

# INNOVATIVE PRACTICES

## — For Victim Services —

OVC examines some of the innovative practices used by VOCA victim assistance and compensation programs around the country in this Report from the Field

# KEY AREAS

## OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS



NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT



SYSTEMS  
ADVOCACY &  
COORDINATION



COMPENSATION



UNDERSERVED  
POPULATIONS



VICTIMS' RIGHTS  
& SERVICES



TECHNOLOGY

## REMEMBER

**A successful program will:**

- Respond to victims' needs
- Address gaps in services
- Promote crime victims' rights

# PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Creating new ways to serve victims across the nation



### Spotlight on Washington

Agencies receiving victim advocacy grants through OCVA or the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services are eligible to apply for awards of \$1,000 to \$15,000 to cover interpretation costs.



### Spotlight on Colorado

The Crime Victim Compensation Program for the Seventeenth Judicial District in Brighton, Colorado, has gone almost entirely paperless.



### Spotlight on New Mexico

Within five days of an application for compensation being submitted, a special advocate from the compensation program contacts the victim.



### Spotlight on Maine

The Office of the Maine Attorney General loans voice-activated radio dispatch alarms to local law enforcement that are installed at no cost in the homes of victims who fear the offender will return.



### Spotlight on D.C.

DC SAFE now offers 20 days of immediate crisis shelter for families who are at highest risk of being killed or seriously injured by their abuser.



### Spotlight on South Carolina

Project BEST is sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina and expands free mental health services to victims.

How can you best replicate these great programs?

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