

THE DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL PRESENTS



DELAWARE VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

MARCH 14-19, 2027

MISSION OF THE DVAA

To offer standardized training that integrates interdisciplinary, evidence-based knowledge and practice to victim service professionals and allies by providing a space for learning, networking, and applying new skills. The DVAA is a community of practice where Delaware's direct service professionals become more culturally sensitive and inclusive, victim/survivor-centered, and trauma-informed in their work.



"I will return to my advocacy work with a stronger toolkit, renewed resilience, and an expansive new network of 'helpers'!"
-2025 Graduate

GOALS OF THE DVAA

1. Provide the foundational skills and tools to work with survivors of crime.
2. Provide historical context of the victim services field in Delaware, along with current service offerings.
3. Provide advocates an opportunity to network and gain professional contacts within the field.
4. Broaden and strengthen the professionalism and promote sustainability of victim services in the State of Delaware.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The DVAA is designed for victim service providers and allied professionals who have 0-4 years of experience in the field. Graduates represent a wide variety of community-based, system-based, and other allied professions, such as: victim advocates, legal advocates, mental health providers, law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, and leaders within those organizations. Up to 26 applicants will make up the next DVAA class.

To apply, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DVAA27>



WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS BE DOING?

The DVAA curriculum provides a broad overview of Delaware Victim Services. National and local experts were consulted in the development phase, and the current group of Faculty Instructors continues to refine the materials to be evidence based, relevant, and to foster engagement both during and after the DVAA concludes. Participants can expect to be familiar with some of the topics and provided opportunities to share their knowledge and experience. Module topics include Advocacy & Collaboration, Trauma-Informed Care, Crisis Intervention, Victims' Rights in the Criminal Justice System, Compensation & Civil Options for Victims, Safety Planning, Inclusivity, Ethics, and opportunities to practice self-care strategies to build resilience. Scan the QR code to learn more!



2025 DVAA Graduates

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 5, 2026: Application submission deadline

January 4 - 15, 2027: In-person Applicant interviews

Week of Jan 18, 2027: Applicants notified of their acceptance status

January 29, 2027: Deadline for accepted applicants to confirm their participation

February 10 or 11, 2027:

Orientation Meeting in Dover

February 13, 2027: Last date for accepted applicants to cancel without possibility of penalty

March 5, 2027: Deadline to complete online coursework

March 14-19, 2027: Academy is held

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