

THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Dear Colleague:

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) received notice that the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) published the <u>final rule for its Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)</u> <u>Formula Victim Assistance Grant Program</u> in the Federal Register today, July 8, 2016. The final rule goes into effect thirty days after publication, and sets forth the parameters for the use of funds under OVC's Victim Assistance Program.

OVS is currently reviewing the rules and will be attending training sessions at the National Conference in August and will provide more details to victim assistance programs (VAPs) when appropriate.

OVS suggests VAPs review the rules, and if you have any questions, please reach out to your OVS Contact for assistance.

On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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