

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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Careers in Victim Studies Panels

The Crime Victims' Institute (CVI) collaborates with the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University to host Careers in Victim Studies Panels. The Department of Victim Studies offers education in victim studies and services at the undergraduate and graduate level. These panels are designed to introduce victim studies students to different careers and opportunities that are available in the field. Panelists are asked questions from students in the Department of Victim Studies, so the information presented is tailored to the students' needs. Presenters provide information about their work experience and agency information that they feel would be beneficial for career-searching students. These panels are held biannually, in the fall and spring semesters, over zoom to accommodate and be accessible for more students. For the first Careers in Victim Studies Panel in the fall of 2020, we welcomed panelists with experience in law enforcement, adult and children's protective services, victim advocacy research, and district attorney's offices. In the spring of 2021, the panel was led by practitioners with experience in probate courts, forensic nursing, human trafficking victim services, and child welfare education projects. During this fall semester, panelists had experience in forensic interviewing, legal aid, human trafficking victim services, and adult and children's protective services. As shown by a post-panel survey, students are appreciative of the opportunity to be introduced to a variety of careers in the victim services field.

We are grateful to all of our panelists for being willing to speak with our students and are excited to plan our next Careers in Victim Studies Panel for this spring!



Success of Webinars

The CVI and the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University are proud to host free webinars to provide information about different types of victimization and ways to approach working with survivors of diverse backgrounds. Our first webinar addressed different types of victimization including Native American Victimization, LGBTQ+ Victimization, and Child Sex Trafficking. A [recording of this webinar](#) can be found on the SHSU CJ YouTube channel. Our second webinar was centered on giving practical ways for individuals in the victim services and law enforcement fields to deliver people-centered services.

Both of our webinars have had over 100 attendees including students, professors, victim service professionals, and law enforcement officers. We are grateful to all that take their time to attend our webinars and appreciative of those who present! Stay tuned for information about our April webinar!



Crime Victims' Institute Dashboard

The cover of the 2021 Crime Victims' Institute Dashboard report. It features a dark blue header with the title "2021 Crime Victims' Institute Dashboard" in white. Below the title, the names of the Executive Director and two other staff members are listed. A map of the United States is shown with Texas highlighted in a darker blue. At the bottom, there is a logo for the Crime Victims' Institute, which is a stylized 'V' with a white and red background, and text indicating its affiliation with the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University.

2021 Crime Victims' Institute Dashboard

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What is the 2021 Texas Dashboard?
The 2021 Texas Dashboard provides a broad collection of key indicators of victimization in Texas during the past year. The Dashboard includes reported victimization incidents, the scope of service utilization from various government and non-government resource providers, offender accountability, and results from victimization surveys. The presentation of these statistics allows for monitoring of trends, strengthens intervention policies and practices, and informs implementation of prevention tactics. Additionally, the Dashboard assists with amending existing programs and policies, allowing for the adoption of practices that are better suited to reduce and ultimately end victimization and assist victims and survivors.

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Every year, the CVI team produces the Dashboard. This resource provides a broad collection of key indicators of victimization in Texas during the past year. The report includes reported victimization incidents, the scope of service utilizations, from various government and non-government resource providers, offender accountability, and results from victimization surveys. Specifically, the Dashboard collects data from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, the Texas Council on Family Violence, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas Judicial Branch. The presentation of these statistics allows for monitoring of trends, strengthens intervention policies and practices, and informs implementation of prevention tactics. Additionally, the Dashboard assists with amending existing programs and policies, allowing for the adoption of practices that are better suited to reduce and ultimately end victimization and assist survivors.

The 2021 report and past reports can be found on the CVI website under the Publications tab, subsection [CVI Dashboard](#).

Look for upcoming publications, CVI Talks episodes, and fact sheets from the Crime Victims' Institute:

- CVI Talks: Family Violence
- Family Violence Fact Sheet
- Victimization of People with Disabilities
- Texas Youth Camps' Response to Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Standards by Bailey Vautrain
- Male Sexual Victimization on College Campuses by Dr. John Navarro and Christina Richardson
- A Descriptive Study of Non-Reported Sexual Victimization Among Black Women by Shamika Kelley

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Upcoming Events



Human Trafficking Prevention Month	January
National Stalking Awareness Month	January
Human Trafficking Summit 2022- Ohio Attorney General's Office Online	January 13, 2022
37th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment San Diego, CA or Online	January 22-28, 2022
Texas Advanced Academy for Victim Assistance in Management and Leadership Hutto, TX	February 23-25, 2022
16th Annual Crimes Against Persons Conference Stafford, TX	February 9, 2022
Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse Pasadena, CA	February 24-25, 2022
38th International Symposium on Child Abuse Online	March 21-24, 2022

Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 years or older) 800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
- National Child Abuse Hotline 800-422-4453
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving 877-623-3435
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (revenge/ nonconsensual porn) 844-878-2274



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