Kentucky's 2008 Victims Assistance Conference

Working Together for Victims of Crime

March 18-20
Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

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Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victims Advocacy
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In November 2007, voters elected Jack Conway as the 49th Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Attorney General Conway is committed to working with local leaders and law-enforcement officers to make Kentucky a safer place to live, work and raise a family. As Attorney General, Jack pledges to support prosecutors, advocate for consumers, protect the environment, vigorously prosecute child predators, crack down on internet crimes, work with educators to keep our schools safe, and to create partnerships that will keep drugs out of our cities and towns. The Attorney General also serves as Chair of the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board.

Opening Session

1:00 - 1:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jack Conway, Attorney General
Vickie L. Wise, General Counsel / Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

1:15 - 3:00 Electronic Crimes: Protecting Online and Offline Communities
Chris Cohron, Commonwealth's Attorney / 8th Judicial Circuit
Amanda Murphy-Sanders, Criminal Intelligence Analyst / Office of the Attorney General
Kathryn Reed, Agent / Office of the Attorney General

With new users signing on everyday to the internet experience, both children and adults are vulnerable to dangers that can extend from the virtual world to our real world lives. This presentation provides both positive and negative sides of an individual's exposure to social networking websites.

3:15 - 4:30 Protecting Children and Teens from Internet Predators / i-Safe
Christina McIntosh, Ed.D. / Kentucky Center for School Safety

Focusing on predator identification, this presentation will convey how children and teens can recognize key characteristics of the online predator, identify behavior associated with predators, learn how to avoid risky behaviors on the internet and know resources available to them when confronted with an inappropriate situation online.

Program

Tuesday, March 18

8:30 - 9:45	Pre-Conference Networking
10:00 - 11:30	VOCA and VAWA Grantee Meeting
10:30 - 1:00	REGISTRATION
1:00 - 1:15	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Jack Conway, Attorney General Vickie L. Wise, General Counsel Justice & Public Safety Cabinet
1:15 - 3:00	OPENING SESSION *Electronic Crimes: Protecting Online and Offline Communities* Chris Cohron, Amanda Murphy-Sanders and Kathryn Reed
3:00 - 3:15	BREAK
3:15 - 4:30	OPENING SESSION *Protecting Children and Teens from Internet Predators* Dr. Christina McIntosh

Wednesday, March 19

8:30 - 9:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS I
9:45 - 10:00	BREAK
10:00 - 11:15	BREAKOUT SESSIONS II
11:15 - 1:15	LUNCH *(on your own)*
1:15 - 2:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS III
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK
2:45 - 4:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV

Thursday, March 20

8:30 - 9:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS V
9:45 - 10:00	BREAK
10:00 - 11:00	GENERAL SESSION III *How to do the Impossible* Bruce Boguski
11:00 - 11:15	CLOSING REMARKS

Please join us for breakfast and networking with your colleagues on Tuesday morning prior to the VOCA/VAWA grantee meeting. During this time, attorneys from the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, the Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services, and the Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victims Advocacy will be available to answer your questions about pending legislation on topics including sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, child abuse and crime victim rights.

Important General Information

Location: Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY.

Cost: There is no registration fee for this conference, however, lodging, transportation and meals are not provided.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort with a conference rate of $84 plus applicable taxes for single, double, triple and quad. Conference participants staying at the hotel must make their own reservations by calling Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort at (800) 228-9290. Be sure to identify yourself as a Victims Assistance Conference participant. All reservations must be guaranteed with a personal major credit card. Reservations must be made on or before Monday, March 3, 2008.

Conference Registration: Registration for the conference must be made through the Office of the Attorney General. Office of Victims Advocacy. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 7, 2008.

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Important Information

- Registration is limited to 400 people. **Pre-registration is required**.
- You must mail or fax this registration form to the Office of Victims Advocacy in order to be registered for the conference. **Registration with the hotel does not register you for the conference.**
- Confirmation for the conference will be sent by the Office of Victims Advocacy via e-mail. Confirmation for your room, if applicable, must be obtained from the hotel.
- Application for CEUs and CLEs pending.

Conference Timeline

- Deadline for hotel registration is Monday, March 3, 2008. Call the Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, (800) 228-9290 to reserve your room with a personal credit card.
- Deadline for conference registration with the Attorney General's Office, Office of Victims Advocacy is Friday, March 7.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print legibly. This form may be duplicated)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

ZipCode: _____ **Telephone:**_____ **E-mail:**_____
(Needed for confirmation)

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice of the following breakout sessions (select two from each column):

Wed. 8:30 - 9:45	Wed. 10:00 - 11:15	Wed. 1:15 - 2:30	Wed. 2:45 - 4:00	Thurs. 8:30 - 9:45
____I A	____II A	____III A	____IV A	____V A
____I B	____II B	____III B	____IV B	____V B
____I C	____II C	____III C	____IV C	____V C
____I D	____II D	____III D	____IV D	____V D
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☐ **I will attend the Tuesday, March 18, Networking Breakfast**

☐ **I give permission for my name and contact information to be included in the conference materials.**

I have the following special needs:

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Please complete this form and return to:
2008 Victims Assistance Conference
Office of Victims Advocacy
Office of the Attorney General
1024 Capital Center Dr., Suite 200
Frankfort, KY 40601
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS I
Wednesday, 8:30 - 9:45

A. Older Victims and People with Disabilities: Planning for Safety Concerns - Part I*
Deb Spangler / National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

This interactive workshop will enhance the safety planning skills of professionals who work with older victims and/or people with disabilities. This workshop is designed to present content on safety planning and will build on expertise in the room. We will address prevention, protection and notification strategies, referrals/services and emotional support.

B. Child Victims/Child Witnesses: Accommodating the Needs of Children in the Courtroom
Hon. Phillip R. Patton, Circuit Judge / 43rd Judicial Circuit

When a child is a victim of a violent crime, their involvement in the legal proceedings requires special attention: whether the child should testify or is competent to testify and how that testimony should proceed are all issues that the prosecutor and the advocate must take into consideration. This session will explore these issues and provide valuable tips to help ensure the needs of the child witness are accommodated.

C. Limits on Polygraphing Victims of Sex Crimes
MaryLee Perry, J.D. / Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs
Richard Kurtz, Polygraph Program Manager / Kentucky State Police

State and federal laws have recently been amended to prohibit requiring a sex crime victim to submit to a polygraph examination. This workshop will explore issues surrounding polygraph testing of victims, provide information about the testing process, and clarify the specifics of the new laws.

D. Working with Immigrant Victims
Isela Arras / Kentucky Domestic Violence Association
Maria Almario, M.S. / Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center

This workshop will identify five principles of advocacy with immigrant communities and immigrant victims of violence. Participants will discuss principles of advocacy as tools to expand access to related programs and services.

E. Victim Impact Statements: The Voice of the Victim
John M. Evans / Mothers Against Drunk Driving

For many crime victims, the Victim Impact Statement is their only opportunity to personally address the judge, the court and the offender about their personal experience. This workshop discussion will include historical development of the Victim Impact Statement, alternative Statement presentations and proper elements of an effective Impact Statement.

**CLASSROOM SIZE IS LIMITED TO 36 PARTICIPANTS.*
PARTICPANTS MUST ATTEND PART I PRIOR TO ATTENDING PART II.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II
Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:15

A. Older Victims and People with Disabilities: Planning for Safety Concerns - Part II*
Deb Spangler / National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Through the use of case examples which illustrate a range of ethnic and religious backgrounds and a variety of ages and disabilities, participants will recognize the differing generational, cultural, and spiritual values that may come into play as a part of safety planning.

B. Drug Endangered Children
Jere Dee Hopson, Jr. / Kentucky State Police

This workshop will focus on how methamphetamine is made and used. The instruction will then branch out to show the dangers to children from the chemicals used and the lifestyle of those associated with this drug.

C. Understanding Psychological Reactions of Victims of Abuse
Maria Almario, M.S. / Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center

This workshop intends to illustrate the impact of trauma on victims of violence. Participants will be able to identify common psychological tendencies that might have an impact on the way victims interact with different services areas such as the legal system and other social services. This workshop was designed under the premise that a better understanding of trauma tends to facilitate interactions between providers and victims.

D. Human Trafficking in Kentucky: Laws, Interventions and Victim Resources
Gretchen Hunt, J.D. / Division of Child abuse and Domestic Violence Services

Many in Kentucky doubt that slavery still exists in our Commonwealth. This session will uncover the reality of labor and sex trafficking that enslave both immigrants and citizens in rural and urban areas in Kentucky. This workshop will cover the new Kentucky legislation on human trafficking including case examples, victim services and resources available locally and pursuant to federal law.

E. Death Notification Training: Overview
John M. Evans / Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Many people who have experienced the sudden death of a loved one may be haunted by the memories of how they were notified. For most, those vivid memories last forever and may bring awareness to the messenger's needs as well as the needs of the people being informed of a death and the proper protocol for notifications will be presented.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS III
Wednesday, 1:15 - 2:30

A. Older Victims and People with Disabilities: Planning for Safety Concerns - Part I*
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B. Working with Children Living in Domestic Violence Homes
Rashmi Adi-Brown, M.S. / Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Nan Rickert. M.S.W., L.C.S.W. / Fayette County Public Schools

Participants will learn about the impact that living in a home where domestic violence occurs has on children. Various models of understanding and research will be shared. Strategies for intervention and treatment options will be discussed.

C. The IPV Victim and Substance Abuse
Carmella Yates, Ph.D. / Chrysalis House

This presentation will address the causal relationship between IPV and substance abuse as well as underlying factors. The high correlation between IPV and substance abuse impacts both treatment and delivery systems. Implications for thorough assessment and integrative versus collaborative treatment will be discussed.

D. You Want *ME* to Testify in Court?
Dana Todd, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney */ 48th Judicial Circuit*

Victims of crime (and professionals who deal with them) often perceive that the experience of testifying in court will be the most traumatic part of a criminal offense that has been perpetrated against them. Even law enforcement professionals experience anxiety about testifying. What can we do ahead of time to alleviate the stress and anxiety of being called to testify and to ensure accurate and understandable testimony? An experienced prosecutor gives specific steps to take whether it is for the benefit of the victim - adult or child – who has to testify or for the benefit of the professional who has been called to testify in a criminal case.

E. Helping Me Help You: What Not to Say to a Crime Victim
John M. Evans / Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Proper communication is crucial to successful advocacy and victim services delivery. All too often, we hear from victims/survivors who were devastated by another's words which they may interpret as uncaring or hurtful. Once shared, the words can never be taken back even though the intent of the expression may be noble. Together we will focus on particular expressions and statements that should forever be placed on our "Though Shall Not Say..." lists and practice superior communication skills so messages are conveyed appropriately.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV
Wednesday, 2:45 - 4:00

A. Older Victims and People with Disabilities: Planning for Safety Concerns - Part II*
Deb Spangler / National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

Through the use of case examples which illustrate a range of ethnic and religious backgrounds and a variety of ages and disabilities, participants will recognize the differing generational, cultural, and spiritual values that may come into play as a part of safety planning.

B. Effective Interaction and Etiquette with People with Disabilities
Norb Ryan / Office of the State Americans with Disabilities Act

Many times the initial contact with victims can determine whether a relationship will be successful. When individuals practice disability etiquette, it is an easy way to make people with disabilities feel welcome and at ease. This presentation will address appropriate etiquette when assisting people with disabilities.

C. Legal Ethics in Child Protection Cases
Lyn Lee Bruckner, Assistant Attorney General / Office of Victims Advocacy

In Kentucky, children do not possess full social and civil rights because they are under a disability. Their disability, having not reached the age of majority, means that children cannot represent themselves in court. This session will explore the many ethical issues that may occur when your client is a child and when working with child victims.

D. How Many Lawyers Does it Take…? An Overview of Kentucky Criminal Trial Process for Non-Lawyers
Hon. Roger Crittenden, Senior Circuit Judge / Kentucky Court of Justice
Dana Todd, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney / 48th Judicial Circuit

Why do the wheels of justice move so slowly? This seminar will explain in PLAIN ENGLISH the steps in the criminal process in Kentucky courts. Find out why it doesn't end at a jury verdict or a parole board hearing, where your case goes after it reaches the prosecutor's hands, and why YOU need to know about appeals and post-conviction procedures, from an experienced prosecutor and a judge.

E. Keeping Victims Informed - Using PROTECTnology
Travis A. Fritsch, M.S. / Mary Byron Foundation, Inc.
Tammy Lou Haynes / Kentucky Department of Corrections, Office of Victim Services

Today's protectnology (victim safety + technology) affords victims real-time information about their offender and the status of their cases. This workshop focuses on how protechnology can be applied to enhance victim safety, facilitate justice, increase accountability and reduce liability.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS V
Thursday, 8:30 - 9:45

A. Restoring Internal Peace after Victimization
Dr. Dorothy Mercer, Professor / Eastern Kentucky University

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B. Working with Victims of Violence Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Anita Dowd / Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

This workshop focuses on identifying the needs of deaf and hard of hearing victims and how to minimize communication barriers of deaf and hard of hearing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This session will also identify some appropriate accommodations and how to implement them.

C. Is That Normal? Understanding the Sexual Trauma Victim
Phyllis Millspaugh, M.A., L.P.A. / Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services

This session offers new advocates the basics in sexual victimization and victim responses. Participants will be introduced to normal sexual development in children, warning signs of child sexual abuse, basic treatment issues and the critical need for professional boundaries when working with victims of sexual crimes.

D. Working with the Media
Ray Larson, Commonwealth's Attorney / 22nd Judicial Circuit

The credibility of the criminal justice system is always an issue with the public. It is important that we, as members of the criminal justice system, communicate a strong message about what we stand for. This presentation is designed to cause attendees to thoughtfully consider their role in the criminal justice system and to communicate their position on these matters involving the safety of the public.

E. Successful Living in a Guerrilla World
Bruce Boguski, President / The Winner's Edge

The current state of our economy, the aftermath of 9/11, snipers attacking our cities, child abductions and countless other factors have made it impossible for Americans to live without tremendous pressure and stress. In this powerful seminar, you will learn how to regain control of your career and personal life. Join us in this fast-paced, energizing, fact filled seminar and take control of your destiny, NOW!!

Closing Session

Bruce Boguski, author, motivational speaker, columnist, and media personality is well known for his ability to inspire others to "do the impossible." Bruce holds a B.S. degree in business and education from Bowling Green State University. He also possesses a Level Two Certification in Brain Based Learning Strategies. Bruce is President of the Winner's Edge, a peak performance consulting firm in Findlay, Ohio. He is a nationally known presenter on motivational tactics and mental toughness training using high-energy, interactive techniques to inspire and delight his audiences.

10:00 - 11:00 How to do the Impossible
Bruce Boguski, President / The Winner's Edge

This presentation is an enlightening and entertaining insight into a 4-step method that can produce dramatic results in people's lives. This technique can alter a person's belief system so they really can accomplish those items previously thought to be impossible. You will leave this session refreshed and energized - ready to take on the world - and with a working knowledge on how to do it!! When motivation is prescribed, this prescription is the cure.

11:00 - 11:15 Closing Remarks
Nicole Pang, Director Office of Victims Advocacy
Office of the Attorney General

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