VICTIMS' RIGHTS BRIEF

For Arizona's Justice System Administrators, Practitioners and Advocates



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The Victims' Rights Brief is published by 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

If you have questions, suggestions or an idea for an article, contact Colette Chapman at (602) 542-8848.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 19 - 25, 2015, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

Every year, the recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week pro-

vides an opportunity to bring awareness to crime victims and the struggles they face. This year's theme - *Engaging Communities. Empowering Victims.* - emphasizes the role of the entire community, individually and collectively, as we support victims of crime and empower them to direct their own recovery.

Inside this issue is a partial listing of the events occurring nationally and around our state to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week. We invite you to participate and support events to renew your own com-

Statewide online social media campaign sponsored by the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS) provides a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in NCVRW and win a scholarship!

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mitment to your work and honor victims in their recovery.

National

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony

National Archives, William G. McGowan Theater, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408

OVC annually recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services. The award recipients, who are selected from public nominations in ten categories, are extraordinary individuals, organizations, teams, and programs that provide services to victims of crime. The awardees are honored at the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony.

For more information and to register for this event, please visit www.ncvrw.org.

MARICOPA COUNTY

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Recognition Event

The Duce, 525 S. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004

Please join the Arizona Governor's Office, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Arizona Department of Corrections and Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections at their annual event commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This event is held to honor and remember victims of crime and recognize agencies and individuals who assist them in their journey.

Governor Doug Ducey, Attorney General Mark Brnovich and Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery will be presenting awards to honorees who have made a difference in the community through their extraordinary service to crime victims.

The keynote speaker this year is Cindy McCain, co-chair of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council and member of The McCain Institute for International Leadership's Human Trafficking Advisory Council.

There is no cost to attend this event, but an RSVP is REQUIRED, as seating is limited. You can reserve your place by visiting the online registration link: https://2015vrwevent.eventbrite.com. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, April 10, 2015.

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Fair -

Sponsored by the Peoria Police Dept. Victim Assistance Unit and Eve's Place

8335 W. Jefferson, Peoria, AZ 85345

The Crime Victims' Fair will provide educational and resource information regarding crime to the local community. Vendors will be available to meet with the community, distribute flyers and answer questions. Three presentations will be held throughout the day including: Scams Against the Elderly/Identity Theft, Cyber Bullying and Social Media Safety, and Domestic Violence.

For more information on this event, please call 623-773-7019 or 623-773-7436.

NAVAJO COUNTY

Friday, April 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Navajo County Attorney's 6th Annual Victims' Rights Symposium

Northland Pioneer College, 1611 South Main Street, Snowflake, AZ 85937

This event sponsored by the Navajo County Attorney's Office begins with registration and a light breakfast, followed by the opening ceremony featuring the Honorable Brad Carlyon, Navajo County Attorney, who will provide opening remarks. Morning and afternoon workshops, booths, and an award luncheon are on the agenda. The featured speaker at this year's symposium is Dr. Robert Emerick; his keynote address is titled, "Of Course, it Causes Injury. . . Social-Sexual Deviance is a Toxin." Dr. Emerick will also be holding a workshop entitled: "Seven Ways to Preserve your Health and Competence as a Child Sexual Abuse Professional."

To register for this event, please visit:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-victims-rights-symposium-tickets-15881220157

For additional information please contact Cheryl Harris, Navajo County Attorney's Office at 928-524-4026.

PIMA COUNTY

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 12 noon

Victims' Rights Panel (Pima County Attorney's Office and the University of Arizona Law School)

James E. Rogers College of Law, 1201 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85721

Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall and crime victims will share their stories. For more information please call 520-740-5525.

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Charity Bowling Tournament

Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile, Tucson, AZ 85705

Charity Bowling Tournament benefitting the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center. For more information please call 520-243-6420.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Champion for Children & Families Award Luncheon

Double Tree Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon, Tucson, AZ 85711

Champion for Children & Families Award Luncheon benefiting Child & Family Resources. For more information visit www.childfamilyresources.org.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 (All Day)

Dine Out for Safety, benefitting the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault Various Locations

Eat at a participating restaurant and a portion of your bill goes to SACASA! For a list of restaurants or to volunteer please visit www.dineoutforsafety.org.

Friday, April 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Hey Baby Art Against Sexual Violence

Studio One, 197 E. Toole, Tucson, AZ 85701

For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/HeyBaby.Art.

Saturday, April 25, 2015:

10:00 a.m. - Step Up, Speak Out, End Bullying PSA Contest Showcase and Awards Event The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

View anti-bullying award-winning PSAs. For more information visit www.endofbullying.com.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Homicide Survivors' Candlelight Vigil

Children's Memorial Park, Oracle and River, Tucson, AZ 85701

For information call 520-207- 5012 or visit www.azhomicidesurvivors.org.

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Annual Denim Day Live Art Event 4th Avenue in Tucson, AZ

Artists will be painting jeans worn by models at venues on 4th Avenue. For more information contact Kate Meyer at 520-891-9639 or visit www.Facebook.com/denim.daytucson.

PINAL COUNTY

Monday, April 20, 2015:

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Victims' Rights Week Kick Off Dedication Ceremony

City Hall Plaza, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Victims' Rights Week Kick Off Dedication Ceremony. Event open to the public and light refreshments provided. For more information contact Ms. Terry Montijo at 520-421-8600.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Victims' Rights Week Kick Off Event

Pinal County Superior Court, 971 N. Jason Lopez Circle, Florence, AZ 85132

Victims' Rights Week Kick Off Event sponsored by the Pinal County Attorney's Office and Pinal County Sheriff's Office. Event open to the public and light refreshments provided. For more information contact 520-866-6813.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Victims' Rights Week Kick Off Dedication Ceremony

Maricopa City Hall, 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza, Maricopa, AZ 85138

Victims' Rights Week Kick Off Dedication Ceremony. Event open to the public and light refreshments provided. For more information contact 520-568-9098.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Victims' Rights Training session: "Victims have Rights?"

Casa Grande Police Department, 373 E. Val Vista Rd, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Presented by Ms. Erin Yabu, State Victims' Rights Lead Trainer, Arizona Attorney General's Office. Session is open to the public. For more information contact Ms. Wendy Lloyd at 520-421-8700.

Friday, April 24, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Community Event and Candlelight Vigil

Promenade Plaza near the Harkins Theatre, 1341 N Promenade Pkwy, Casa Grande, AZ 85194

Informational booths by local social and victim service providers, silhouette displays, free food and music. Open to the public. Candlelight walk begins at 6:30 p.m. in honor of all victims throughout Arizona. Family Fun Activities until 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2015:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 3rd Annual Jerry Good Victim Rights Awareness Project

Sponsored by the City of Maricopa Police Department

Maricopa City Hall Council Chambers, 39700 W Civic Center Plaza, Maricopa, AZ 85138

The guest speaker is Ms. Yvonne Taylor, Chief Programs Officer at the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. For additional information, please contact Ricardo Alvarado, Public Information Specialist at 520-316-6888 or Mary Witkofski, Community Programs Manager at 520-316-6844.

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Child ID Event

Anthem Merrill Ranch Community - Hunt Hwy and Merrill Ranch Blvd., Florence, AZ 85132

For more information, please contact Ms. Nancy Larsen, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Victim Services, at 520-866-6945.

STATEWIDE

March 18 - April 25, 2015 (Online):

The Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA) 2015 NCVRW Scholarship Sponsored by the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)



Help the ACVS promote community awareness of Crime Victims' Rights by participating in the online social media campaign, and you could win a scholarship to attend an upcoming training event hosted by the AVAA!

Click on the link at http://eepurl.com/bhmulf to read the official rules and to download your official copy of the ACVS "Victims' Rights Matter Because..." sign. On the sign, write down why victims' rights matter to you, then post a photo of yourself holding the completed sign in front of you on the ACVS Facebook or Twitter page, with the hashtags #ACVS2015 and #NCVRW2015.

The deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015. The winner will be announced on April 30, 2015. This scholarship is completely transferable. The winner may choose another person to be the recipient of this scholarship.

For more information please contact Mr. Steve Valdivia, Vice Chair, Arizona Coalition for Victim Services at steve.valdivia@azcvs.net or 602-506-1409.

Find ACVS on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/azcvs.net Follow ACVS on Twitter: https://twitter.com/ACVS_AZ

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

The National Crime Victims' Rights Week Website: http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/index.html

National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2015 Resource Guide: http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw2015/

National Center for Victims of Crime on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ncvcfan

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (1929 – 1968)