

# Crime Victims' Institute



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## Our Mission

The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to :

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policymaking at the state and local levels.

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## Dr. Cortney Franklin Joins CVI

Dr. Cortney Franklin is an associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University. She arrived at SHSU in 2008 after completing her Ph.D. in criminal justice at Washington State University. Her research has focused on victimology and violence against women, with particular attention to sexual assault on college campuses, intimate partner violence, and perceptions of domestic sex trafficking victims. Her scholarly work has been published in *Violence Against Women*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Victims and Offenders*, and *Women and Criminal Justice*. Dr. Franklin also recently worked with Dr. William Wells as a contract analyst on a National Institute of Justice funded grant investigating the sexual assault kit backlog in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Franklin also teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in victimology and violence against women at SHSU. From 2010-2012, she chaired the committee responsible for revamping the Victim Studies undergraduate degree program, and in 2013, she oversaw the revitalization of the Victim Services Management Master's degree program. Dr. Franklin was the invited speaker at SHSU's "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event during the 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She has served as an Executive Counselor for the Victimology Section of the Academy of Crimi-

nal Justice Sciences from 2012-2014 and is a member of both the Division of Victimology and the Division of Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology. In 2012, she was honored with the inaugural New Scholar Award in Victimology by the Victimology Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

CVI is pleased to welcome Dr. Cortney Franklin as the new Assistant Director. She will collaborate with the Director, Dr. Leana Bouffard, in exploring new research projects and grant opportunities and will develop a new report series on campus sexual assault. We welcome her contributions and expertise.



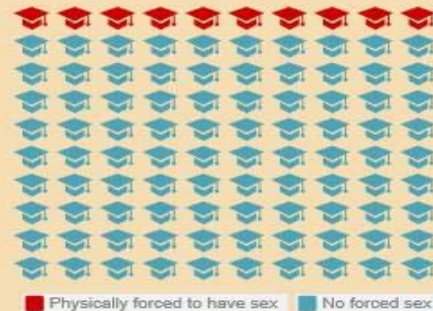
# February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

## Highlights from the 2015 CVI Texas Dashboard

For every 100 Texas high school students, 10 have experienced physical dating violence in the previous year.



For every 100 Texas high school students, 10 have been physically forced to have sex.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2013. Youth Risk Behavior Survey.  
Available at: [www.cdc.gov/yrb](http://www.cdc.gov/yrb)

The National Dating Violence Hotline reported 1,313 contacts from Texas in 2014.

Source: [loveisrespect.org](http://loveisrespect.org)

About 50% of those who have experienced dating violence say that at least some of the violence happened on school grounds.

Source: National Research Center for Women and Families

For more information, visit the Texas Council of Family Violence - Young Hearts Matter website at

<http://www.tcfv.org/our-work/prevention/young-hearts-matter/>



## In the Works....

Look for upcoming publications from the Crime Victims' Institute on:

- Safety Planning among College Women
- Sexual Minorities and Intimate Partner Violence
- Specialization in Domestic Violence: Implications for the Field
- A new report series focusing on Campus Sexual Assault

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Let's discuss it:

## STALKING: MYTHS & FACTS

**MYTH:** You can't be stalked by someone you're dating.

**FACT:** If your "friend" tracks your every move in a way that causes you fear, that is stalking.

**MYTH:** Technology is too expensive and confusing for most stalkers to use.

**FACT:** Stalkers can buy easy-to-use surveillance equipment for as little as \$30.

**MYTH:** If you confront the stalker, he or she will go away.

**FACT:** Confronting or trying to reason with a stalker can be dangerous. Get help.

January is  
**NATIONAL STALKING  
AWARENESS MONTH**  
[StalkingAwarenessMonth.org](http://StalkingAwarenessMonth.org)



## Upcoming Events

### Share your ideas:

We welcome your input. Please send issues or topics you would like to see CVI conduct research on to :  
crimevictims@shsu.edu



Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention Forth Worth, TX	02/24-27/16
Prevention of Child Abuse Conference Las Colinas, TX	02/23-24/16
TAASA Annual Conference Austin, TX	03/1-5/16
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Orlando, FL	03/3-7/16
Conference on Crimes Against Women Dallas, TX	03/16-18/16
January - Stalking Awareness Month	
February - Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month	

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.  
**One in three young people experience abuse in their relationships.**  
Visit <http://www.teenDVmonth.org> for more information!



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