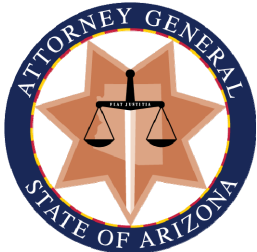


# VICTIMS' RIGHTS BRIEF

For Arizona's Justice System Administrators, Practitioners and Advocates



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The **Victims' Rights Brief** is published by the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, Office of Victim Services. The goal in generating the Brief is to promote justice and healing for crime victims by sharing information and fostering sensitivity within the justice system.

To learn more about victims' rights visit us at [www.azag.gov/victim-services](http://www.azag.gov/victim-services)

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# Victims' Rights Training

The Arizona Attorney General's Office is dedicated to a system of justice that is inclusive of crime victims and will remain vigilant in striving to provide the most efficient and effective service to the people of Arizona. The Office of Victim Services (OVS) is a service-oriented Section within the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office. OVS programs exist for both the direct benefit of crime victims and the many state and local governmental entities in Arizona who serve them. The OVS Victims' Rights Training Program provides state-wide training on victims' rights laws and provision of services to victims of crime. The trainings have been developed to set the stage for an effective approach to achieving the statutory intent of victims' rights in an effort to expand delivery and improve the quality of victims' rights services.

**Basic Victims' Rights Training** is suggested for employees new to victims' rights OR for anyone who needs a refresher. The content covers fundamental information about victims' rights for victims of a criminal offense or delinquent act and includes a brief history of victims' rights, definitions, and a victim's journey through the criminal and juvenile justice system, pre and post-conviction/adjudication, and also includes information on restitution. The Basic Victims' Rights Training is a five-hour training and is usually scheduled from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

**Advanced Victims' Rights Training** is intended for experienced victim services providers, such as those who have completed our Basic Training session, as well as anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of victims' rights. This training provides the most current legislative updates and case law discussions. The Advanced Victims' Rights Training is presented in a three hour session and is usually scheduled from 9:00AM – 12:00PM.

**Basic and Advanced Victims' Rights Training courses are approved for the following types of credit:**

- Arizona Peace Officer Standards & Training (AZ POST)
- Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET)
- VOCA

**Courses may qualify for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit.**

# Request A Training

In addition to our Basic and Advanced Victims' Rights Trainings, the Office of Victim Services offers a number of specialized trainings that can be scheduled for your agency or organization upon request.

## **Trainings designed for agencies that are responsible for providing victims' rights services:**

- Prosecutor Victims' Rights Training ( 2 hours)
- Law Enforcement Victims' Rights Training\*\* (1.5 hours)
- Probation Victims' Rights Training (1 hour)

\*\*Eligible for AZ POST credit

## **Trainings that provide a general overview of victims' rights related issues:**

- Capital Crime Cases and the Impact on Victims (1.5 hours)
- Victims Have Rights? (1.5 hours)

To schedule a training please contact our office at [OVSTraining@azag.gov](mailto:OVSTraining@azag.gov) or complete the training request form at <https://www.azag.gov/victim-services/request-ovs-training#>.

**\*\*Please note that a minimum of 15 attendees are required to schedule a training session.\*\***

# What Attendees Are Saying

- *"It was such an interesting class, I enjoyed the training. It left me wanting to learn even more."*
- *"A lot of great info, it was easy to comprehend and the training was amazing!"*
- *"I really enjoyed the walk through the justice system, the passion, and the victim impact statement"*
- *"The training was great and the presentation was masterfully put together and organized."*
- *"The whole thing got my interest. I learned a lot today and I have a better understanding of victim rights"*
- *"It was excellent! Far exceeded my expectations"*

**We encourage you to attend one of our upcoming training sessions and see for yourself.**

The list of currently scheduled trainings can be found at

<https://www.azag.gov/victim-services/victims-rights-training-schedule>