

Colorado CONNECTIONS

Colorado Department of Public Safety
Division of Criminal Justice

Rebecca Oakes featured at Colorado Victim Rights Week Public Ceremony

The *Office for Victims Programs* very own Rebecca Oakes was the featured speaker at the National Victim Crime Week celebration hosted by the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, the Denver District Attorneys Office, the Denver City Attorney's Office and the Colorado Attorney General's Office. Other participants included such dignitaries as the Hon. F. Michael Goodbee, Mr. Steve Siegel, the Honorable Bill Ritter, Chief Gerry Whitman, Ms. Cathy Phelps, the Hon. Norma Anderson, the Hon. Cheri Jahn, Ms. Nancy Lewis, Attorney General Ken Salazar and Mayor Wellington Webb.

Rebecca spoke on how meaningful the victim service providers had been to her in her own personal experience, and Victims' Rights compliance from a Victim's perspective. Apart from the occasional wind gust, the event was very successful, and Rebecca's speech was well received. Thank you again, Rebecca, and good luck in your new position as staff at the *Office for Victims Programs* for State and local VALE.



VRA Specialist, Rebecca Oakes, speaking at Victims Rights Week.

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Colorado's Crime Victim Compensation Payment Up

By Peggy Gordon

A recently completed performance report for the *Office for Victims Programs* indicates an increase in compensation payments made to Colorado crime victims for the 2000–2001 grant years. For 2000–2001, payments to crime victims totaled \$9,827,279.62; this includes both state and federal expenditures. This is the largest statewide payout in the history of Colorado Crime Victim Compensation. The 1999–2000 payments to crime victims totaled \$8,350,102.

For the 2000–2001 period a total of 7,609 new victims were served, the breakdown by crime type is as follows:

- 3,978 assault victims

- 563 homicide victims
- 694 sexual assault victims
- 3,474 child abuse victims (both physical and sexual abuse)
- 194 DWI/DUI victims
- 116 stalking victims
- 215 robbery victims
- 46 kidnapping victims
- 30 arson victims
- 880 victims of other types of crime including burglary and property damage.

Of the total number of victims served, 2,770 of these victims were also victims of domestic violence.

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Keeping Up With Linda Jones

MANAGING CHANGE

As I skimmed through back issues of *Connections*, I noticed that many of the articles described changes that were occurring at DCJ *Office for Victims Programs*. This issue will be no exception.

For those of you who don't already know, in April Peggy Gordon transferred to the Victim Compensation Administrator position being vacated by Debbie Kasyon. Peggy's background in Victim Compensation at the 18th Judicial District Attorney's Office should serve her well in her new position.

I have assumed the Manager responsibilities for a transitional period of 6-9 months (best guess). Some of you know that I have occupied a number of positions at DCJ over the last 13 years, including management of the Victims Unit (then a part of a single grant unit with the Juvenile and Drug Control grants, of which I was the director); trouble-shooting for Bill Woodward, the previous Director of DCJ; developing the first set of standards for sex offender containment with the Sex Offender Management Board, and conducting national research on sex offenders with DCJ's research staff. For the past couple of years, I have been a member of the *Office for Victims Programs* staff, working for Rob Gallup in the VOCA grant program, and Betsy Anderson in the VAWA grant program, and generally trying to downshift and work less. You can see how successful I am at that!

In May, Debbie Kasyon resigned from from DCJ to work at the Department of Public Health and Environment, where she is a mental health consultant to agencies that serve high-risk pregnant women.

We don't really have words to describe how much we miss her, but we wish her the very best in this career and life change.

Diana Gutierrez, our excellent Administrative Assistant, was promoted into one of our financial grant specialist positions, where

Managing Complex Change

	+ Skills	+Incentive	+Resources	+Action Plan	+Evaluation	= <i>CONFUSION</i>
<i>VISION</i>		+Incentive	+Resources	+Action Plan	+Evaluation	= <i>ANXIETY</i>
<i>VISION</i>	+ Skills	+Incentive	+Resources		+Evaluation	= <i>FALSE STARTS</i>
<i>VISION</i>	+ Skills	+Incentive		+Action Plan	+Evaluation	= <i>FRUSTRATION</i>
<i>VISION</i>	+ Skills		+Resources	+Action Plan	+Evaluation	= <i>GRADUAL CHANGE</i>
<i>VISION</i>	+ Skills	+Incentive	+Resources	+Action Plan		= <i>PLATEAU</i>
<i>VISION</i>	+ Skills	+Incentive	+Resources	+Action Plan	+Evaluation	= <i>CHANGE & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT</i>

we have no doubt she will continue to be top-notch. Those of you who receive grants from DCJ have probably begun to hear from her as she processes your financial and statistical reports. We also welcomed Pat Glick into the Administrative Assistant position. See "Staff Member Spotlight" on page 5 for more information about Pat. Karen Dechant, our other financial grant specialist, is assuming leadwork responsibilities for all of our financial, statistical, and administrative responsibilities, while continuing her financial management duties.

In June, Rebecca Oakes, formerly occupying the Victim Rights Act (VRA) position, began her transition into the State/Local VALE position previously occupied by Nancy Feldman until January 2002. There was a state hiring freeze as this newsletter went to press, but we hope to use federal funds to put a temporary person in place to cover this position while we wait out the freeze.

Blessedly, Rob Gallup and Tony Tilger are remaining in place for the VOCA program, and Laura Baker, also a VOCA team member, is back from maternity leave. Her son, Payton Christopher, has attended one staff meeting so far, but I regret to tell you he slept through it. (Many of us were envious.) And we are also grateful that Betsy Anderson continues to efficiently handle both the VAWA and SAPF grant programs.

So, we are reeling a little from all this change. But we are also energized and looking forward to fresh perspectives. If you need to contact one of us, you will find an updated staff list on the back of this newsletter. We're always happy to hear from you.



CDPS staff cheers on DCJ's employee of the year Tony Tilger, who was further honored by being named an Employee of the Year finalist for the Governor's Star Awards. Way to go, Tony!

By the Numbers

By Karen Dechant

Q: Once my cash request has been submitted, how long does it take for my agency to receive the check?

A: Subgrantees should allow 20 to 30 days after the DCJ Form 3, Cash Request, is submitted to DCJ to receive the state warrant (check). Funds may be requested for anticipated expenses no more than one month in advance, or funds may be requested for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by the project. Although DCJ recommends that Cash Requests be submitted on a quarterly basis, that is not a requirement, and they may be submitted more or less often dependent on the needs of the agency.

The following examples indicate the dates that DCJ will process Cash Requests being submitted for anticipated expenses, or prior to the expenditure of the funds. Cash Requests submitted for reimbursement of actual expenses will be processed within 5 days of receipt by the Office for Victims Programs.

Quarterly Requests:

Calendar Quarter	Period Designated on Cash Request	Earliest date Cash Request will be processed:	Anticipate receiving state warrant on:
Jan-Mar	January 1 to March 31	February 1	February 20-28
Apr-June	April 1 to June 30	May 1	May 20-31
Jul-Sep	July 1 to September 30	August 1	August 20-30
Oct-Dec	October 1 to December 31	November 1	November 20-30

Bi-Monthly Requests:

Period Designated on Cash Request	Earliest date Cash Request will be processed:	Anticipate receiving state warrant on:
January 1 to February 28	January 1	January 20-31
March 1 to April 30	March 1	March 20-31
May 1 to June 30	May 1	May 20-30
July 1 to August 31	July 1	July 20-30
September 1 to October 31	September 1	September 20-30
November 1 to December 31	November 1	November 20-30

- Cash Requests will not be approved unless all required reports are up to date.
- Cash Requests submitted for anticipated expenses (prior to end of quarter) are estimates and will not exactly match the figures reported in your 1-A Quarterly Financial Report.
- Cash Requests submitted for reimbursement of actual expenses WILL match the figures reported in your 1-A!

We are always happy to answer your questions or walk you through our various forms by phone. Please contact Karen Dechant at 303-239-4662, Diana Gutierrez at (303) 239-4692, or your program administrator.

Important Cash Request Information

The State fiscal year end closing is quickly approaching. Due to these closing activities and our requirements to comply with those activities, we need all Cash Requests for all grants through June 30, 2002 submitted no later than Tuesday, July 2, 2002. Thank You!



Stump the Grant Geek...

By Tony Tilger

Dear Grant Geek:

I always get a little confused when I am filling out the first section of my 2VOCA narrative report form. Part I (Percentage of Victims Served by VOCA Funds Plus Match Dollars) has two boxes to choose from, and I never know which one to pick. Helllllllllllp!
Confused in Colorado

Dear Confused:

Part I of the 2VOCA narrative form requires the subgrantee to report on the percentage of victims served by the VOCA dollars plus any matching funds. These figures are then tabulated for all Colorado VOCA recipients, and forwarded to Congress. There are two choices in Part I of the 2VOCA, and the subgrantee is to pick either the first check off or the second check off—not both. An example might be instructive.

Subgrantee runs a domestic violence shelter. The shelter contracts with a therapist to provide counseling to victims of domestic violence who are not eligible for victims compensation. VOCA pays 80% of the contract with the therapist, and local VALE (as match for the VOCA project) pays the additional 20% of the contract. (\$10,000 from VOCA and \$2,500 local VALE) VOCA does not fund any other victim services for the shelter. Fifty victims are served by the contract with the therapist and 350 victims

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We hope you enjoyed these two new columns dedicated to your grant questions. Karen Dechant will be addressing your financial questions in "By the Numbers" and Tony Tilger will pit his brainpower against your programmatic questions in "Stump the Grant Geek!" Please submit questions to:

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Or e-mail them to Linda.Jones@cdps.state.co.us.

VOCA Funds Cap Update

By Rob Gallup

The last issue of Connections reported that the President's budget had proposed a 575 million dollar cap on VOCA spending next year (10/1/02-9/30/03). We also reported that this cap would mean that available VOCA assistance funds for programs would take a cut of somewhere between 8%–17%.

Since that time, ten national crime victim organizations have written a joint letter strongly urging Congress to increase the cap on the Victims of Crime Act Fund beyond the currently proposed 575 million in the FY 2003 budget. The organizations include: *Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards, the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators, the National Center for Victims of Crime, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Organization for Victim Assistance, Parents of Murdered Children, and the Victim Assistance Legal Organization.*

This is the first time there has been a concerted, coordinated effort with state and national advocacy groups to address the VOCA cap issues. Specifically, they asked for a net increase in the VOCA spending limit by at least \$125 million over the President's proposed budget with no new or expanded earmarks. They believe this approach will ensure a stable and adequate level of funding for local direct crime victim services in a manner consistent with the goals stated by Congress when it initially imposed caps on VOCA spending.

This cap increase is necessary because many VOCA-funded programs are already facing severe financial problems due to reductions in other critical funding, including private donations, unanticipated state budgetary pressures, and changes in some state TANF priorities. And despite their financial plight, victim assistance programs must meet the growing need for additional services while reaching out to traditionally unserved and underserved crime victim populations.

As a result of the Congressionally imposed caps, more than \$700 million has accumulated in the Fund—money specifically designated by the VOCA statute to be distributed to crime victims and crime victim service organizations through state block grants each year. Clearly, this balance is large enough to increase the FY 2003 cap to meet congressional intent without jeopardizing future funding.

For Colorado, the current proposed 2003 cap of 525 million dollars would mean at a minimum a loss of \$431,000 while the increase of 125 million dollars would mean an additional \$1,358,000 in funding for Colorado VOCA projects. It is always helpful for you and your colleagues to educate your legislators about the VOCA cap, the critical crime victim services in your community and what the extra dollars could mean to Colorado's crime victims.

The easiest way to communicate with your Congressman is to go to www.state.co.us/gov_dir/COreps.html. Here you will find links to all of Colorado's representatives and senators.

For further information, please call Rob Gallup at (303) 239-4529 or toll free outside the Denver Metro area at 1-888-282-1080.

Governor Owens Signs VAWA Restraining Order Bill

By Betsy Anderson

Governor Owens has signed House Bill 1034 into law, thus preserving Colorado's eligibility to receive millions of dollars of U.S. Department of Justice grant funds under the Violence Against Women Act formula and discretionary grants programs. Governor Owens had selected HB 1034 for his "Governor's Agenda" list of legislative items in which he had a particular interest.

Under the outstanding leadership of State Representative Jennifer Veiga and State Senator Norma Anderson, H.B. 1034 was crafted to bring Colorado into compliance with the federal "VAWA 2000" reauthorization legislation. "VAWA 2000" established the requirement that, in order to remain eligible to receive VAWA S.T.O.P. formula funds and VAWA Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies discretionary grants, each state must certify that its laws, policies, and practices do not require that the victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault bear the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a civil protection order. Although Colorado long ago passed legislation waiving such fees for victims in criminal cases, new legislation was required to waive such fees in civil cases as well. If Colorado were not in compliance with federal law by October 28, 2002, the state could have lost its eligibility to receive these two categories of VAWA grant funds that totaled close to \$8 million in the past two years.

The bill received widespread support, and was endorsed by the State Court Administrator's Office, County Sheriffs of Colorado, Colorado District Attorneys Council, Colorado Bar Association, Colorado Organization for Victims Assistance, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Colorado Counties, Inc., Ending Violence Against Women Statewide Training Project, and the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

History of federal VAWA funding in Colorado

Since 1994, Colorado has received more than \$20,733,074 in federal funds under the S.T.O.P. (Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors*) Violence Against Women Formula and Discretionary Grants Programs through the United States Department of Justice, Office for Justice Programs. The "VAWA 2000" reauthorization legislation continues the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula and Discretionary Grants Programs through 2005. These funds have been used for the specified purpose of strengthening and enlarging Colorado's coordinated response to the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking through the funding of prosecution, law enforcement, judicial, and victim services projects addressing these crimes throughout the state.

Use of VAWA funds throughout Colorado

Colorado's S.T.O.P. VAWA Formula funds, administered by the

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Office For Victims Programs Staff Member Spotlight:

Patricia Glick, Administrative Assistant

The Office for Victims Programs (OVP) is proud to introduce our newest staff member, Ms. Patricia Glick. Pat fills the administrative position previously held by Diana Gutierrez (who is now a unit financial specialist). Her duties include assisting all OVP grant programs, assisting staff, mailings, application processes, meetings and charts in addition to carrying out a variety of other OVP responsibilities.

Before coming to work at the OVP, Pat worked for almost 4 years with the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of

Insurance. Prior to that she was employed at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, where she assisted with the management of the Hepatobiliary Research Center grant.

In her free time, Pat enjoys numerous Colorado outdoor activities such as fishing, canoeing, camping and hiking with her husband, a retired firefighter. Other "spare time" activities include amateur photography, arts and crafts, gardening, cooking and renovating a 75-year-old house. In addition, she has an extensive collection of cookbooks



Pat Glick, OVP Administrative Assistant.

and volunteers for the Denver Parks.

We are very happy to have Pat join our OVP team and know that she will be a wonderful addition to DCJ as well. Welcome Pat!

Stump the Grant Geek...

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(including the contract victims) are served by the shelter. The overall victim service budget for the shelter is \$100,000 (including the \$12,500 VOCA and local VALE match).

If the subgrantee reports serving the 50 victims served only with VOCA dollars and match, then the subgrantee would mark the first area in Part I in that they are reporting the number of victims served only with VOCA funds and matching dollars (100%).

If the subgrantee reports on the 350 victims that the agency served, it would mark the second area in Part I. In addition, the subgrantee would fill in the shaded area, reporting that VOCA and matching funds

represent approximately 12.5% of the agency's total victim assistance budget. ($12,500/100,000 = 12.5\%$) The Office for Victims Programs will then calculate the number of victims served for the Federal report.

The two choices are for the convenience of the Subgrantee. If possible, DCJ would prefer that the Subgrantee use the first method and report only the victims served with VOCA dollars and match. DCJ recognizes that in some agencies it is easy to segregate victims served only with VOCA dollars. DCJ also recognizes, however, that in some instances it is hard to separate victims served with VOCA dollars, and easier to report all of the victims served by the agency, and then calculate VOCA's percentage of the agency's total victim assistance budget. In those cases, choosing the second method is acceptable.

Restraining Order Bill

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Division of Criminal Justice, have been awarded annually to up to 69 projects located in every judicial district in the state. Under the VAWA Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies (GTEA) Discretionary Grants Program, the State Court Administrator's Office and other entities including Colorado Springs, Jefferson County, La Plata County, and Pueblo County have received sizeable awards to combat violent crimes against women. Examples of projects funded under these programs include specialized law enforcement units; specialized prosecution units; specialized probation units; coordinated multi-disciplinary victim assistance programs; statewide training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges; coordinated community councils; multi-disciplinary domestic violence and sexual assault response teams; dedicated investigation and prosecution staff positions; multi-agency and multi-disciplinary collaboration efforts; and policy and protocol development projects.

Compensation Claims

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For the 2000-2001 periods, the following victim expenses were paid:

- \$3,996,778 for medical/dental expenses
- \$2,777,905 for mental health expenses
- \$1,533,630 for economic support (lost wages and loss of support to dependents)
- \$1,211,092 for funeral/burial expenses
- \$11,760 for crime scene clean up
- \$4,240 for forensic sex assault exams
- \$291,876 for other expenses, such as property damage

Each year, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) in Washington, D.C. combines Colorado's VOCA Compensation statistics with those from other states in a congressional report. For more information, contact Peggy Gordon at (303) 239-4493.

Colorado Department of Public Safety Colorado Division of Criminal Justice State VALE Grant Awards for July 1, 2002–June 30, 2003

GRANT # 23-SV	AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	2003 AWARD
0-1	Colorado Department of Law Attorney General's Office	This program provides non-duplicating, mandated services to crime victims whose cases are handled by the units of the Criminal Enforcement Section of the Attorney General's Office.	\$47,120
0-2	Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)	The project provides partial salaries and operating expenses for COVA, expenses associated with providing Victim Rights Act training and technical assistance to victim services agencies statewide, and a scholarship fund of last resort for the 2002 COVA Conference.	\$115,000
0-3	Colorado Judicial Department– Division of Probation Services	The State Court Administrator's Office, Division of Probation Services provides program development, training, grant management and technical assistance to each of the 23 probation departments as they provide notification and direct services to victims of crime at the local level in each of the judicial districts.	\$119,769
0-4	Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, (CCASA)	This grant is for two specific projects. The first is for statewide services which includes training, technical assistance, and support services to new and existing sexual assault programs, communities and individuals. The second is the SANE Implementation Project which provides training and technical assistance to qualified communities and medical personnel on sexual assault forensic exams and evidence collection as well as SANE site development.	\$144,575
0-5	Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC)	The DOC Victim Services Unit provides services to registered victims in the program. The Victim Services Unit supplies information on the status of offenders who are under the jurisdiction of DOC as well as offer personal follow-up and support to victims who attend parole and community corrections boards hearings.	\$75,000
0-6	Division of Youth Corrections (DYC)	The DYC Victim Notification Program is designed to establish and maintain a centralized victim notification process to notify enrolled victims of the movements of perpetrating juveniles who are committed to the custody of DYC. Victims are informed of any status changes of the identified perpetrator.	\$27,335
0-7	Colorado State Patrol (CSP)	The Colorado State Patrol victim advocates provide comprehensive services to victims of traffic crashes and their families.	\$196,636
0-8	Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)	The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is the statewide domestic violence coalition, providing education, technical assistance, public policy initiatives, and training to its membership, the community, medical professionals, policymakers, and law enforcement. During 2002–2003, CCADV will continue to provide and enhance these services by the development of expanded training to membership, and increased community collaboration to underserved populations.	\$70,477
0-9	Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	By state statute, convicted sex offenders must submit a sample of their blood before being released on parole. This project covers some of the costs of genetic testing using DNA analysis.	\$18,000
2-14	Parents of Murdered Children (POMC)	This grief retreat/workshop is an intensive self-help weekend, which has been specially designed by the National POMC for survivors of homicide victims.	\$3,088

Emergency Funds

GRANT # 23-SV	AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	2003 AWARD
0-12	Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)	The Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) will continue to administer the Crime Victim Emergency Fund, which is funded by the Colorado Department of Corrections Prison Industries Enhancement Program. The fund is used for unmet emergency needs of victims of crimes. Requests must come through victim advocates who are responsible for verifying the need and exhausting all other resources.	\$31,435

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Deadline for Cash Requests for All Grants through June 30, 2002	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> (State Offices Closed)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Statewide Planning Meeting (Lakewood) 10–1 PM (303) 239-4437	19 Victim Compensation Coordinator Meeting (Montrose) (970) 252-4275 VRA Subcommittee Meeting (Denver) 12–2:30 PM	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 (July 29–31) National Criminal Justice Association Conference (Breckenridge) (303) 239-4400	30	31 2nd Qtr. VOCA Report Due 1st Qtr. VAWA/SAPF Reports Due 4th/Final State VALE Report Due 3rd Qtr. Victims Compensation Report Due			
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 VAWA/SAPF Tentative Grant Writing Workshop (Montrose) 1–3 PM	16 VRA Subcommittee Meeting (Denver) 12–2:30 PM	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 VAWA/SAPF Tentative Grant Writing Workshop (Ft. Morgan) 10 AM–12 PM	24
25 (August 25–28) The American Probation and Parole Association 27th Annual Training Institute (Denver) Adams Mark Hotel	26	27	28	29	30 VAWA/SAPF Tentative Grant Writing Workshop (Castle Rock) 1–3 PM	31
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i> (State Offices Closed)	3	4	5	6 State VALE Applications Due	7 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
8 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13 Tentative 2002 VAWA & 2003 SAPF Grant Application Deadline—Applications Must be received by 3:00 PM	14
15	16 <i>Yom Kippur</i> Victims' Compensation & Assistance Coordinating Committee Meeting (Grand Junction)	17	18	19	20 VRA Subcommittee Meeting (Denver) 12–2:30 PM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**STATE CONFERENCES
AND TRAINING**

August 18–23: NOVA Conference – Nashville, TN (202) 232-6682; **October 5–9:** National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Board – Denver, CO;
October 21–23: National Training Conference for VOCA Assistance Administrators – Atlanta, GA (This will not be a joint conference with crime victim compensation programs.)
 For more information, call 1-404-231-1234

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