

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIME PREVENTION AND JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DIVISION
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Hawaii State Victim Assistance Academy (HSVAA) 2020 APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

What:

The Hawaii State Victim Assistance Academy (HSVAA) provides a part time, three-week skills-based online training program that covers fundamental advocacy skills, victim's rights, ethics, neurobiology of trauma, and other topics foundational to working with victims of crime. The training will be presented by the **National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI)**, a nationally recognized expert in legal advocacy and crime victimization. NCVLI has developed curriculum for the Oregon State Victim Assistance Academy and has taught the Victim Assistance Academies in both Oregon and Washington. The Academy will also include presentations on cultural competency from local experts.

Who should apply:

Victim Assistance staff serving in paid or volunteer positions with three (3) years of experience or less working with victims of crime. Staff with more than three (3) years of experience may be accepted on recommendation from their supervisor.

Important dates:

HSVAA

**Monday, November 30 to
Friday, December 18, 2020**

**Accepted students must commit to attending the entire three weeks, part time.

Application:

Cost:

There is no registration fee.

Technology Requirements:

Computer, reliable internet access, speakers, and a video camera.

Attached or <https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/gp/voca/hawaii-state-victim-assistance-academy/>

For additional information or questions please contact:

Valzey Frietas | Email: valzey.kt.freitas@hawaii.gov | Call: 586-0888

Last day to apply is 10/30/2020

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Student Application Information

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HSVAA Objectives

1. Provide an in-state, cost-effective, quality training program that victim service providers can trust;
2. Build a community of practice among service providers;
3. Ensure all people working with victims and witnesses have core competencies to meet their service obligations to victims and the community;
4. Create a standard for training and service provision that supports the career development of victim service advocates;
5. Provide training that is culturally and geographically relevant to Hawaii; and 6. Highlight the knowledge and experience of local trainers and victim service providers.

HSVAA Eligibility

- Three years or less of work or volunteer experience in direct contact with victims of crime. Applicants with more than 3 years of experience may be accepted upon recommendation from their supervisor. Priority will be given to VOCA funded staff.
- Ability to complete 10 hours of introductory work online and attend the 6 online training days of the Academy.
- Submit the application and requested attachments by October 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Approximately 25-35 students will be chosen to participate.

Academy Costs and Schedule

There is no cost to attend the HSVAA. All training materials will be provided.

Week 1: November 30-December 6 students are required to complete 10 hours of introductory, self-paced work online. One hour will be "live" to learn how to access the system.

The sessions must be completed before the HSVAA begins on December 7th.

Week 2: December 7-12, Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 10.5 hours of coursework that is both live & self-paced.

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Week 3: December 14-18, Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 10.5 hours of coursework that is both live & self-paced.

Participants are required to complete the introductory sessions and attend all 6 days of the academy.

Required Technology

Participants must have a computer, reliable internet access, speakers, and a web camera. It is also recommended that participants have access to a private, quiet location to participate in live sessions.

Certificate of Graduation

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of all HSVAA sessions. If you do not complete all HSVAA requirements, your supervisor will be notified, and you will not receive a certificate. VOCA- funded staff will also receive credit toward the annual VOCA training requirement.

Cancellation

If you are accepted to the Academy and are unable to attend, **please cancel by Monday, November 23, 2020**. Vacancies due to cancellation will be filled by the next applicant on the waiting list. If there is no waiting list, we will contact your supervisor for a recommendation. Email: valzey.kt.frietas@hawaii.gov.

Application Due Date

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 30, 2020**. Submit your completed and signed application and required attachments by email to valzey.kt.frietas@hawaii.gov or U.S. Postal service to:

Dept. of the Attorney General
Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance (CPJAD) Division
Attn: Valzey Freitas
235 S. Beretania Street, Suite 401
Honolulu, HI 96813

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and participants will receive notification of acceptance 2-4 weeks from the date of submission or by November 16, 2020. Please note that acceptance into the HSVAA is not transferable to another colleague or staff member.