

# Local Council Coordinator Feedback

## 1. What materials would your council be interested in having printed?

- Strangulation & Stalking-laminated Updated laminated visor cards or smaller wallet for LE and first responders on topics such as DV, SA, Elder & PWD Abuse, etc. Feedback from the 7 FVCC members interviewed ( SA, Court personnel, Agencies, Law enforcement) were that paper copies are frequently discarded. On a more local level at our August FVCC meeting there was much interest in securing funding for a coordinated victim resources handout for the courts, LE , first responders and others. This is not a printed request but there was much interest in having information materials such as strangulation ,stalking, DV, etc. sent electronically so that it be used in roll call trainings and other informational sessions.
- not sure at this time
- State and regional elder abuse information and resources
- Teen Dating Violence info. Online safety information.The strangulation material, assessment card for law enforcement, hearing impaired laminated card for law enforcement
- Unknown
- Officer flip books, visor cards, purple school violence prevention books, strangulation materials
- Materials on stalking

## 2. What topics/information would be valuable to talk about at the November 15th LCC In-Person meeting? You can check multiple topics.

| ANSWER CHOICES–                                       | RESPONSES–  |
|---|-------------|
| Local Council Membership - engagement and recruitment | 75.00%<br>6 |
| Grant Management - reports, approvals, etc.           | 37.50%<br>3 |
| Arrest trainings and training teams                   | 62.50%<br>5 |
| Other Guest speaker - special topic                   | 50.00%<br>4 |
| Engaging Judges                                       | 37.50%<br>3 |
| Other (please specify)                                | 25.00%      |

| ANSWER CHOICES-      | RESPONSES- |
|----------------------|------------|
|                      | 2          |
| Total Respondents: 8 |            |

**3. If you chose Other guest speaker - special topic, what topic are you interested in learning more about?**

- SANE updates Personally I am interested in Cultural consciousness but I am not sure this would be of interest to all at this time.
- how to be more efficient at networking. maybe social media
- Animal abuse - engaging local animal professionals in helping DV victims and providing information for them. Developing Safe Haven for Pets programs.
- I am open to many topics related to DV. I think online safety and any technology that assists. Anyone with legal updates that pertain to online abuse. Any speakers who possibly have a grant or is a part of their job that could possibly speak for free in our area. Such as the example I have in the previous question regarding the immigration speaker and we have hosted people from the Attorney General's office in the past as well.
- I'm open to hear anything new.
- Ccrts management, tools, innovative training ideas
- Human trafficking

**4. What topics should the IFVCC Spring Statewide training focus on? You can check multiple topics.**

| ANSWER CHOICES-                           | RESPONSES-  |
|---|-------------|
| Firearms                                  | 50.00%<br>4 |
| Stalking                                  | 50.00%<br>4 |
| People with Disabilities and Older Adults | 0.00%<br>0  |
| Risk Assessment                           | 50.00%<br>4 |
| Strangulation                             | 50.00%<br>4 |
| Gender-Based Discrimination on Campus     | 0.00%<br>0  |

| ANSWER CHOICES–                          | RESPONSES–  |
|--|-------------|
| Intimate Partner Sexual Violence         | 25.00%<br>2 |
| Meeting the Needs of the LGBTQ Community | 37.50%<br>3 |
| Immigration                              | 25.00%<br>2 |
| Other (please specify)                   | 25.00%<br>2 |

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### 5. Describe the barriers you have faced with judicial involvement on your local council?

- Our Circuit has had longtime positive judicial involvement in the work of our council. Judge Kathy Bradshaw- Elliott, our Council Chair, has a very positive relationship with members (in particular Law Enforcement) and actively promotes the work of our council. She frequently reaches out and encourages involvement in trainings and protocol development. She was instrumental in discussing the importance with LE, hospitals, first responders and mental health providers to increase the number of LE trained in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) . The FVCC is developing a CIT policy for our circuit. Juvenile Judges have actively supported the work of our Child Abuse Prevention Committee and other efforts and initiatives of the Council. A suggestion from the FVCC members interviewed was to host a Victim Sensitivity training for all court personnel.
- They are open to discussion but finding time out of their court calls to attend trainings is still a huge barrier. Web based training would be very helpful for this group.
- Fortunately, very few barriers due to good support from senior judges. We have a preponderance of female judges in this circuit, one of whom was chief judge and who had faced death threats from a DV perpetrator. It was so serious that she had to go into hiding for a while. The Accountability Court has also helped raise the visibility of domestic violence in criminal and now civil cases.
- I have had some more involved and some not as much. It is difficult because they have to be seen as impartial so knowing the ways to engage them without compromising that can be difficult at times.
- While the judges are present within the Council, they may not be physically present at committee meetings as their court schedule does not always permit for meetings during the day. Judges in my circuit are VERY supportive.
- Still new to this position so I don't have an answer.
- Going from extremely engaged judge to minimally engaged. Judges seem to not understand expectations of involvement.

- The judge is not interested in being involved. She will support the efforts but not hands-on.

**6. What support and technical assistance do you need from the IL Family Violence Coordinating Council/IL Criminal Justice Information Authority?**

- Updates on new laws Webinars on new legislation Accurate and easily accessible County/circuit data re DV, SA, Elder Abuse, PWD Abuse, Child Abuse , etc. Uniform reporting forms Increased funding for training opportunities to increase knowledge in our Circuit
- I am grateful for the support I already get. However I do believe that the training materials could have more detail and be more sophisticated on investigation and prosecution.
- Lacey's check lists are really helpful. Dealing with the requirements for managing budgets is often something I need help with.
- I believe we have great support and technical assistance. I would be interested in resources for small grants we can apply for to assist in hosting speakers in our area.
- IFVCC is very supportive I feel.
- Unknown at this time
- Perhaps simplifying the grant process as much as possible- otherwise, with each increase in demand for additional documents, we risk losing grant monitors and fiscal agents who feel it is too much work for little reward.
- Assistance with paper work.

**7. Would your local council Arrest training team be interested in receiving a grant to help develop and present webinars on the protocols and mini-toolkits?**

- Yes 75.00% 6 responses
- No 25.00% 2 responses

**8. What resources would you like to see on the IFVCC website?**

- Updates on new laws Case law updates Pending legislation Standardized forms for OOP Easily accessible and accurate County data Webinars on new legislation

- Lists of good speakers and topics, and their approximate costs. All handouts that different circuits use.
- Not sure at this time.
- Trainings other Councils are hosting and contacts to other coordinators
- Toolkits, tools and documents created by LCCs
- A speakers bureau

## **9. Other feedback/comments you would like to share...**

- Regarding #7: The 21st Council is interested in funds (for local use only) to develop roll call training for LE, First responders, courts, probation, 911 in our circuit- such as to develop short recorded audio training sessions. At this time our training members do not feel they have the amount of time needed or technical knowledge to produce webinars. Law Enforcement in our County uses New World - one suggestion is that funds would be very beneficial to modify the reporting data /forms would help increase accuracy of reporting, investigations and productive processes. Our Council is very appreciative in the additional funds that have been available in FY18 & FY19 to increase training opportunities in our Circuit.
- I wonder if a blog would be helpful - is it only me that sometimes feels isolated?
- Regarding question 7. I have lost a few of my arrest grant training team due to job turn over, retirement and promotion etc. My council members are very interested in helping to organize trainings and search out speakers etc but some of team members while more than equipped in their profession do not see themselves as trainers or simply do not like public speaking. But some are terrific trainers. I guess what I'm trying to say is I'm not sure the training would be represented well in each area needed for this type of training.
- My main frustration is the quick turn around time with signed documentation from ICJIA. It is not always possible as it is not just MY signature or that of someone in my facility. I know IFVCC is just the messenger but I feel like I am always DEMANDING stuff (signatures) from the powers above me and that is not my nature. Again, I know IFVCC is just the messenger.