

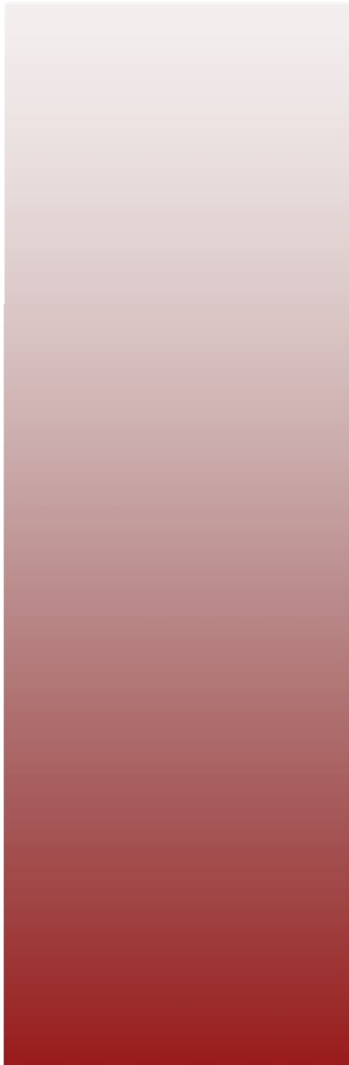


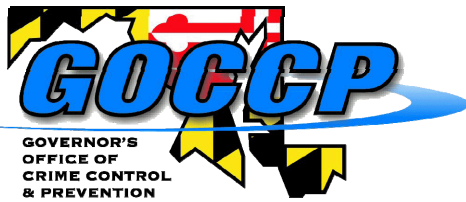
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**Board of  
Victim Services**



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Annual Report  
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December 31, 2013

The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention and the Maryland State Board of Victim Services, in accordance with Criminal Procedure Article Section 11-914, we are pleased to respectfully submit this comprehensive report covering fiscal year 2013. This report is submitted, as mandated, to you, the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

You will find the report contains both the Board's accomplishments in FY2013, along with recommendations for the continued strengthening of programs and services to Maryland's crime victims. The report clearly shows that the State Board continued many of its long-term, dedicated commitments to ensuring critical services and support to Maryland's crime victims remain available, i.e., Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE), continued funding for the Legal Services for Crime Victims grant; and a continued commitment to Maryland's Child Advocacy Centers.

In addition, the State Board undertook new initiatives to meet the needs of underserved crime victim populations. Specifically, the State Board convened a working group to begin to identify the support and service needs of homicide survivors and to identify if those services currently exist state-wide to create a true service map for homicide victims. This research will continue in FY14 and the findings will be presented in an Executive Summary once all research is complete to offer recommendations for ensuring a continuity of services no matter where a homicide survivor(s) live within the State. The State Board also collaborated with members of the Maryland State's Attorney's Association in reviewing and modifying the current Victim Witness Protection and Relocation Fund Guidelines resulting in increased financial assistance to families of homicide and other violent crime categories with trial attendance-related costs.

We are very proud of the dedicated work the State Board, the State Victim Services Coordinator and the staff of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. We are honored to support you in our shared goals, and to see these efforts benefiting the needs of crime victims in our State. While we are all justly proud of the strides made on behalf of crime victims, we know that the needs of crime victims are ever changing and the State Board looks forward to working collaboratively with criminal justice, non-profits and other organizations around the State in FY14 to continue to bring dignity, respect, and sensitivity to all crime victims that addresses changing needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy M. Brown".

Tammy Brown  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen Alexander".

Ellen Alexander  
Chair, State Board of Victim Services

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

*To ensure that all crime victims in the State of Maryland receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services.*

## **Annual Report FY2013**

### **I. OVERVIEW**

The Maryland State Board of Victim Services (Board) and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) are pleased to present this report for Fiscal Year 2013. The annual report highlights the important work carried out by the State Board, State Victim Services Coordinator (State Coordinator) and GOCCP staff, who work in partnership with crime victim service providers, communities, State agencies and the federal government to better serve Maryland crime victims. This report encompasses the Board's activities for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The Board continues its efforts to improve the treatment of crime victims through legislative action, working collectively with criminal justice agencies and private non-profit organizations, creating and expanding innovative initiatives, while welcoming feedback and suggestions from individuals and communities across the state.

### **II. STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES**

Recognizing the unique and distinctive needs of crime victims, the Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services and the position of the State Victim Services Coordinator in 1988. This was done for the purpose of monitoring, assessing, coordinating and making recommendations concerning state and local efforts to assist victims of crime. The Board's mission is to ensure that all crime victims in Maryland are treated with dignity, respect and compassion during all phases of the criminal justice process. In 1991, under the authority of GOCCP, the Maryland General Assembly created the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund to provide funding support for victim services. MVOC money is generated by the collection of court costs imposed on convicted defendants, which is subsequently used to award grant projects that provide direct services to help crime victims. The State Board and GOCCP administer and manage the MVOC and Legal Service for Crime Victims (LSCV) grant projects.

From a national perspective, the State Board is a unique entity; Maryland is a leader in this respect. The GOCCP continues to support State Board activities in the national and statewide arenas.

### **III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Listening to State and local criminal justice agencies and service providers in the field, the State Board took action, which resulted in the following accomplishments:

1. Families of Homicide: The highest and most pressing issue for the State Board over the last two years is meeting the needs of families of homicide victims. In order to accomplish this task, the State Board is assessing existing services; and researching models, best practices and recommendations from other states and the Nation to provide recommendations for these services in Maryland. A report will be completed by the end of 2014 for the Governor.
2. The State Board awarded thirty-two (32) grants totaling \$851,713 in FY 2013 from the Maryland Victims of Crime Fund for direct services to crime victims;
3. The State Board awarded one (1) grant totaling \$75,000 from the Legal Services for Crime Victims fund for legal services to crime victims in the criminal court system;

4. Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) is a priority for the State Board. In 2011, the General Assembly found there was an increase in the number of sexual assault victims in the State. To address this concern, GOCCP was charged with establishing and sustaining child advocacy centers in Maryland. Furthermore, money for child advocacy centers would now receive funding from the State Budget to supplement, but not supplant, money that programs received from other sources. (Md. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Code Ann. § 11-923 (2011)). Simultaneously in support of this legislation, the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund law was amended to include supporting child advocacy centers. (Md. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Code Ann. § 11-916 (2011)).
5. Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) continues to provide information and notification for hearings in District and Circuit courts; custody status of inmates in twenty four (24) detention centers and at the Division of Corrections for offenders on parole and probation; as well status changes for offenders in the Sex Offender Registry. Since 2000, The State Board promotes VINE usage, coordinates trainings and provides daily maintenance and troubleshooting statewide for crime victims, governmental users and citizens who are involved in the criminal justice system.
6. In an effort to integrate crime victim access, mandated forms and information in the developing court case management system, the State Board is following directives from Administrative Office of the Courts, IT Department while collaborating with the Maryland Judiciary and Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) by providing documentation, recommendations and guidance for the inclusion of VINE and later the Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form (CVNF). Crime victims' rights, recognized in current court processing systems, remain an essential component of the planning and successful implementation of the new integrated electronic court system.
7. The State Board conducted two (2) meetings *on-the-road* this fiscal year. The purpose was to educate board members on the practices and needs of communities while providing service providers, local governments and non-profits a platform to voice their opinions before a panel of State and local government representatives. Child Advocacy Centers, government and non-profit organizations all stated that seeking additional funding was a priority to continue and improve services for crime victims in their communities. This topic and others are included in the *Recommendations to the Governor* section of this report.
8. The Roper Victim Assistance Academy (RVAAM) provided basic and advanced training to one hundred and twenty one (121) students in 2013. RVAAM is modeled on the national Victim Assistance Academy, a 40-hour, academically-based education and training program that covers a broad array of topics in victims' rights, victim advocacy and victim and witness services in the criminal adult and juvenile justice system. A victim service provider certification program was implemented in 2012 and this year, eighteen (18) students received their certification.
9. Criminal Injuries Compensation (CICB) funds: The State Board works closely with CICB, as the payer of last resort, to ensure that crime victims are properly compensated for funeral expenses, lost wages, medical expenses and other costs eligible under this mandated fund.

#### **IV. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR**

Building upon these accomplishments, the State Board of Victim Services has articulated specific recommendations for future initiatives. As required by Md. Code, Criminal Procedure §11-914, the State Board is submitting the recommendations to the Governor for the improvement of the treatment and services available to Maryland's victims of crime, as follows:

- Recommendation #1 Provisions should be made to accommodate the individual statewide needs of families of homicide victims. The loss of a loved one is devastating, and the added hardships of funeral and medical expenses, and lost wages are just a few of the costs that an already economically struggling family can incur as a result of a homicide.
- Recommendation #2 Provisions should be made in District and Circuit courts that increase costs imposed on convicted defendants that are distributed into the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC). Citizens and crime victim service providers are seeking continuing support for crime victims through services, statewide trainings, federal and State policies, technology and public awareness and community outreach.
- Recommendation #3 Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) should remain a priority for the Governor through state supported funding, collaborative regional trainings and the promotion of public safety linkages and partnerships between and among federal, state and local agencies.
- Recommendation #4 Roper Victim Assistance Academy (RVAAM) should remain in the state budget supporting basic and advanced training for crime victim service providers and first responders. The certification program for service providers who work at the local and state level provides the necessary skill set to best serve crime victims as they move through the criminal justice system and on with their lives.
- Recommendation #5 Maryland should be a leader in the effort to assist the underserved population of crime victims with disabilities through outreach, training and the encouragement of state and local agency collaboration.
- Recommendation #6 Maryland should continue to support Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) courts, custody, parole, probation, sex offender alert line services as a line item in the State budget.
- Recommendation #7 Maryland should be an active participant with the Maryland Judiciary and Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), a new court case management system with integration of crime victims' rights court forms and information.

**V. STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP**

*(Appendix A)*

**VI. THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES STAFF**

*(Appendix B)*

**VII. LEGISLATION**

The State Board Legislative Committee works closely with GOCCP during the legislative session. Information is shared and testimony provided before the Legislative committees, all in the best interest of serving crime victims in Maryland. The majority of proposed legislation from the Governor relating to crime victim issues is supported by the majority of State Board members.

2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The State Board voted to send letters to the appropriate Legislative committees *in support* of the following bills:

SB 489/ Ch. 485 HB 1211 / Ch. 486

*Senators Shank and Getty*

Entitled: Estates and Trusts – Slayer’s Statute (Ann Sue Metz Law)

Synopsis: This bill disqualifies a person who feloniously and intentionally kills, conspires to kill, or procures the killing of a decedent from benefitting from the death of the decedent. The bill applies only prospectively, to the estate or property of a person who dies on or after the bill’s effective date of October 1, 2013. –*Passed*

SB 276/Ch. 156 HB 295

*The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Gladden, Raskin, Benson, Conway, Currie, Ferguson, Forehand, Frosh, Jones–Rodwell, Kelley, King, Madaleno, Manno, McFadden, Montgomery, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, and Rosapepe*

Entitled: Death Penalty Repeal and Appropriation from Savings to Aid Survivors of Homicide Victims

Synopsis: For the purpose of repealing the death penalty; repealing procedures and requirements related to the death penalty; providing that in certain cases in which the State has filed a notice to seek a sentence of death, the notice shall be considered withdrawn and it shall be considered a notice to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole under certain circumstances; providing that certain persons serving life sentences are not eligible for Patuxent Institution under certain circumstances; altering the circumstance concerning parole for persons serving life sentences when the State sought a certain penalty; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget submission for certain fiscal years a certain amount for the State Victims of Crime Fund; making conforming and clarifying changes; and generally relating to the repeal of the death penalty. - *Passed with amendments*

SB 281/Ch. 427 HB 294

*The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Benson, Conway, Currie, Ferguson, Forehand, Frosh, Kelley, King, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, Peters, Pinsky, Ramirez, Raskin, Robey, Rosapepe, Young, and Zirkin*

Entitled: Firearm Safety Act of 2013

Synopsis: For the purpose of altering the authorization for a person to wear, carry, or transport a handgun to be within certain limitations; ... - *Passed*

SB 258 HB 921/Ch. 652

*Senator Shank*

Entitled: Correctional Services – Inmate Earnings – Compensation for Victims of Crime

Synopsis: For the purpose of adding a requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services pay compensation for victims of crime in accordance with certain provisions to a list of deductions that the Department is required to withhold from an inmate’s earnings; requiring the Department to withhold a certain amount of the earnings of an inmate in a certain program for compensation for victims of crime; requiring the Department to allocate earnings that are withheld in a certain manner; requiring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to distribute certain amounts to a certain person or governmental unit; establishing that compliance with a judgment of restitution is a required condition of work release if work release is allowed; applying certain provisions relating to responsibility for the administration of payments of restitution to the Department instead of to the Division of Parole and Probation; requiring the Department to submit a certain report by a certain date; altering the purpose of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to include distribution of certain restitution payments; and generally relating to compensation for victims of crime. - *Passed*

HB 116/Ch. 39 SB 267/Ch. 38

*Delegates Mitchell, Clippinger, Cluster, Conaway, Cullison, Gutierrez, Haynes, McDermott, Oaks, B. Robinson, and Rosenberg*

Entitled: Courts and Judicial Proceedings – Interception of Communications – Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adult and Medicaid Fraud

Synopsis: For the purpose of adding abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult and offenses relating to Medicaid fraud to those crimes for which certain evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications; and generally relating to interception of communications. - *Passed*

HB 478/SB 861

*Delegate Simmons*

Entitled: Crimes – Committing a Crime of Violence in the Presence of a Minor – Penalties

Synopsis: For the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of violence when the person knows or reasonably should know that a minor of a certain age is present in a residence; establishing certain circumstances under which a minor is present; establishing a certain enhanced penalty for a violation of this Act; authorizing a court to impose an enhanced penalty if the State’s Attorney provides certain notice to the defendant in a certain manner and if certain elements have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt; authorizing the State to include a certain notice in a certain indictment or information; providing that a person who violates this Act is guilty of the abuse of a child under 18 for certain purposes; and generally relating to the commission of crimes of violence in the presence of minors. - *Not Passed*

HB 1186

*Delegates McComas, Cardin, Carter, Clippinger, Cluster, DeBoy, Dumais, Eckardt, Frank, Glass, Hogan, Lee, McConkey, McDermott, McDonough, Mitchell, Otto, Ready, B. Robinson, Rosenberg, Simmons, Smigiel, Sophocleus, Stocksdale, Swain, Valentino–Smith, and Wood*

Entitled: Task Force on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Synopsis: For the purpose of establishing the Task Force on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect. - *Not Passed*

HB 1382

*Delegates McDermott, Cluster, Ready, and Stocksdale*

Entitled: Sentencing Procedures – Statement by Victim or Victim’s Representative (Alex’s Law)

Synopsis: This bill requires, if practicable, a court, in a sentencing or disposition hearing, to allow a victim or the victim’s representative (victim/representative), at the request of the victim/representative, to address the court before imposition of sentence or other disposition. - *Not Passed*

The State Board voted to send letters to the appropriate Legislative committees in *opposition* of the following bill:

HB 154

*Delegates Anderson, Vallario, Carter, Conaway, Dumais, Glenn, and Smigiel*

Entitled: Criminal Procedure – District Court – Stay of Sentence Pending Appeal

Synopsis: FOR the purpose of requiring the District Court, if a person is convicted of a crime in District Court, to stay any sentence imposed that includes an unserved, non-suspended period of imprisonment for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; authorizing a defendant to waive a certain stay of sentence pending appeal; and generally relating to criminal appeals. - *Not Passed*

*2013 Crime Victim Related Legislative Session Summary  
(APPENDIX C)*

## VII. STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES INITIATIVES

### VICTIM INFORMATION NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY (VINE) INITIATIVE (TOLL FREE 866-634-8463 or [www.VINELink.com](http://www.VINELink.com))

VINE is an information service that provides victims of crime with dates for upcoming court hearings, custody status of offenders in local jails and state prisons, as well as parole and probation notification.

#### **Appriss Contract (November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2015)**

- The Appriss, Inc. contract and a state related technical portion of the services are managed by The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Information Technology & Communications Division;
- The State Victim Coordinator works closely with the Appriss Account Manager to monitor usage, troubleshoot, and prepare statewide training events;
- VINE account and program are managed daily by the State Coordinator;
- The contract includes information and notification services for District court, Circuit court, detention centers, Division of Corrections, Community Supervision (parole and probation), sex offenders and Protective Orders;
- A professional Appriss, Inc. trainer provides seven (7) statewide VINE trainings per year;
- Materials are included in the contract and distributed by the State Victim Services Coordinator;
- VINE materials: 53,000 English and Spanish pamphlets, 300 Posters, 9,300 Tear-pads
- Public outreach is part of the agreement and a two (2) year extension was signed to start on November 1, 2013.

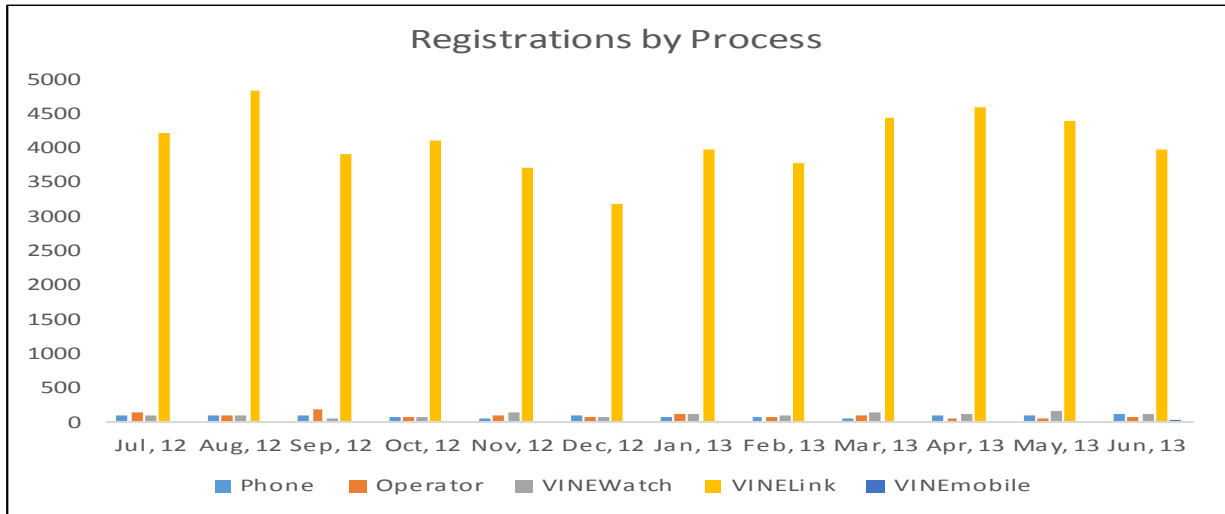
#### **VINE Enhancements:**

- In 2013, Appriss released the VINEMobile smart phone app that allows victims of crime to easily access information on offenders 24/7/365 from their smart phone.
- VINEWatch users now have the ability to update notification methods (phone number, TTY, email address) and apply this update to all offenders the victim is registered against.
- A Phone Number Extensions has been added to accept up to six digits for an extension.
- When registering on VINELink or VINEWatch users will now be required to enter their phone number twice to assure of accuracy and validity.
- Vinelink.com users have the option to check a box and view agency description and contact information fields.

#### **REGISTRATIONS BY PROCESS (FY 2013)**

	Phone	Operator	VINEWatch	VINELink	VINEMobile
<i>Jul, 12</i>	98	151	101	4,225	0
<i>Aug, 12</i>	94	104	102	4,825	0
<i>Sep, 12</i>	97	192	59	3,909	0
<i>Oct, 12</i>	88	85	82	4,103	0
<i>Nov, 12</i>	61	93	141	3,703	0
<i>Dec, 12</i>	93	86	79	3,173	0
<i>Jan, 13</i>	84	115	123	3,970	0
<i>Feb, 13</i>	70	76	102	3,781	0
<i>Mar, 13</i>	66	101	137	4,446	0
<i>Apr, 13</i>	103	65	124	4,583	0
<i>May, 13</i>	92	57	159	4,397	22
<i>Jun, 13</i>	117	70	118	3,976	44

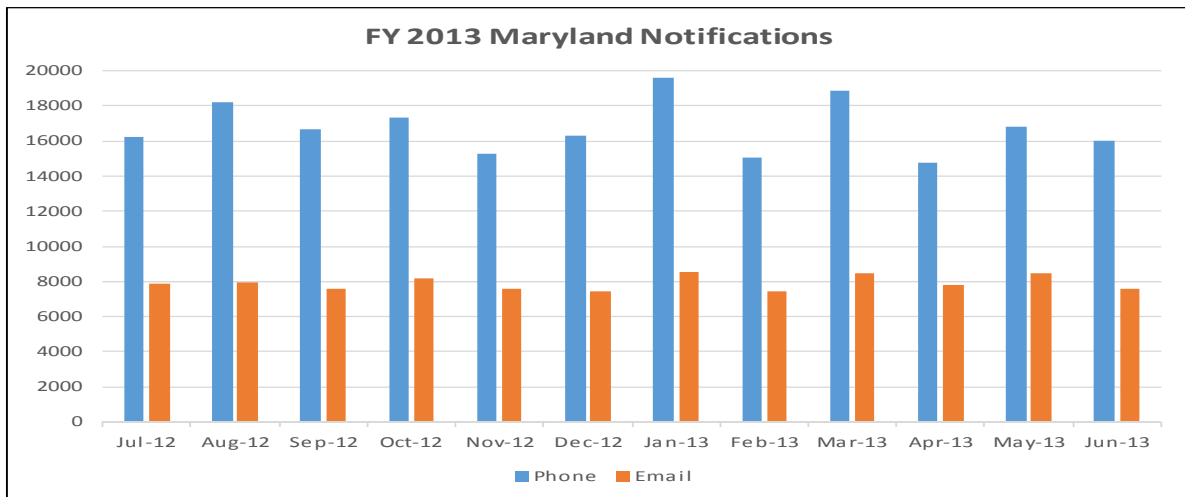




**Registrations by Process by month for FY2013**  
vinelink.com is by far the preferred venue to register.

**NOTIFICATIONS  
FY 2013**

MONTH	PHONE	EMAIL
Aug-12	18167	7916
Sep-12	16695	7609
Oct-12	17303	8139
Nov-12	15295	7595
Dec-12	16291	7464
Jan-13	19606	8510
Feb-13	15048	7440
Mar-13	18858	8442
Apr-13	14747	7790
May-13	16807	8464
Jun-13	16030	7615



**Notifications by month for FY2013**  
Phone, more so than email notification continues to be preferred, however email notification is increasing annually.

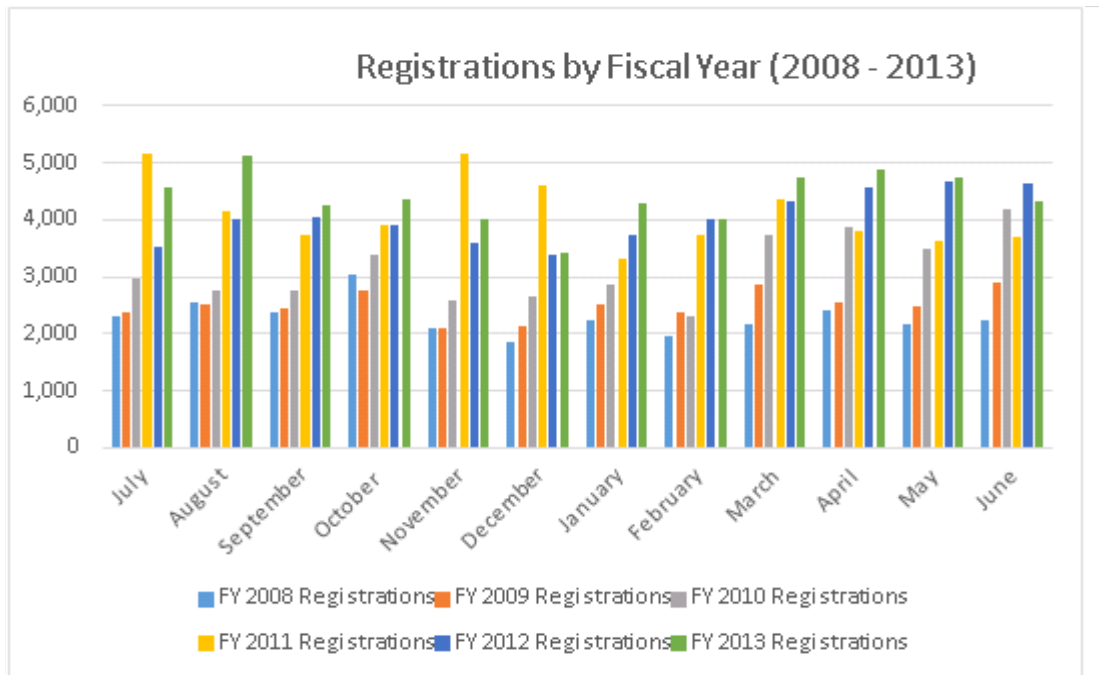
**FY2013 Maryland VINE Statistics (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)**

- 201,145 outgoing phone call notifications made on behalf of Maryland to crime victims and the community
- 94,894 email notifications sent
- Received 36,348 incoming calls to MD VINE toll free number
- 52,753 new registrations for the year
- 1,194,979 total Site Searches (includes VINELink, VINEWatch, phone and VINEMobile)

**REGISTRATIONS  
FY 2013**

	<b>FY 2008 Registrations</b>	<b>FY 2009 Registrations</b>	<b>FY 2010 Registrations</b>	<b>FY 2011 Registrations</b>	<b>FY 2012 Registrations</b>	<b>FY 2013 Registrations</b>
<b>July</b>	2,312	2,367	2,955	5,149	3,534	4,575
<b>August</b>	2,536	2,517	2,762	4,141	4,002	5,125
<b>September</b>	2,391	2,460	2,769	3,721	4,034	4,257
<b>October</b>	3,051	2,751	3,379	3,913	3,921	4,358
<b>November</b>	2,103	2,082	2,586	5,169	3,612	3,998
<b>December</b>	1,838	2,121	2,664	4,598	3,389	3,431
<b>January</b>	2,221	2,522	2,850	3,327	3,747	4,292
<b>February</b>	1,967	2,371	2,317	3,750	4,012	4,029
<b>March</b>	2,157	2,863	3,733	4,350	4,336	4,750
<b>April</b>	2,399	2,544	3,872	3,797	4,558	4,875
<b>May</b>	2,157	2,472	3,486	3,627	4,677	4,733
<b>June</b>	2,222	2,884	4,185	3,694	4,656	4,330
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27,354</b>	<b>29,954</b>	<b>37,558</b>	<b>49,236</b>	<b>48,478</b>	<b>52,753</b>

Chart above FY 2008 – FY2013 (above)      Graph FY 2008 - FY2013 (below)  
 Statistics reflect a fluctuation in monthly registrations with an overall increase in annual usage.



## VINE SERVICES

### High-level

- Ongoing service operation, including live operator support 24/7/365;
- Support of interface hardware and proprietary software used to power VINE;
  - Hardware support may include providing agency a DSL line when needed or sending out a field tech to repair and/or replace hardware;
- Monitoring of all system hardware and software;
- 24 hour troubleshooting support for system alarms helping to minimize potential interruptions in service;
- All incoming and outgoing communications in both English and Spanish;
- Communications costs for transferring data;
- Ongoing support of system script and normal programming changes;
- Public relations support for generating ongoing media updates; and
- Supplies and materials to raise program awareness.

### Details

- Ability to provide 24 hour sensitivity trained live operator support for English and Spanish victims including assistance with information and registration;
- Ability to provide access to a call center available from anywhere in the United States and capable of TTY communication for the hearing impaired and in various languages;
- Ability to provide automated telephone, email, and TTY notifications twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week in English and Spanish;
- Ability to secure victim notification confirmations via assigned PIN;
- Ability to provide a means (PIN Confirmation) to stop calls when a notification has been achieved;
- Ability to provide and maintain a twenty four hours a day, seven days a week public website that allows victims to self-register;

- Ability to provide and maintain a free, private web portal for agencies to assist victims and generate usage reports;
- Ability to provide around the clock, live monitoring of Maryland statewide data feeds which assists in detecting disruptions and repairing problems proactively;
- Ability to monitor systems and agency data;
- Ability to maintain equipment, including antivirus security software, server replacement, upgrades to remote support console and Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) monitoring;
- Ability to conduct training (live, video, or web); and
- Ability to provide help desk support twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week for victim advocates and Maryland officials.

#### Training

- VINEWatch menu for accessing *Appriss University* online training for VINE and VINEWatch;
- VINE training for parole and probation agents with DPSCS Community Supervision to better assist with offender monitoring; and
- Regional statewide trainings are conducted for service providers, law enforcement, detention centers and anyone who works with crime victims.

In conclusion, in order to operate efficiently the VINE system relies heavily on the daily flow of data from the Office of the Administration of the Courts, twenty-four (24) individual detention centers and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. This requires full time supervision and attention from the State Victim Services Coordinator and the Appriss Account Manager. The VINE system continues to improve each year, providing a reliable service for Maryland citizens with accessible information and advanced notification for upcoming court hearings and changes in status for offenders in custody and on parole or probation.

### **VIII. MARYLAND VICTIMS OF CRIME (MVOC) AND LEGAL SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS (LSCV) FUND**

#### Maryland Victims of Crime Fund Mandate

The Maryland Victims of Crime Fund (MVOC Fund) was created by the Maryland General Assembly during the 1991 Legislative Session. The legislation created a source of revenue for programs across the state, dedicated to serving victims of crime. The primary purpose of the MVOC Fund is to ensure implementation of the Declaration of Crime Victims' Rights Amendment to the Maryland Constitution and the Guidelines for Treatment of and Assistance to Crime Victims and Witnesses and other laws adopted to benefit victims and witnesses of crime (MD Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article §11-916).

- The MVOC Fund receives money from court costs collected in criminal cases pursuant to §7-409 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article as established under MD Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article, §11-916.
- The District Court and Circuit Courts have authority to impose fines on convicted offenders. In 1995 a bill was enacted increasing the fine courts could impose from \$20 to \$30 in Circuit Court and from \$10 to \$20 in District Court.
- In 1997, the court costs were increased again and codified whereby the Circuit Court fine is now \$45 and the District Court fine is \$35.
- For Traffic Court, in addition to any other costs required by law, a court shall impose on a defendant convicted of an offense an additional cost of \$3 in the case, including cases in which

the defendant elects to waive the right to trial and pay the fine or penalty deposit established by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative regulation.

- It is the intention of the State Board to propose another increase within the next few years. State and local criminal justice agencies and non-profits are struggling more and more each year to maintain existing crime victim services.

Court costs collections are distributed by the State Comptroller among three victims' funds under Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article Sec., 7-409:

#### District and Circuit Court

- MVOC (\$22.50 from each fee collected by circuit court, \$12.50 from each fee collected by District Court);
- Victim Witness Protection and Relocation Fund (\$2.50 from circuit court and District Court fees); and
- Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (MCICB).

#### Traffic Court

- From the first \$500,000 in fees collected in Traffic Court in the above referenced subsection, in each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall deposit one-half of each fee (\$250,000) into the State Victims of Crime Fund and one-half of each fee into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; and
- For fees collected over and above the referenced \$500,000 in each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall deposit the entire fee into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

#### District Court Collections by Jurisdiction FY 2008 through FY 2013

*(Appendix D)*

#### Circuit Court Collections by Jurisdiction FY 2008 through FY 2013

*(Appendix E)*

#### State Board Grant Policy and Procedure

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for MVOC and LSCV funds are posted on the GOCCP Website ten months prior to the start date of the grant cycle. The State Coordinator will periodically conduct a technical assistance workshop for potential applicants. MVOC and LSCV applications are normally due by the end of November, allowing advance time for reviewing and processing the award packets. The advance grant application process allows local governments the opportunity to plan ahead for the upcoming fiscal year budget. The second and third year MVOC continuation grant applications are submitted to GOCCP and reviewed in the spring each year.

#### MVOC Requirements

##### MVOC Priorities

- Direct Services for Victims of Crime;
- Victim Advocates in Law Enforcement;
- Victim Advocates in State's Attorneys' Offices;

- Enhanced services and support for Child Advocacy Centers (Md. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Code Ann. § 11-916 (2011)); and
- Enhanced services to crime victims that aid and promote the distribution of mandated pamphlets and educate them on their rights according to Maryland law.

#### MVOC PROGRAM PURPOSE AREAS

It is highly recommended that grants supported by the Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Fund support at least one of the following purpose areas:

- Coordinating services for crime victims from first response through the criminal justice system and beyond which include those individuals in law enforcement, prosecutors' offices, courts, victim service agencies, other state agencies, and non-governmental organizations serving crime victims;
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening all victim service programs including private non-profit organizations, police victim/witness sections, and District/Circuit Court victim/witness units;
- Developing or improving the delivery of crime victim services to underserved populations;
- Providing support to specialized domestic violence advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted;
- Developing, expanding, or strengthening crime victim programs addressing non-English speaking citizens;
- Providing state, regional, federal, and national training for crime victim service providers is encouraged as a sole project for an application or as an addition to a project. Topics may include, but are not limited to: communicating and networking with victim/witness service providers, cross training, interaction/communication with crime victims (i.e., first response, status of case, progress of case), judicial accountability, diversity/language barriers, understanding sexual violence, the dynamics of domestic violence, referring victims for follow-up services, promotion of Jane Doe reporting, and cultural sensitivity;
- Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault; and
- Implementing community-driven initiatives to address the needs of crime victims who are included in the underserved populations: people with disabilities, elder victims of crime, and children of physical and sexual abuse.

#### LSCV Requirements

##### LSCV Priority

- The Fund was created to ensure that money obtained from unclaimed restitution under this title is used to provide legal counsel for victims of crime in the criminal court justice system [Md. Code Annotated, Criminal Procedure Article §11-919.
- Each year the Fund provides a salary for one (1) attorney salary.

- The Funds allow for legal representation and related legal support services to Maryland crime victims with special emphasis on some underserved victim populations including child, juvenile, elderly victims, sexual assault and families of homicide victims.

#### LSCV Purpose Area

- An attorney who will protect and defend crime victims' rights as provided by Maryland law; and
- An attorney who will provide legal counsel for crime victims in the *criminal court* system (not defense representation).

#### FY 2013 MVOC and LSCV Grant Applications and Awards

- First year MVOC applications: \$1,305,335
- First year MVOC awards: \$292,228
- Second year MVOC awards: \$279,364
- Third year MVOC awards: \$168,792
- Total FY 2012 MVOC awards: \$740,384
- LSCV applications (5): \$150,000
- FY2013 LSCV award: \$75,000
- Grants start on July 1, 2012 and end on June 30, 2013.

#### FY 2013 Performance Measures

##### MVOC

- 12,833 victims were assisted; and
- 6,844 victims were referred to counseling, education, housing and/or treatment programs.

##### LSCV:

- 243 total crime victims were served over the course of this grant;
- 107 crime victims assisted were assisted over the phone;
- 93 crime victims were meet with face-to-face during this reporting period;
- 107 crime victims were provided with counsel on victims' rights issues this quarter;
- 1 crime victim assisted was the victim of another crime during the prior 12 months;
- 227 people were referred to counseling, education and/or treatment programs; and
- 27 crime victims were assisted with restitution matters.

#### FY 2012 MVOC and LSCV Grant Awards

*(Appendix F)*

### **IX. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES**

#### **STATE BOARD MEETING ON THE ROAD**

##### **CRIME VICTIM MANDATED PAMPHLETS AND FORMS**

Pursuant to duties of the State Board and the mandates of the Constitutional Amendment, Declaration of Rights - Article 47 stating that "a victim of crime shall be treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process," the State Board developed two pamphlets to ensure that a victim's right to be informed are adhered to by law enforcement personnel, commissioners or juvenile

justice intake workers and State’s Attorneys. Statutes, entitled Victims and Witnesses, are detailed in Maryland Ann. Code, Criminal Procedure Article, Title 11.

The mandated materials are tracked in a Brochure Database system for the purpose of accountability and cost effectiveness.

Mandated Materials

*CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services pamphlet*

- Upon first contact with a crime victim or a crime victim’s representative, a law enforcement officer, District Court commissioner or juvenile intake officer shall give the victim or the victim’s representative the “*CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES: Your Rights and Services*” pamphlet.
- This pamphlet is designed to inform the recipient of their rights and services, while outlining the steps a case may go through in the criminal justice process and explaining the criminal justice system’s responsibilities to crime victims and witnesses.
- In addition to law enforcement officers, District Court commissioners and juvenile intake officers shall also give the victim or the victim’s representative the mandated pamphlet (MD Crim. Pro. Code Ann. § 11-914(9)(i)).

*The Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form (CVNF)*

- The prosecuting attorney is mandated to deliver the CVNF form, together with the *Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process* brochure (below) to a crime victim within 10 days of an indictment or information filed in Circuit court.
- The CVNF provides a formal procedural request for a victim or victim’s representative to be notified of all related court hearings and offender status changes in the criminal court system.
- The CVNF follows the offender through the criminal court system, the multi-layer form provides a copy for each agency: Clerk of the Court, State’s Attorney, Detention/Division of Correction/Department of Mental; Hygiene, Parole and Probation, Attorney General’s Office and the victim/victim’s representative.

*Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process* pamphlet

- The pamphlet provides a crime victim or a crime victim representative in Circuit Court with information about their rights and referrals for services in the state.
- The prosecuting attorney is mandated to deliver this pamphlet, together with the *CVNF (above)* to a crime victim within 10 days of an indictment or information filed in Circuit court.

Statewide Distribution Mandated Pamphlets and Forms

Primary Agency Responsible for Distribution Crime Victim Mandated Pamphlets/Form	Language	Quantity Distributed
Law Enforcement <i>Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</i>	English	267,050
Law Enforcement <i>Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services</i>	Spanish	16,870
State’s Attorney’s Office <i>Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process</i>	English	82,620
State’s Attorney’s Office	Spanish	6,950



Primary Agency Responsible for Distribution Crime Victim Mandated Pamphlets/Form	Language	Quantity Distributed
<i>Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Process</i>		
State's Attorney's Office <i>Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form</i>	English	31,558
State's Attorney's Office <i>Crime Victim Notification and Demand for Rights Form</i>	Spanish	250
<b>TOTAL Quantity Distributed</b>		<b>405,298</b>

Statewide Distribution of Crime Victim Mandated Materials between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013

## ANNUAL STATEWIDE MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Victims of Crime Memorial Service is one of two annual events sponsored by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services. The annual services are held to honor those who lost their lives to violent crime in the State of Maryland. The event commences with National Crime Victims Rights Week, which traditionally begins each year in April.

Since 2002, four regional memorial services are held simultaneously statewide. The regional locations address the growing number of participants and provide accessible locations for surviving family members.

The regions are geographically divided as follows:

<u>Eastern Region</u>	<u>Western Region</u>	<u>Southern Region</u>	<u>Northern Region</u>
Caroline	Allegany	Calvert	Anne Arundel
Dorchester	Carroll	Charles	Baltimore City
Kent	Frederick	Prince George's	Baltimore
Queen Anne's	Garrett	St. Mary's	Cecil
Somerset	Montgomery		Harford
Talbot	Washington		Howard
Wicomico			
Worcester			

Each year the State Board's Memorial Service Committee members meet with the hosts from the prior year's service and the hosts for the upcoming year to share information, plan, coordinate and collaborate with one another. All four services maintain uniformity with opening ceremonies led by a color guard, musical selections and the symbolic raising of the banner arranged with doves or stars representing those remembered. Two Governor's proclamations are presented: one to the hosting State's Attorney, and the other to an attending Board member. The most important and compelling part of the Memorial Service is the "Reading of the Names". Names of crime victims are written, read aloud and displayed as remembrance for family, friends and community members.

The State Board provides an annual allocation of \$1,000.00 to each region hosting a memorial service to afford regional coordinators the opportunity to plan programs without added concerns of raising money to finance events, and eliminate ensuing ethical concerns of elected officials regarding fund raising. The State Board supports the continuation of funds for each of the regions hosting services.

### 2013 Victims of Crime Memorial Service

Committee members from the State Board and service providers from the respected state's attorneys' offices coordinated the memorial services.

The Twenty-Forth Annual Victims of Crime Memorial Service was held on Sunday, April 21, 2013.

- The Eastern Regional service was hosted by The Honorable Lance G. Richardson, State's Attorney's Office of Dorchester County and held at the Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge, Md.
- The Western Region was hosted by The Honorable Charles Smith, State's Attorney's Office of Frederick County and was held at Frederick Seventh Day in Frederick, Md.
- The Northern Region service was hosted by The Honorable Frank Weathersbee, State's Attorney's Office of Anne Arundel County and held at Broadneck High School in Annapolis, Md.
- The Southern Regional service was hosted by The Honorable Lance G. Richardson, State's Attorney's Office of Dorchester County and held at the Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge, Md.

#### GOVERNOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE AWARDS and COMMEMORATIVE DAY LUNCHEON



*In 2013, the State Board of Victim Services combined the annual Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon with a new mandate that commemorates April 3 as Crime Victims and Advocates Commemorative Day. From this day forward, the State will annually recognize individuals who have become crime victims and will take a moment to honor the advocates who serve them. The 2013 Luncheon additionally celebrated the 30 year milestone, a historical view of Maryland crime victims' rights movement, with panel speakers and a slide show.*

The Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon is held each year to show appreciation and recognition to an individual, agency, organization or group who does meritorious work on behalf of crime victims or in furtherance of the crime victims' movement in Maryland. The award recognizes outstanding work done in the area of victim advocacy and services that exceeds expected work responsibilities, and exemplifies a high level of commitment and dedication to the field of victims' rights and services and to the victims themselves. This year's awards reflect the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

In 2012, the Governor signed into law House Bill 766 (Chapter 678 of the Laws of Maryland 2012) which requires the Governor annually to proclaim April 3 as *Crime Victims and Advocates Commemorative Day* to give recognition to individuals in the State who have become crime victims and to honor the advocates who serve those victims. Additionally, the law requires the Governor to take appropriate steps to publicize Crime Victims and Advocates Commemorative Day. April 3 was chosen as the date for the commemorative day in memory of Stephanie Roper, who was murdered on that day in 1982 and whose family members established the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

The 2013 Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Annapolis in Annapolis, Maryland.

Master of Ceremonies: Debra Tall, Chair Governor's Luncheon Committee

## **Governor's Proclamation**

Colonel Marcus Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police presented Vincent and Roberta Roper with the *First Annual Crime Victim and Advocate Commemorative Day Proclamation*.

## **Milestone Celebration and Slideshow**

Roberta Roper introduced and spoke about the historical aspects of the Proclamation and the Milestones Slideshow then introduced five influential panel speakers that have impacted the crime victims' movement in Maryland over the last 30 years. Each speaker briefly and shared their journey and their unique story.

Milestone Speakers:

Diane Champe'  
Christine Collins  
Lisa Spicknall  
Bonnie Spikes  
Ricardo Wiggs

## **Henry Gleim Memorial Award**

In memory of Henry Gleim, an unsung hero who gave unselfishly, generously, courageously and with the compassion for those who walk in the path of victimization, this award recognizes outstanding services to crime victims and those who work to serve them.

### **Award Recipient**

2013 Cynthia Smith

## **Virginia Mahoney Memorial Award**

In honor of Virginia Mahoney, the State Board recognizes an outstanding leader who has set the standard for excellence and professionalism in the field of victim services. This award recognizes one prominent state leader or high-ranking official who has epitomized true leadership in support of victim rights.

### **Award Recipient**

No 2013 award recipient

## **Governor's Victim Assistance Awards**

The Governor's Victim Assistance Awards are presented to individuals and agencies located in both the public and private sector who have demonstrated outstanding performance in providing services and support to Maryland's victims of crime. Nominee(s) must have made an outstanding contribution toward improving the status of, or delivering services to, crime victims and/or witnesses in Maryland. Award recipients are recognized for their exemplary work done in the area of victim advocacy that exceeds what is expected in one's routine job responsibilities. These contributions may involve exceptional efforts in a specific case, on a statewide event or issue, or any effort deemed worthy of recognition by the nominator. The number of recipients for this award is listed under each event year.

- Nineteen (19) individuals were recognized with awards;
- Five (5) groups were recognized for Outstanding Criminal Justice Professionals;

## X. MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ROPER VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY OF MARYLAND

(<http://rvaam.org>)

The Roper Victim Assistance Academy (Academy) offers two levels of training to victim service professionals throughout Maryland, a basic 40-hour Academy designed for newer professionals, and advanced and more specialized training programs designed for more experienced professionals. The basic program is a 40-hour standardized multi-disciplinary academic curriculum program conducted as a 1-week residential program. The 2013 Academy was held April 15-19, 2013 with 36 professionals graduating from the program. The Academy celebrated its tenth Anniversary with more than 2,000 participants who have received training. At the graduation ceremonies several special guests presented including Joye Frost, the Interim Executive Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, who also presented staff with a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging ten successful years as a role model for other state academies. In April, the Academy staff members were honored with a Governor's Victim Assistance Team Citation Award. The staff members were recognized for their outstanding contributions toward improving the status of crime victim services in the state of Maryland. In addition to the basic training Academy, the Academy also offered three different advanced training sessions with 85 participants completing the training. One session was offered in September and two other sessions were held in April concurrently with the Academy basic training program. (Refer to Chart 1 below for additional details).

Chart 1

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Training Title</b>	<b>#Participants</b>
<b>Advanced Training:</b>		
<b>Sep 2012 –</b>		
1)	<i>Illuminations Training Program - 2nd Level</i> (Trainers – Dr. Heather L, Pfeifer.)	22
<b>Apr 2013 –</b>		
2)	<i>Intimate Partner Violence and People with Disabilities (or)</i> <i>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and People with Disabilities</i> (Trainer – Ellyn Loy, LCSW-C)	32
3)	The Sacred Pause: Self-Care for Victims Service Professionals (trainer – Sabrina N'Diaye, LCSW-C)	31
<b>Basic 40-hr Academy</b>		<u>36</u>
<b>Total Participants (Jul 12-Jun 13)</b>		<b>121</b>

All Academy training is nationally approved and certified for professional certification units and university credits. The Academy offers CEU's and university credits for both the Basic and Advanced training programs.

**CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** The Academy's state level certification and professional standards program ties together with certificate programs and courses at UB. To date there are eighteen certified advocates, and another dozen are in various stages of preparing for the examination. Certifications are held at three different levels, for each level there is a separate application and examination process.

The RVAAM is nationally recognized for having sustainability, solid linkages with an academic partner, an active Alumni Association, state certification, a robust advanced training program, and higher education programs that directly link with the Academy trainings. Maryland is recognized as one of the nation's leaders in the movement to advance education and professionalize the field of victim services. To date, in addition to the 380 graduates of the basic 40-hour training program (2004-2013), more than 1,615

participants have benefited from advanced trainings, conferences, workshops, and symposiums conducted through the Academy.

## *APPENDIX A*

### **STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP**

The State Board of Victim Services continues to abide by its traditional meeting agenda, scheduling Board meetings one year in advance for the first Wednesday of each month. The State Board held Nineteen (19) State Board meetings during the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. During this time, respective committees met periodically.

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Procedure Article §11-912, the State Board of Victim Services - Membership as of July 1, 2013 is composed of the following members:

Ellen Alexander	Chair
Barbara Bond	Vice Chair
	Attorney General's Designee
Bonnie Ariano	Department of Human Resources
Tammy Brown	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Chief Walter T. Coryell	MD Association of Chiefs of Police
Jessica Dickerson	Department of Juvenile Services
Rhea Harris	Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Linda Fleischer	Public Member
Rea Goldfinger	Public Member
R. Gary Hofmann, III	MD Sheriffs' Association
The Honorable Laura Martin	State's Attorney
Molly Knipe	Service Provider
Patricia Marshall	Service Provider
Kathleen O'Brien	Public Member
Margery Patten	Public Member
Sandy S. Roberts, Esquire	MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
Bonnita Spikes	Public Member
Debra Tall	Service Provider
Deborah A. Unitus	State Judiciary's Designee
The Honorable Frank R. Weathersbee	State's Attorney
Ginni Wolf	Public Member
Jeanne Yeager	Service Provider
Board Vacancies	

As of December 2013, the State Board has no vacancies.

## ***APPENDIX B***

### **THE STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES STAFF**

#### State Victim Services Coordinator

The Maryland General Assembly created the State Board of Victim Services and the position of State Victim Services Coordinator (State Coordinator) in 1988. The State Coordinator is charged with the responsibility of compliance, monitoring, assessing, coordinating and making recommendations to the Governor concerning state and local efforts to assist victims of crime. The State Coordinator serves under the authority of the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. The State Coordinator has the overall responsibility for program development and program operations, as well as administering the provisions of the State Board of Victim Services. The State Coordinator provides staff support to the State Board on victim service matters while providing technical assistance to local public and private programs that provide victim assistance. The State Coordinator also performs research and gathers data on victims and victim assistance programs, and disseminates that data to the public.

A full-time MVOC Program Assistant provides dedicated State Board administrative support to the State Coordinator.

## APPENDIX C

### 2013 Crime Victim Related Legislative Session Summary

**Objective: To create and pass public safety legislation that will help Maryland fight crime and improve public safety for all of its citizens.**

During 2013, the State of Maryland continued its ongoing efforts to explore new legislation to more effectively reduce crime and save lives. There were several significant bills passed during the 2013 session of the Maryland General Assembly that will help protect Maryland's citizens and assist criminal justice stakeholders in their fight. Below is a list of those bills that protect and benefit crime victims.

#### **2013 Enacted Legislation**

*Firearm Safety Act of 2013:* The O'Malley-Brown Administration championed the Firearm Safety Act of 2013, a comprehensive plan of common sense reforms to make Marylanders safer. The law includes some of the following provisions:

- Protective Orders – The law expands the protective order prohibition for possession of a firearm to include a protective order issued from any state.
- Prohibited Possession – The law adds to parties who are prohibited from possession of a firearm for mental health reasons to include those who suffer from a mental disorder and have a history of violent behavior; have been found incompetent to stand trial or not criminally responsible; have been voluntarily admitted for more than 30 consecutive days to a facility or involuntarily committed; or are under the protection of a court-appointed guardian for reasons other than physical disability.
- Restriction of Ammunition Possession – Prohibited persons, such as convicted felons, are also unable to possess ammunition. The law also prohibits the use of armor-piercing bullets in a crime of violence.
- Report – MSP is required to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on their findings related to firearms investigations, number and types of firearms seized, and the best information as to the source of the seized firearms by December 31, 2015.

*Death Penalty Repeal - Substitution of Life Without the Possibility of Parole:* House Bill 295/Senate Bill 276 repeals the death penalty and establishes that a person found guilty of murder in the first degree will be sentenced to imprisonment for life or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

Family Law - Protective Orders - Notification of Service - Sunset Extension: Senate Bill 1001 extends the sunset provision of VPO until December 31, 2016.

Human Trafficking Seizure and Forfeiture Law House Bill 713: authorizes State and local law enforcement agencies to seize property in connection with a "human trafficking" violation and establishes procedures for the seizure, forfeiture, and sale of property related to human trafficking violations. Proceeds of seized property will go to the state general fund or a local financial authority, depending on the seizing entity. The bill's references to "human trafficking" include the following additional offenses: (1) sexual solicitation of a minor; (2) child pornography; (3) receiving earnings of a prostitute; and (4) abduction of a child younger than 16 years old.

#### **Priorities for the Future**

*Human Trafficking:*

- Abduction of Child Under 16: The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force intends to introduce legislation that would re-classify the crime of kidnapping a child under the age



of 16 as a felony as opposed to a misdemeanor and increasing the penalty to 20 years. Traffickers are known to exploit young children, especially teens, and have abducted children in order to do so. Reclassifying this crime as a felony would align the classification of the offense with the crime's seriousness and ensure that a conviction under this statute carries the appropriate consequences of a felony conviction.

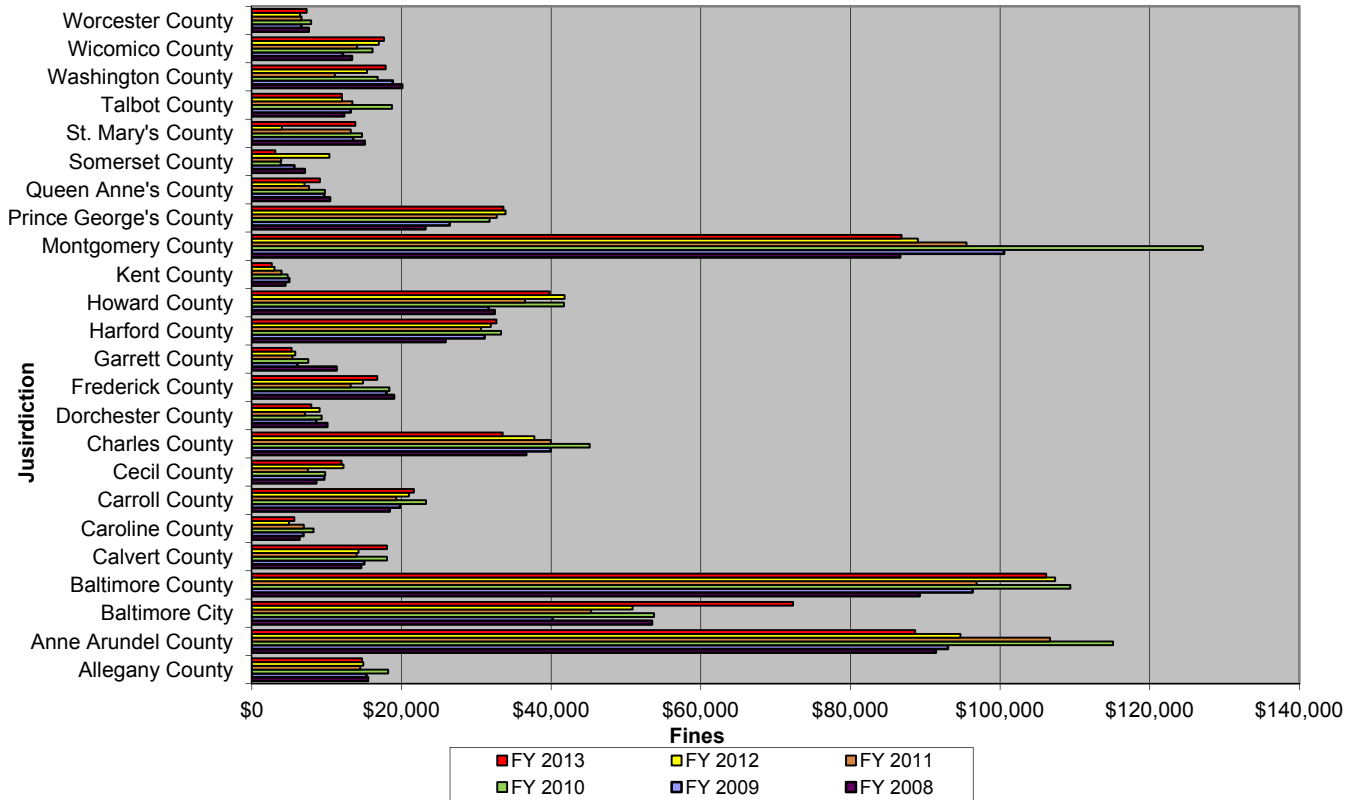
- Termination of Parental Rights: The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force is proposing legislation that would terminate parental rights for certain offenses, including sex trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of children, in order to remove vulnerable children of traffickers from their control and exploitation.

*Domestic Violence*: The O'Malley-Brown Administration has championed legislation to protect domestic violence victims, including removing firearms from protective order respondents in 2009. In furtherance of the Governor's goal of reducing violent crime against women and children by 25% by the end of 2018, GOCCP will work with advocates on domestic violence legislation that accomplishes the following:

- Alters the standard for a protective order from "clear and convincing" to a "preponderance of the evidence." Senator Frosh has expressed an interest in sponsoring this legislation for the 2014 session.
- Alters the definition of a "person eligible for relief" to include individuals in dating relationships.
- Alters the circumstances under which a permanent final protective order must be issued by requiring a court to issue an order against individuals who are sentenced to serve at least 5 years. Currently, an offender must have served the full 5 years for the victim to get relief.
- Adds the crime of assault in the second degree to the list of crimes for which a victim is eligible to receive a permanent final protective order. Ideally, advocates would like final protective orders to apply to all crimes.
- Repeals sunset for VPO, which is funded through the DPSCS budget. The use of VPO has provided significant benefits for victims of domestic violence. The time immediately after a respondent has been served with a protective order is a critical and dangerous time for the petitioner. Knowing when the respondent has been served helps ensure that the petitioner has time to enact a safety plan. VPO also notifies the victim that the respondent is on notice and that the respondent will be arrested for any violation.
- The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is drafting legislation in response to *Lawrence La Valle v. Janet La Valle*, a June 2013 Maryland Court of Appeals case that requires a protective order extension hearing to take place prior to expiration of the original order. Current law does not require the court to schedule a hearing prior to an order's expiration, and lengthy scheduling delays currently exist. Legislation would provide for an automatic one-month extension of a final protective order and require the Court to hold a hearing prior to expiration.

**APPENDIX D**

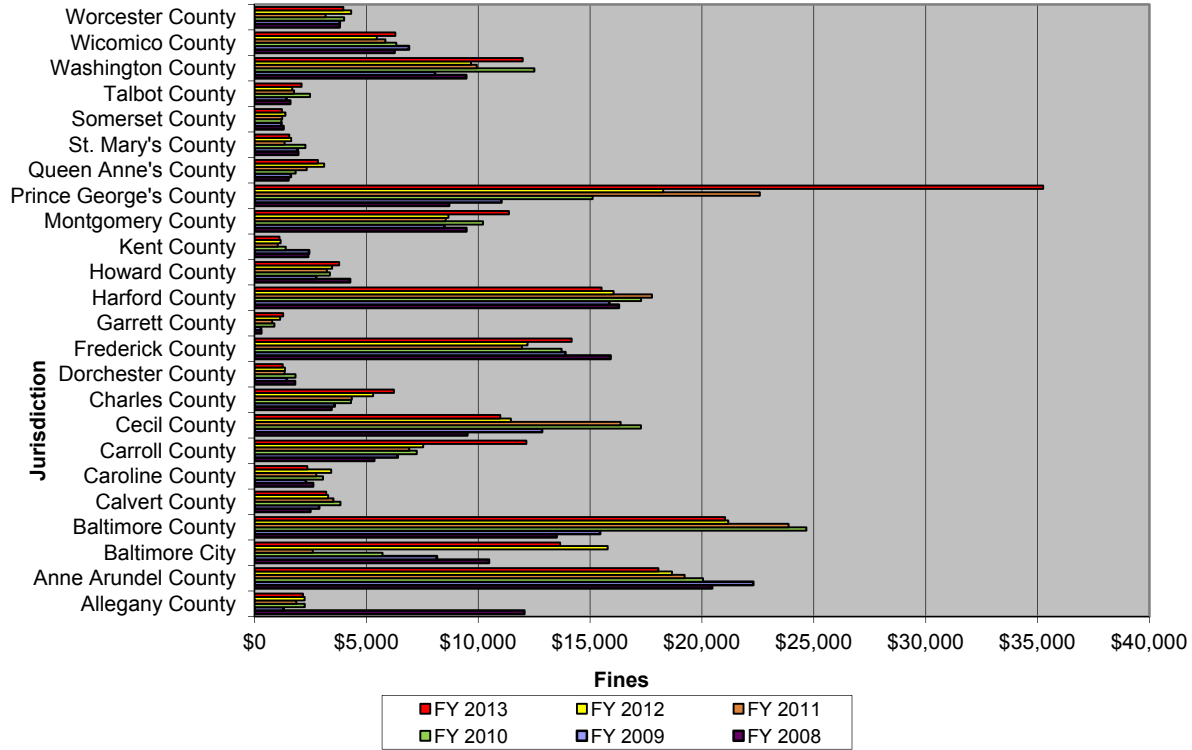
**DISTRICT COURT IMPOSED COSTS - CRIMINAL CASES**



	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
Allegany County	\$15,509.71	\$15,320.32	\$18,213.50	\$14,486.24	\$14,905.78	\$14,725.05
Anne Arundel County	\$91,412.13	\$93,046.16	\$115,104.67	\$106,682.98	\$94,707.39	\$88,650.18
Baltimore City	\$53,465.31	\$40,225.18	\$53,763.70	\$45,351.56	\$50,877.43	\$72,340.99
Baltimore County	\$89,247.97	\$96,326.36	\$109,404.74	\$96,873.23	\$107,370.88	\$106,162.95
Calvert County	\$14,588.43	\$15,022.37	\$18,052.52	\$14,000.21	\$14,260.18	\$18,052.98
Caroline County	\$6,355.37	\$6,908.77	\$8,255.60	\$6,944.80	\$4,950.17	\$5,676.65
Carroll County	\$18,431.90	\$19,815.83	\$23,290.02	\$19,306.80	\$20,981.65	\$21,656.30
Cecil County	\$8,599.13	\$9,668.63	\$9,799.09	\$7,467.01	\$12,245.08	\$11,996.53
Charles County	\$36,660.17	\$39,930.57	\$45,153.13	\$39,958.58	\$37,747.32	\$33,526.53
Dorchester County	\$10,076.87	\$8,613.12	\$9,328.42	\$7,120.38	\$9,051.84	\$7,942.24
Frederick County	\$19,010.78	\$18,012.04	\$18,375.04	\$13,209.09	\$14,857.37	\$16,767.03
Garrett County	\$11,331.43	\$6,099.64	\$7,546.07	\$5,416.79	\$5,800.35	\$5,315.18
Harford County	\$25,889.08	\$31,097.03	\$33,302.77	\$30,629.90	\$31,942.78	\$32,698.90
Howard County	\$32,449.53	\$31,645.18	\$41,705.21	\$36,508.23	\$41,797.75	\$39,803.84
Kent County	\$4,486.60	\$4,991.98	\$4,783.92	\$3,960.72	\$3,025.00	\$2,669.63
Montgomery County	\$86,644.53	\$100,542.96	\$127,111.91	\$95,524.27	\$89,021.98	\$86,834.28
Prince George's County	\$23,195.78	\$26,437.29	\$31,760.17	\$32,724.38	\$33,907.05	\$33,619.93
Queen Anne's County	\$10,458.94	\$9,678.76	\$9,774.66	\$7,645.18	\$7,021.45	\$9,109.84
Somerset County	\$7,065.64	\$5,675.35	\$3,862.50	\$3,933.38	\$10,369.38	\$3,126.78
St. Mary's County	\$15,093.58	\$13,550.20	\$14,734.10	\$13,234.49	\$4,002.68	\$13,824.13
Talbot County	\$12,335.64	\$13,204.55	\$18,715.00	\$13,447.22	\$12,042.93	\$12,040.59
Washington County	\$20,100.84	\$18,827.90	\$16,816.33	\$11,097.34	\$15,379.81	\$17,892.68
Wicomico County	\$13,380.33	\$12,170.55	\$16,146.71	\$14,074.87	\$16,963.28	\$17,646.84
Worcester County	\$7,603.63	\$6,612.36	\$7,932.42	\$6,633.11	\$6,441.22	\$7,320.10
	<b>\$633,393.32</b>	<b>\$643,423.10</b>	<b>\$762,932.20</b>	<b>\$646,230.76</b>	<b>\$659,670.75</b>	<b>\$679,400.15</b>

**APPENDIX E**

**CIRCUIT COURT IMPOSED COSTS - CRIMINAL CASES**



	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
Allegany County	\$12,058.00	\$1,305.00	\$2,247.50	\$1,872.50	\$2,240.00	\$2,168.00
Anne Arundel County	\$20,458.37	\$22,290.17	\$20,048.23	\$19,226.61	\$18,661.02	\$18,052.67
Baltimore City	\$10,477.00	\$8,154.72	\$5,721.55	\$2,603.89	\$15,787.53	\$13,664.26
Baltimore County	\$13,505.60	\$15,451.00	\$24,668.97	\$23,873.94	\$21,174.46	\$21,037.47
Calvert County	\$2,498.90	\$2,890.87	\$3,843.07	\$3,524.92	\$3,294.50	\$3,203.00
Caroline County	\$2,619.62	\$2,298.79	\$3,064.08	\$2,765.50	\$3,430.23	\$2,362.98
Carroll County	\$5,355.20	\$6,405.76	\$7,256.60	\$6,917.26	\$7,539.20	\$12,153.23
Cecil County	\$9,515.29	\$12,851.14	\$17,273.99	\$16,365.98	\$11,461.38	\$10,986.42
Charles County	\$3,439.38	\$3,583.88	\$4,316.03	\$4,348.30	\$5,299.65	\$6,234.09
Dorchester County	\$1,813.98	\$1,443.90	\$1,836.75	\$1,349.00	\$1,358.50	\$1,258.00
Frederick County	\$15,913.80	\$13,895.05	\$13,725.26	\$11,949.43	\$12,203.09	\$14,176.61
Garrett County	\$300.00	\$285.00	\$892.50	\$787.50	\$1,147.50	\$1,282.50
Harford County	\$16,283.11	\$15,867.42	\$17,278.20	\$17,767.52	\$16,053.52	\$15,513.88
Howard County	\$4,272.24	\$2,762.11	\$3,369.08	\$3,236.60	\$3,467.79	\$3,786.78
Kent County	\$2,400.00	\$2,439.87	\$1,393.55	\$1,037.50	\$1,165.00	\$1,114.88
Montgomery County	\$9,471.28	\$8,489.40	\$10,216.09	\$8,551.33	\$8,670.00	\$11,371.65
Prince George's County	\$8,701.21	\$11,040.37	\$15,116.26	\$22,589.08	\$18,266.53	\$35,252.33
Queen Anne's County	\$1,517.85	\$1,627.50	\$1,837.00	\$2,332.69	\$3,113.31	\$2,835.00
St. Mary's County	\$1,957.50	\$1,932.50	\$2,274.75	\$1,350.00	\$1,642.50	\$1,552.50
Somerset County	\$1,299.50	\$1,202.50	\$1,204.68	\$1,239.99	\$1,384.50	\$1,227.00
Talbot County	\$1,596.25	\$1,431.50	\$2,486.50	\$1,765.50	\$1,681.50	\$2,102.96
Washington County	\$9,463.00	\$8,072.00	\$12,511.00	\$9,937.00	\$9,679.50	\$11,990.24
Wicomico County	\$6,257.85	\$6,902.33	\$6,336.04	\$5,855.48	\$5,465.92	\$6,299.16
Worcester County	\$3,808.50	\$3,812.84	\$4,003.88	\$3,181.08	\$4,321.92	\$3,974.59
	<b>\$164,983.43</b>	<b>\$156,435.62</b>	<b>\$182,921.56</b>	<b>\$174,428.60</b>	<b>\$178,509.05</b>	<b>\$203,600.20</b>

APPENDIX F

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES  
FY 2013 Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC)  
GRANT AWARDS  
(July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)

**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1101      **Applicant Agency:** Family Services Agency, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Family Services Agency, Inc.

**Project Title:** Trauma Therapy for Children of Domestic Violence      **Award Amount:** \$29,946.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Montgomery      **Municipality:** Rockville

**Project Summary:**  
The Family Services Agency, Inc.'s Trauma Therapy for Children of Domestic Violence provides critical therapeutic services to improve the emotional health of children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence. Children residing in the shelter with their mothers receive individual therapy (ages 3 to 17) and group therapy (ages 3 to 11) a minimum of once weekly. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1102      **Applicant Agency:** Cecil County, Maryland  
**Implementing Org:** Cecil County State's Attorney's Office

**Project Title:** Victim Witness Coordinator      **Award Amount:** \$28,550.80  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Cecil      **Municipality:** Elkton

**Project Summary:**  
The State's Attorney's Office for Cecil County's Victim Witness Coordinator (VWC) assists the neglected and under-served victims and witnesses in Cecil County District Court. The VWC interacts with victims and witnesses in a kind, compassionate, patient, and informative way so that victims and witnesses feel properly informed, and feel that the process is not re-victimizing or unnecessarily inconveniencing them. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1103      **Applicant Agency:** Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence  
**Implementing Org:** Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

**Project Title:** Bilingual Victim Assistance      **Award Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Caroline      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**  
The Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence's Bilingual Victim Assistance project provides direct client and legal services to Spanish speaking domestic violence victims in Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties. The program provides information about rights and options to all Spanish speaking crime victims and translation and interpretation services to allied agencies. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1104      **Applicant Agency:** City of Baltimore  
**Implementing Org:** Baltimore Police Department

**Project Title:** Homicide Death Notification and Service Connection      **Award Amount:** \$0.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Baltimore City      **Municipality:** Baltimore

**Project Summary:**  
Baltimore City's Homicide Death Notification and Service Connection project provides case managers to support the families of homicide victims. Case Managers accompany detectives during death notifications and work with the families by helping them to navigate systems of care in order to obtain services to address their needs. The Case Manager Supervisor creates and conducts training for the homicide detectives around best practices related to death notifications. Program funds will be rolled into years two and three due to grantee delays. Proposed funds to provide salary support, operating expenses, and travel.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1105      **Applicant Agency:** Prince George's County, Maryland  
**Implementing Org:** Prince George's County Office Of The Sheriff

**Project Title:** Special Victims' Advocate      **Award Amount:** \$10,565.05  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**

**County:** Prince George's

**Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

The Prince George's County Sheriff's Office's Special Victims' Advocate program provides support services to agencies throughout Maryland. The special victim advocate promotes the safety of domestic violence victims in the County by assisting victims in navigating the various court and social service processes and providing referrals to relevant human services agencies. The victim advocate also provides protective order application assistance and modifications and safety planning. Program funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1106

**Applicant Agency:** Northwest Hospital Center

**Implementing Org:** Northwest Hospital Center

**Project Title:** Lethality Assessment

**Award Amount:** \$34,995.11

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Baltimore County

**Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

The Northwest Hospital Domestic Violence (DOVE) Program's Lethality Assessment program identifies victims of domestic violence at high risk of homicide and links them to DOVE services, including: needs assessments, safety planning, emergency assistance funds, information about and referrals to emergency shelter, and sustainable housing. The DOVE Crisis Worker accompanies police on home visits to high risk victims to educate and connect them with services. DOVE also coordinates a 24/7 Lethality Hotline for high risk victims to call immediately after being identified by police. Program funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1107  
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**Applicant Agency:** Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc.

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**Implementing Org:** Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc.

**Project Title:** Protective Order Advocacy and Representation

**Award Amount:** \$30,833.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Harford

**Municipality:** Bel Air

**Project Summary:**

SARC's Protective Order Advocacy and Representation project provides direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking who seek protection from abuse through the judicial system in Harford County. Legal advocates and attorneys assist victims in completing Petitions for Protection and specialized safety plans. Advocates conduct intakes for legal representation, gather evidence, and provide support to victims and attorneys in peace and protective order proceedings. Legal advocates also provide advocacy and support to victims during the criminal court process. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1108

**Applicant Agency:** St. Mary's County Department of Social Services

**Implementing Org:** St. Mary's County Department of Social Services

**Project Title:** Child Victims of Sexual and Severe Physical Abuse

**Award Amount:** \$13,227.61

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** St. Mary's

**Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

The St. Mary's County Child Advocacy Center's Child Victims of Sexual and Severe Physical Abuse program provides heightened services in advocacy, accompaniment, case management and therapy for child victims referred to the St. Mary's County Child Advocacy Center. The program features innovative inter-agency collaboration with agency partners including Walden Sierra, St. Mary's County Bureau of Criminal Investigation, St. Mary's County Hospital, St. Mary's County Public Schools, Patuxent River Naval Air Station and the St. Mary's County State's Attorney office. Program funds provide salary support and training.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1109

**Applicant Agency:** YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

**Implementing Org:** YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

**Project Title:** Arden House Crisis Advocate

**Award Amount:** \$28,102.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Anne Arundel

**Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

The YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County's Arden House Crisis Advocate serves female victims and provides them and their children with safe, secure shelter and programs and services that help families become independent and self-sufficient. While at Arden House, women receive weekly counseling, case management, assistance with safety planning, referral to legal resources, information about victims' rights, lethality assessment screening, and resource and referral information. Program funds provide salary support and supplies.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1110      **Applicant Agency:** TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)  
**Implementing Org:** TurnAround, Inc. (Baltimore County)

**Project Title:** Victim Advocacy      **Award Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Baltimore County      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

TurnAround, Inc.'s Victim Advocacy program provides immediate and ongoing services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The program provides community-based advocates as part of a collaborative first response to victims and they offer follow-up and ongoing advocacy as victims go through the criminal justice system process. Advocacy increases victims' access to and engagement in the criminal justice system, increases victims' access to community resources, and decreases vulnerability and risk of further victimization. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1111      **Applicant Agency:** Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.

**Project Title:** Innovative Clinical Interventions      **Award Amount:** \$34,795.20  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Howard      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

The Domestic Violence Center of Howard County's Innovative Clinical Interventions project provides support services to two populations: 1) children who witness domestic violence or who are victims of child abuse or sexual assault, and 2) victims of abusive partners participating in the agency's abuser intervention program. The project provides assessment and treatment for child/youth victims traumatized by abuse and direct outreach and communication efforts to adult victims. Grant funds provide salary support and supplies.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1112      **Applicant Agency:** Talbot County Government  
**Implementing Org:** Talbot County State's Attorney's Office

**Project Title:** Victim Services      **Award Amount:** \$11,213.09  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Talbot      **Municipality:** Easton

**Project Summary:**

The Talbot County State's Attorney's Office's Victim Services program provides trauma focused support services to crime victims in Circuit and District Court, distribution of mandated pamphlets, and education on victim rights according to Maryland law. The program, along with the Victim Witness Division of the State's Attorney's Office and the family advocacy and mental health program of the Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center (TCCAC), assists families from law enforcement response through and including the judiciary process. Grant funds provide salary support and training.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1202      **Applicant Agency:** YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County  
**Implementing Org:** YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

**Project Title:** YWCA Court Advocate      **Award Amount:** \$33,367.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Anne Arundel      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County's YWCA Court Advocate assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with navigating through the judicial system, obtaining peace and protective orders, and receiving the rights that are guaranteed to them under Maryland Law. The advocate assists with the completion of petitions, referrals to services, and completes intake for legal representation pertaining to peace and protective orders. Grant funds provide personnel and administrative oversight.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1203      **Applicant Agency:** CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** CASA Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, Inc.

**Project Title:** Domestic Violence Crisis Resource Counselor      **Award Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Washington      **Municipality:** Hagerstown

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused (CASA), Inc.'s Domestic Violence Crisis Resource Counselor project provides comprehensive services to victims and holds perpetrators accountable through Domestic Violence Officers within the Hagerstown Police Department, Washington County Sheriff's Department, and a Crisis Resource Counselor at CASA, Inc. The project enhances service delivery through home visits, education and follow-up services to victims. Perpetrators are also held accountable for their actions by the officers. Victims are identified through Protection Orders, the use of Lethality Assessment tool, or repeat police incident reports. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1204      **Applicant Agency:** Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.

**Project Title:** Crisis Support and Intervention      **Award Amount:** \$13,837.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Allegany      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, the Family Crisis Resource Center, Inc.'s Crisis Support and Intervention project strengthens and expands the utilization of services by increasing the opportunities for victims to interact with service providers. Survivors of sexual assault who are assisted by rape crisis center advocates receive more medical and legal services, and are less distressed by their interactions with law enforcement and medical personnel. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1205      **Applicant Agency:** Family & Children's Services of Central MD  
**Implementing Org:** Family & Children's Services of Central MD

**Project Title:** Lethality Assessment      **Award Amount:** \$17,608.71  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Carroll      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, the Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland's Lethality Assessment program is a partnership with FCS, law enforcement, and other first responders in Carroll County. The program maximizes victim safety while further coordinating efforts of all law enforcement and first responders to utilize the lethality assessment tool effectively. It responds to all first responders' assessment of domestic violence victims and provides first responders with an immediate response in the crisis while providing the victim with resources, interventions, and support to address their high risk domestic violence situation. Grant funds support personnel salaries.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1206      **Applicant Agency:** Cecil County, Maryland  
**Implementing Org:** Cecil County, Maryland

**Project Title:** Domestic Violence Victim Advocate      **Award Amount:** \$26,216.55  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Cecil      **Municipality:** Elkton

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year the Cecil County Board of County Commissioner's Domestic Violence Victim Advocate project provides direct specialized services to victims of domestic violence at the onset of the criminal process. The advocate works with an investigator from the State's Attorney's office to locate and assist victims of domestic assault, provides support, advocacy, accompaniment and court preparation to all victims of domestic assault involved in the criminal court system, and assesses/refers victims to the Cecil County Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Program for comprehensive services. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1207      **Applicant Agency:** University of Maryland - Ofc. of Research Admin.  
**Implementing Org:** University of Maryland - Ofc. of Research Admin.

**Project Title:** Victim Advocacy Services      **Award Amount:** \$25,350.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Prince George's      **Municipality:** College Park

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, The University of Maryland - Office of Research Administration and Advancement's Victim Advocacy Services program provides sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking victim advocacy services to members of the University of Maryland community. The advocate coordinates services for crime victims from first response through the criminal justice system and beyond, develops or improves the delivery of crime victim services to underserved populations, and implements community-driven initiatives to address the needs of victims in underserved populations. Program funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1208      **Applicant Agency:** For All Seasons, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** For All Seasons, Inc.

**Project Title:** Sexual Assault Victim/Legal Advocate      **Award Amount:** \$27,000.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Talbot      **Municipality:** Easton

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, For All Seasons, Inc.'s Bilingual Sexual Assault Victim/Legal Advocate program supports sexual assault victims with emphasis on an expanding Hispanic population on the Mid-Shore. The region is rural and medically underserved and due to an increase of Hispanics and patterns of sexual violence in this culture, the group is vulnerable. The Bilingual Victim/Legal Advocate addresses the needs of underserved victims by answering the agency's Spanish Hotline, responding to ED's, and providing case management, legal support/accompaniment, and community outreach. Grant funds provide personnel support and travel.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1209      **Applicant Agency:** Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy  
**Implementing Org:** Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy

**Project Title:** Domestic Violence Victim Impact      **Award Amount:** \$27,855.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** St. Mary's      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, the Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy's Domestic Violence Victim Impact project provides residents of Charles County with court advocates and attorneys to assist in the Protective Order process and with related family law cases. The advocacy process includes lethality assessment, safety planning, court accompaniment, intensive follow-through with victims, and close collaboration in providing support services from other providers in the region. Legal services include consultation on and representation at Protective Order and family law hearings. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1210      **Applicant Agency:** Kent County Board of County Commissioners  
**Implementing Org:** Kent County Sheriff's Office

**Project Title:** Victim Witness Service Provider      **Award Amount:** \$35,000.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Kent      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, the Kent County Sheriff's Office's Victim Witness Service Provider program provides critical support to Kent County's victims of violence. The program addresses victims' needs, provides education on victims' rights, connects victims with the appropriate resources, and supports them in the judiciary. The Provider supports victims, develops procedures to support women under Jane Doe, and implements a program evaluation component. Program funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1211      **Applicant Agency:** Roberta's House, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Roberta's House, Inc.

**Project Title:** Homicide Survivors Transformation      **Award Amount:** \$38,130.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Baltimore City      **Municipality:** Baltimore

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a second year, Roberta's House's Homicide Survivors Transformation project provides a comprehensive bereavement support program for African American adults from urban, low-income communities in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Serving adults impacted by homicide, the program identifies the cultural uniqueness, stereotypes and gaps in services that impact the recovery and resiliency of African Americans and validate the development of additional needed support services. It provides a holistic approach utilizing peer support, education, self-empowerment and linkages to other support services. Grant funds provide support for personnel, contractual services, travel and supplies.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1303      **Applicant Agency:** Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.

**Project Title:** Victims of Crime: Surviving and Succeeding      **Award Amount:** \$17,454.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Baltimore County      **Municipality:** County-wide



**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Pro Bono Counseling Project's Victims of Crimes: Surviving and Succeeding program links underserved crime victims and witnesses with free therapy from a licensed therapist in their community. The program provides supportive resources, advises victims of their rights, and documents outcomes. The therapist serves Spanish speaking victims. Grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1304      **Applicant Agency:** Human Services Program of Carroll County, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Human Services Program of Carroll County, Inc.

**Project Title:** Domestic Violence Safe House      **Award Amount:** \$17,500.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Carroll      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Safe House is a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week program that provides emergency shelter, crisis intervention, housing counseling, and supportive services to domestic violence victims in Carroll County. The program provides a safe, secure environment for women and their children who are in imminent danger of abuse. Third year grant funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1305      **Applicant Agency:** Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc.

**Project Title:** Domestic Violence Clinical Services      **Award Amount:** \$9,450.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Howard      **Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Domestic Violence Center of Howard County's Domestic Violence Clinical Services provides one full time, bi-lingual, domestic violence therapist. The therapist carries a rolling caseload of 15-20 and serves approximately 40-50 people a year. Third year grant funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1307      **Applicant Agency:** Life Crisis Center, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Life Crisis Center, Inc.

**Project Title:** Crime Victim Intervention      **Award Amount:** \$14,629.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Wicomico      **Municipality:** Salisbury

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for the third year, the Life Crisis Center's Crime Victim Intervention project serves victims of intimate partner and sexual violence through the Lethality Assessment Program initiative and the Sexual Assault Response Team. The project strengthens and expands the utilization of services by increasing victim's opportunities to interact with service providers and by offering comprehensive advocacy, crisis counseling, safety planning, court and medical accompaniment, victim right's information and education, and case tracking services. Grant funds provide salary support for one half-time staff person.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1309      **Applicant Agency:** Heartly House, Inc.  
**Implementing Org:** Heartly House, Inc.

**Project Title:** Legal Services      **Award Amount:** \$17,500.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**  
**County:** Frederick      **Municipality:** Frederick

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for the third year, Heartly House, Inc.'s Legal Services project provides professional legal representation to domestic and sexual violence victims in Frederick County. The program provides expanded legal representation to victims of domestic/sexual violence to assist victims through the court system. It provides information to victims regarding their rights under Maryland law and available services in Frederick County, assists victims by being a liaison between law enforcement and State's Attorney's Office, and helps victims access available Heartly House supportive services. Third year grant funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1310      **Applicant Agency:** Mercy Medical Center  
**Implementing Org:** Mercy Medical Center

**Project Title:** Sexual Assault Response Enhancement      **Award Amount:** \$17,340.00  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012      **Project End Date:** 6/30/2013      **Matching Funds:**

**County:** Baltimore City

**Municipality:** Baltimore

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Mercy Medical Center's Sexual Assault Response Enhancement project provides hospital-based crisis intervention and advocacy services to victims of sexual assault (SA). The program facilitates linkage to shelter/counseling/legal resources, trains health care professionals on screening and response to SA. Third year grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1311

**Applicant Agency:** Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City

**Implementing Org:** Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City

**Project Title:** Latino Victim Advocate

**Award Amount:** \$17,500.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Baltimore City

**Municipality:** Baltimore

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City's Latino Victim Advocate program provides assistance, support, information, and referrals for underserved and non-English speaking Latino victims/witnesses in the Circuit, District and Juvenile Courts. The program keeps victims informed of criminal justice proceedings, provides prosecutors with translation services, provides victims with court preparation sessions, and assists victims in applying for financial assistance. Third year grant funds provide partial salary support for a fluent Spanish speaking Victim/Witness Advocate.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1312

**Applicant Agency:** House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.

**Implementing Org:** House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.

**Project Title:** Enhancing Victim Services

**Award Amount:** \$17,500.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Baltimore City

**Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the House of Ruth Maryland (HRM) Inc.'s Enhancing Victim Services program provides counseling to child witnesses of Domestic Violence (in Prince George's County) whose parent is also receiving counseling through HRM. This program holistically serves the needs of parent victims by addressing their child's trauma and promotes healing from the trauma as a family. Grant funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1313

**Applicant Agency:** Baltimore Police Department

**Implementing Org:** Baltimore Police Department

**Project Title:** Family Crimes Victim Advocate

**Award Amount:** \$33,057.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Baltimore City

**Municipality:** Baltimore

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Baltimore Police Department's Family Crimes Victim Advocate program provides swift and comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence. The program provides crisis counseling, safety planning, resource identification to victims, and supportive services to victims throughout the course of the investigation and prosecution of the case. Third year grant funds provide salary support.

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**Award Number:** MVOC-2013-1314

**Applicant Agency:** Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County

**Implementing Org:** Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County

**Project Title:** Multidisciplinary Team Training

**Award Amount:** \$6,862.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013

**Matching Funds:**

**County:** Montgomery

**Municipality:** County-wide

**Project Summary:**

Continuing for a third year, the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County's Multidisciplinary Team Training project increases the quality of investigation, treatment, and prosecution services in response to child maltreatment crimes. The project sends four multidisciplinary team members from The Tree House to the APSAC 19th Annual Colloquium. Tree House is a public-private partnership between the county government and the PCC that delivers comprehensive care to child maltreatment victims while coordinating closely with the county's police, child welfare, and prosecutorial offices. Third year grant funds provide registration, travel, and hotel costs.

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**Award Number:** LSCV-2013-1002

**Applicant Agency:** Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

**Implementing Org:** Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.

**Project Title:** Victims' Legal Representation

**Award Amount:** \$75,000.00

**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2012  
**County:** Prince George's

**Project End Date:** 6/30/2013  
**Municipality:** County-wide

**Matching Funds:**

**Project Summary:**

The Maryland Crime Victim's Resource Center, Inc.'s Victims' Legal Representation program provides legal services to crime victims throughout Maryland. The program provides legal representation and related support services to Maryland crime victims with special emphasis on some underserved victim populations including child, juvenile, elderly victims, and families of homicide victims. Program funds provide salary support.

**Total Awards:** 33

**Total Funds: \$815,384**