

# SOVA



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
State Office of  
Victim Assistance

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Guided by *law*  
Propelled by *humanity*

## **SOVA** *Outreach Services*

It is our intent to provide victims, victim service providers and other victim related organizations across the state with another avenue in which they can coordinate, collaborate, network, and build partnerships as they work together as a team with our agency's Outreach program to meet the needs of crime victims.

Therefore, if your organization is in need of any outreach service assistance, please call 803.734.1900 and ask for the SOVA Outreach Coordinator.



***Training • Technical Assistance •  
Networking • Collaboration •  
Building Partnerships • SOVA  
Displays/Special Events***

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## ***Have You Heard About The State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA)?***

The South Carolina Crime Victims' Compensation Fund is a financial assistance program designed to help victims with expenses directly resulting from a crime that are not covered by other payment sources. It is administered by the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA), and is governed by state and federal laws.

If victims qualify and meet the eligibility requirements for the program, certain costs for recovery treatment or burial arrangements up to the maximum allowed by law; which is \$15,000, may be considered with proper documents.

You may be wondering how the SOVA Outreach Program can assist you as it relates to the crime victims' compensation fund, benefits and services offered to victims. If so, please keep in mind that the SOVA Outreach Coordinator can provide an array of services to providers, schools, colleges, churches and other various community organizations across the state.

## ***How Can SOVA Outreach Services Help Your Organization At Your Next Event?***

- Set up and monitor SOVA display booths/tables at training/special events such as career fairs, job fairs, back to school bashes, recruitment events etc.
- Provide program assistance to your organization by coordinating various victim related training/special events
- Be available to answer questions about SOVA benefits and services
- Provide information about the crime victims' compensation program
- Conduct training for your organization on the compensation program
- Provide agency publication material about the compensation program
- Share resources (clearinghouse for resources)
- Work in a collaborative effort to educate the community about the program
- Network
- Build strong long lasting partnerships
- Work together as a team
- Provide technical assistance

If you would like other assistance that is not listed above, please call SOVA and ask for the Outreach Coordinator.

## **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

The State Office of Victim Assistance would like you to share your thoughts and ideas with us so that we can work together in a collaborative effort to build strong long lasting partnerships to ensure that victims' needs are met as we reach out to various communities across the state.

SOVA is excited about working together in a joint effort to not only build strong long lasting partnerships but to sustain those partnerships over time to help those who are hurting.

## **COLLABORATION**

By collaborating with one another as we work within the vast communities, it allows each organization to come together as one to assess, reassess, develop and implement new programs, services and benefits that may assist crime victims and their families.

## **NETWORKING**

The agency serves as a clearing house as it relates to resources for crime victims, service providers and other community organizations in the victim field. Therefore, networking is vital to SOVA; thereby, ensuring that these resources and information are shared locally and nationally. Also that the doors of communication are open to continue networking with agencies in which victims may come in contact with as it relates to their case (i.e. courts, solicitor's offices, law enforcement, shelters, rape crisis centers, hospitals, etc.).

## **TEAMWORK**

The victim services field and criminal justice system can be very difficult to comprehend and navigate through for most crime victims. Victims will have needs that must be met as their case goes through the criminal justice system and they meet with various advocates. Therefore, SOVA realizes that it takes both internal and external teams to work together. So, our outreach efforts are to help bridge those gaps and to explore ways in which we can all work together to provide victims and families with the services they need.