

# The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy



The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence implements the Indiana Victim Assistance Training Project. The Training Project's mission is to develop and provide a comprehensive, accessible, diverse, and affordable training series that is available to all professionals who serve victims of crime in Indiana. In keeping with this mission, the Project provides the Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy.

The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy is an entry-level training program that takes place over three weeks and provides 41 hours of content through webinar and classroom instruction. It is open, free of charge, to anyone employed by a government or non-profit entity who provides direct services to victims of crime and has held that role for three years or less.

Our August Academy will be held August 11-28, 2026. The in-person, classroom sessions will take place at The Courtyard by Marriott Indianapolis Fishers on August 13, 14, 27, and 28, 2026.

Program Dates: August 11-28, 2026

Topics: The History of Crime Victim Services

Victim Rights law

Navigating the Criminal Justice System

Ethics & Professional Behavior

The Impact of Crime on Victims

Direct Services to Victims

Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence

Serving Victims of Sexual Assault

Civil Protective Orders

Communication with Victims & Survivors

Children as Victims

Assisting Victims with Disabilities

Developing Community Partnerships

Victim Compensation, Notification, and the Sex Offender Registry

Elder Abuse

The Impact of Crime on Advocates

Cultural & Spiritual Competency in serving Victims of Crime

Human Trafficking

Building Resilience

**Please read the Academy description, expectations and requirements carefully before applying.**

## **Academy Description**

The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy begins on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, and runs through Friday, August 28, 2026.

Students will take part in daily educational sessions, on four days each week. Students will travel to Indianapolis/Fishers in weeks one and three for a total of four days of in-person, classroom instruction. They will participate in webinars on all other days. There is no cost to attend the Academy.

### **Classroom Days**

The in-person classroom days will be held at The Courtyard by Marriott Indianapolis Fishers, on Thursday, August 13, Friday, August 14, Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Sessions on these days run from 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

### **Webinar Days**

Webinars will be held from 9:00a.m.-11:00 a.m. EDT. Students should reserve 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. each day for the webinar portion of the academy. During this time students should be treated as if they were not physically in the office. On days where the webinars do not take the full two hours, students may be given a homework assignment or activity to complete during the remainder of the time.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

With a reduction in funding, ICADV is asking organizations to provide rooms for their staff. ICADV has reserved a block of rooms for Thursday, August 13 and Thursday, August 27, at the government rate of \$133 per night, not including taxes. Scholarships are available for participants whose organizations are unable to pay for their hotel accommodations.

To receive a scholarship, students must travel more than 50 miles in each direction. Distance must be calculated based on whichever location, home or office, is closer to the training site. Scholarships will fully cover the cost of the room with no additional costs to students. The scholarship application is included within the academy application.

Sometimes students who must drive a long distance choose to secure hotel rooms for the night before the in-person sessions. This year those dates are Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. ICADV has secured a smaller block of rooms, at the government rate, for both dates. These additional room nights are at the student's or organization's expense. Scholarships are not available for the additional nights.

All hotel reservation information and scholarship results will be provided at the time the Academy class is announced.

## **Expectations**

Students are expected to fully participate and complete all sessions. During webinars, students are expected to give full attention to the presentation and not accept phone calls or complete other work during this time. Should an unforeseen circumstance arise, that would prevent attendance, students should notify the program coordinator immediately.

Employers and supervisors are expected to support their staff's participation in the Academy by ensuring their attendance at all sessions. Employers and supervisors are expected to treat the student as if they are out of the office and unavailable from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on webinar days.

## **Requirements**

The Academy is open to anyone who is employed by a government or non-profit organization, who provides direct service to victims of crime and has been in that role for three years or less. Attendance and participation in all sessions is required to complete the Academy. No partial credit will be given and anyone who fails to timely complete the modules may be asked to leave.

## **Application, Deadlines & Acceptance**

Only a limited number of students will be accepted into the course. If applications exceed the available slots, priority will be given to students based on their direct service to victims, years of experience and application submission date. The number of applications submitted by an agency may also be considered.

**Applications will be accepted May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Applications will be available through a link on the Training Project resource page. Participants will be notified of acceptance by June 29, 2026. Please direct any questions or concerns to Suzanne O'Malley at [somalley@icadvinc.org](mailto:somalley@icadvinc.org).

The Indiana Victim Assistance Training Project resource page is located at:  
<https://icadvinc.org/events-calendar/victim-assistance-training-project>

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