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Dear Colleague:

The National Center for Victims of Crime is again honored to partner with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime to present the *2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*. The Resource Guide is designed to inspire and support your participation in National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) this April 8-14, 2018, and other awareness activities throughout the year.

This year's theme, ***Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims***, emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services and the necessity of expanding the movement to include those that may not typically be considered providers. Employers, schools and universities, houses of worship, doctors, nurses, researchers, and others are making important contributions to the victims' field, and we need to continue to recognize them as stakeholders in our efforts.

When we build relationships across disciplines and form strategic partnerships, we move toward a future in which every victim can disclose their victimization to someone they trust. These collaborations also ensure that victims are connected to accessible, trauma-informed, research-based, culturally competent services. We will continue to increase outreach to victims who are underserved and will work with service providers in these communities to break down barriers for victims. We know that victims are much more likely to receive the services and support they need when communities are working together and are invested in their recovery and well-being.

Each year, NCVRW commemorations around the country are an opportunity to renew our commitment to serve all victims of crime, and the materials provided in the Resource Guide will help support your efforts. On behalf of the National Center for Victims of Crime, thank you for your steadfast support of all crime victims.

Sincerely,



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