



# Office of Victim Services

The following is a **Broadcast Email** to all OVS Funded Victim Assistance Programs:

## NY Crime Victims Legal Network Referral

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Dear Colleague:

As a recipient of an OVS Attorney Services contract, you have agreed to be a Referral Partner for the Crime Victims Legal Network (CVLN). The attorney(s) funded under this grant (whether staff attorney(s) or via a contract) are required to be their organization's point of contact, and to communicate, coordinate and collaborate with the CVLN to ensure that victims of crime are receiving comprehensive responses to their needs. The long-term success of the CVLN is a priority for OVS and is intended to be an on-line resource for victims of crime. The CVLN has many resources and self-help tools that a victim of crime can navigate and use independently. Recognizing that victims may want assistance with their civil legal needs, the CVLN relies on partners to take client referrals. Partnerships between the CVLN and providers is key to providing the full scope of legal services to victims of crime.

Beginning with the new contract year which starts October 1, 2021 we are asking organizations to start recording their referrals from the CVLN. To assist you with this there is an instruction sheet attached that the CVLN developed that can assist your organization with adding the CVLN to your referral records. This request is just to include the CVLN as a referral source at intake. There is also a brief video that your organization can view on the CVLN website's Advocate Gateway: [Adding CVLN to your intake form](#) .

We would also like to ask that you report back to the CVLN on a quarterly basis (such as you do for OVS' PMT data) the number of referrals that were made for the preceding quarter. This information can be forwarded to the following address: [sdietzel@albany.edu](mailto:sdietzel@albany.edu).

[CVLN Cheat Sheet](#)

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