that cases that initially present as domestic violence may mask human trafficking, as traffickers often share a romantic or familial relationship with their victims. Human trafficking and domestic violence victimization also share similar power and control dynamics. STOP Domestic Violence Teams are in an excellent position to identify and support trafficking victims either directly or through thoughtful community referrals.*]

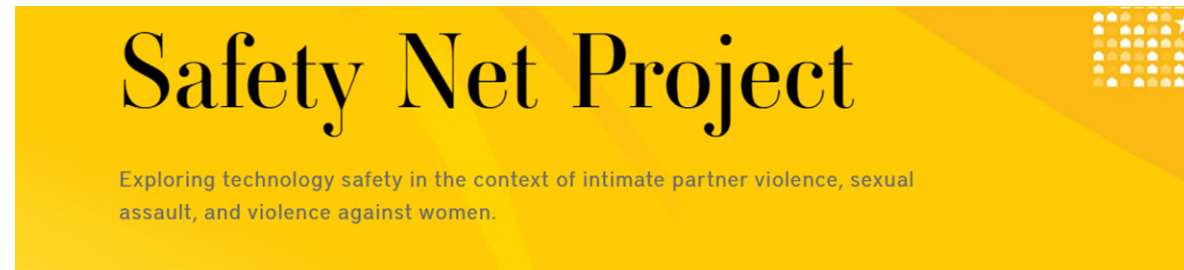
Community Resources: [EXAMPLE: The New Day Drop-In Center provides services to female-identifying survivors in Philadelphia. For referrals, call (267) 838-5866.]

General
information

Local resources
for information &
possible referrals

▶ Technical Assistance Highlights

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www.techsafety.org/confidentiality

Confidentiality Toolkit

For resources about confidentiality considerations specific to the pandemic, please see our [COVID-19 Pandemic Toolkit](#).

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▶ Technical Assistance Highlights

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▶ Technical Assistance Highlights

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The screenshot shows the PAVTN.net website. The header includes the logo 'pavtn.net' with the tagline 'Training for officers by officers.' and navigation links: HOME, TRAINING, CONTACT US, ABOUT, and FAQ. A secondary navigation bar indicates 'Powered by Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association' and includes links for 'My Account', 'My Transcript', and a 'LOG OUT' button. On the left, a 'Training' dropdown menu lists: MPOETC Curriculum, ROLL CALL, Investigation, Police Response, Programs & Systems, and PCPA Sponsored ILT. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the new PAVTN.net!' message, followed by a paragraph about exploring PAVTN and a link to the 'registration request form'. It then promotes 'Naloxone Training for First Responders' with a link to the 'ACT 139 Training for First Responders' page. A link for 'COVID-19' information is also present. Below this is a 'General Support Requests' section. A 'NEW CLEE Course Available' section highlights a course on 'Technology-Facilitated Abuse of an Intimate Partner'. Finally, a 'Now Available! - MPOETC 2023 Courses' section lists four courses: 22-201 Legal Update, 23-301 Tactical Communication, 23-401 Criminal Investigations, and 23-501 Officer Wellness, each worth 3 credit hours.

Training

- MPOETC Curriculum
- ROLL CALL
- Investigation
- Police Response
- Programs & Systems
- PCPA Sponsored ILT

Welcome to the new PAVTN.net!

We are excited to have you explore PAVTN and complete training that will enhance your skills. If you have questions please visit our FAQs.

If you are not a member of PAVTN.net and would like to register, please complete our [registration request form](#).

Are you looking for Naloxone Training for First Responders? Visit the [ACT 139 Training for First Responders](#) page to complete the training and earn your certificate. Law enforcement officers should [login](#) to PAVTN to complete the Naloxone training.

Visit this link for a message from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of police about [COVID-19](#).

General Support Requests

NEW CLEE Course Available

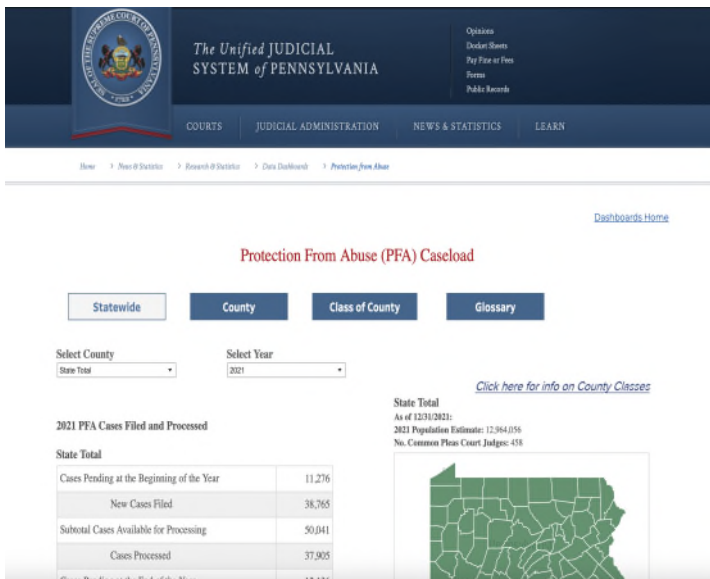
Learn more about investigating Technology-Facilitated Abuse with our latest MPOETC CLEE approved course. [Technology-Facilitated Abuse of an Intimate Partner](#)

Now Available! - MPOETC 2023 Courses

- 22-201 Legal Update a **mandatory training** worth 3 credit hours.
- 23-301 Tactical Communication a **mandatory training** worth 3 credit hours.
- 23-401 Criminal Investigations an elective course worth 3 credit hours.
- 23-501 Officer Wellness an elective course worth 3 credit hours.

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www.pacourts.us/learn



The screenshot shows the 'Human Trafficking' page. It features a video player with a woman's face and the text: "When I was 16, I traded sex for food and shelter." #stopPAttrafficking. To the right of the video is a 'References' section with links to:

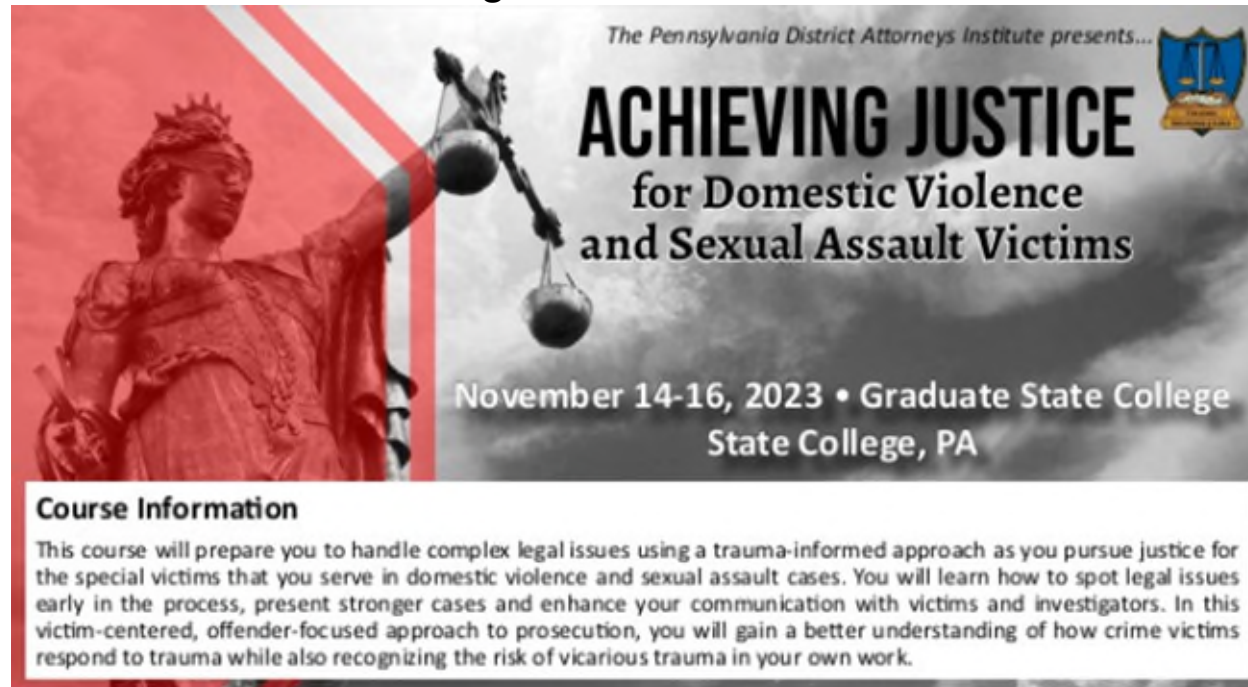
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING BENCH CARD FOR JUDGES
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- HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The screenshot shows the 'Protection Orders' page. It features a video player with a building and the text: (English) Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020. Below the video is a link to 'How to file a protection order in Pennsylvania'.

► Technical Assistance Highlights

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Training for Prosecutors



The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute presents...

ACHIEVING JUSTICE

for Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault Victims

November 14-16, 2023 • Graduate State College
State College, PA

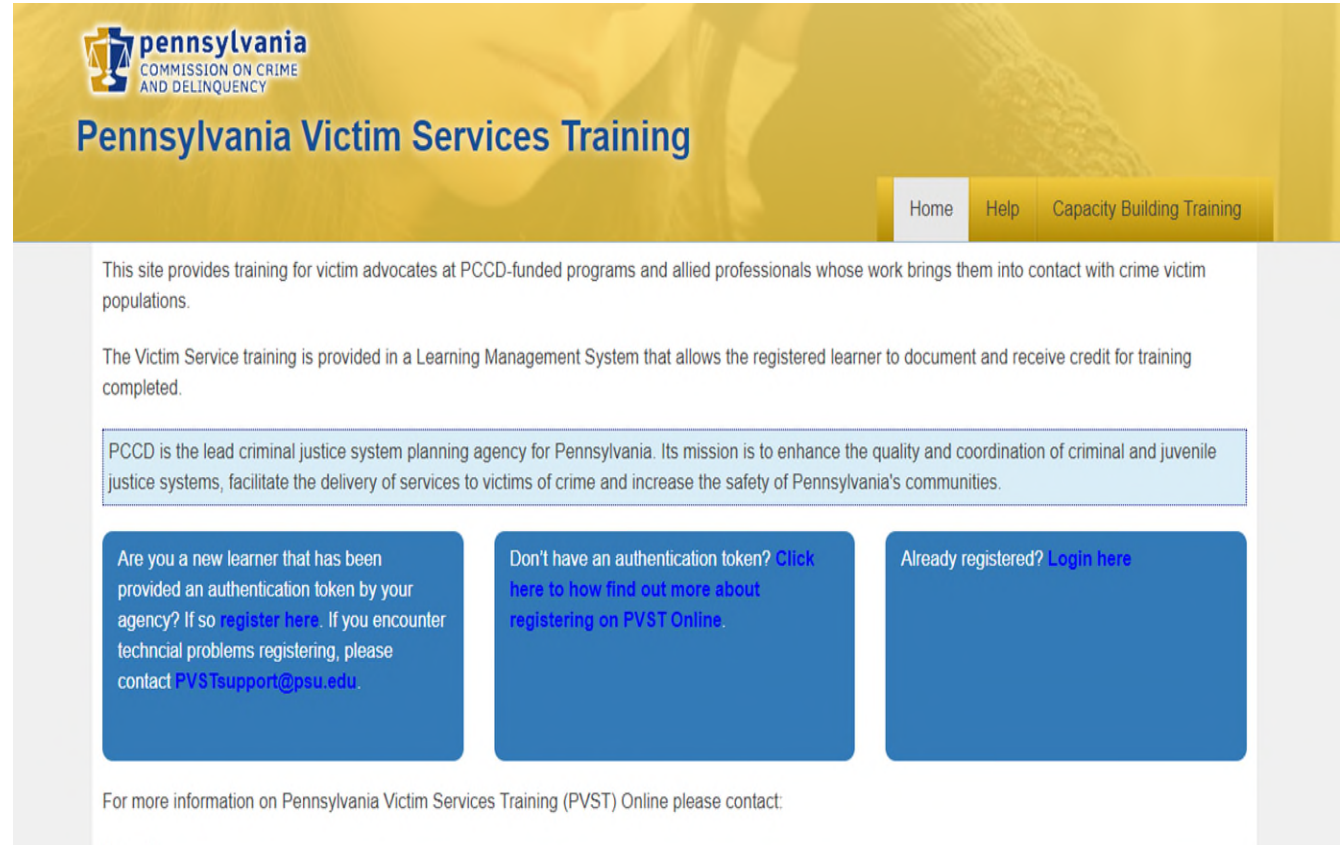
Course Information

This course will prepare you to handle complex legal issues using a trauma-informed approach as you pursue justice for the special victims that you serve in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. You will learn how to spot legal issues early in the process, present stronger cases and enhance your communication with victims and investigators. In this victim-centered, offender-focused approach to prosecution, you will gain a better understanding of how crime victims respond to trauma while also recognizing the risk of vicarious trauma in your own work.

➤ Technical Assistance Highlights

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

<https://pavictimservicestraining.org>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Pennsylvania Victim Services Training website. The header features the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency logo and the title "Pennsylvania Victim Services Training". A navigation bar includes links for "Home", "Help", and "Capacity Building Training". The main content area provides an overview of the training, stating it is for victim advocates at PCCD-funded programs and allied professionals. It also mentions that the training is provided in a Learning Management System. A blue box contains the PCCD mission statement. Below this, there are three blue boxes with links for new learners, users without an authentication token, and already registered users. At the bottom, there is a contact information section for more information on PVST Online.

 **pennsylvania**
COMMISSION ON CRIME
AND DELINQUENCY

Pennsylvania Victim Services Training

Home Help Capacity Building Training

This site provides training for victim advocates at PCCD-funded programs and allied professionals whose work brings them into contact with crime victim populations.

The Victim Service training is provided in a Learning Management System that allows the registered learner to document and receive credit for training completed.

PCCD is the lead criminal justice system planning agency for Pennsylvania. Its mission is to enhance the quality and coordination of criminal and juvenile justice systems, facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime and increase the safety of Pennsylvania's communities.

Are you a new learner that has been provided an authentication token by your agency? If so [register here](#). If you encounter technical problems registering, please contact PVSTsupport@psu.edu.

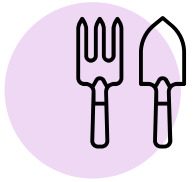
Don't have an authentication token? [Click here to how find out more about registering on PVST Online](#).

Already registered? [Login here](#)

For more information on Pennsylvania Victim Services Training (PVST) Online please contact:

➤ PCCD Timeline and Expectations

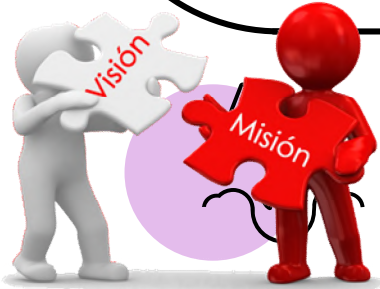
- All currently funded County STOP Projects are required to use the tool to update their protocols.
- Timeline is June 2023 through December 2024.
- PCCD will offer bimonthly check-in meetings to address questions and provide technical assistance.



June 2023

PCCD introduces Protocol Guides to field

PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



Team Renewal

Section1 - A&B

Renew & Reaffirm mission statement and goals;

Examine Membership

Shared definitions



Values Clarification

Section1- C, D & E

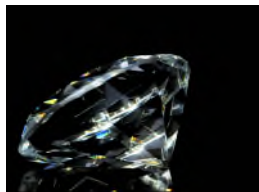
- Guiding Principles
- Certifications
- Victim Protections
- Confidentiality



Context

Section 2 - A, B &C

- Basic training on DV and SA
- Strangulation
- Special Considerations for your community



Finalize Protocols

Refine and Polish draft protocols

Team members endorse the protocols



Test and Refine

Pilot your drafts to see what needs tweaked, improved or replaced.



Writing a Draft

Section 3

Define/Clarify Roles in Response to VAW Crimes

Draft Response Protocols

January 2025

Submit updated protocols to PCCD

SUBMIT



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