

Victim Services Academy Trainings

May 23rd – May 26th & June 6th – June 9th

New Paltz, New York



Traumatic events are common in modern life, whether that means surviving a disaster, suffering economic hardship or being the victim of a crime. Virtually everyone who goes through a disturbing experience is likely to have a range of post-traumatic reactions including negative emotional, behavioral, physical, cognitive and often spiritual symptoms which can compound their suffering. Even when practical needs are being attended to, these psychological reactions can delay recovery.

To help address the underlying needs of victims, the **New York State Office of Victim Services** and the **Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz** have teamed up to offer two, four-day Victim Service Academy Trainings hosted on the beautiful campus of SUNY New Paltz. Each four-day session will include trainings on the following topics:

- Basic Helping Skills & Psychological First Aid
- Groups with Special Needs
- Occupational Hazards and Self-Care

Each Victim Service Academy Training will provide information on how victim advocates can help victims receive basic early supports and learn self-care practices that will help enable them to handle profession stressors that come from working with victims of crime.

Additional information and registration guidelines for the Victim Services Academy Trainings at SUNY New Paltz are available on the Office of Victim Services website at <https://ovs.ny.gov/victim-assistance-program>.