



Office of Victim Services

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

Dear Colleague:

The NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS) is seeking candidates for appointment to its Advisory Council. OVS requests the assistance of present council members, coalitions, and other interested parties in extending invitations to potential new members to apply to fill several upcoming vacancies.

The Council has the duty to encourage public understanding of the needs of victims and the status of victims' rights. Further, the Council advises OVS in establishing statewide goals and objectives for advancing services to victims and implementing victims' rights. OVS strives to maintain a Council of 16 members that reflects the diversity of the state and its people. Members must have an active interest in or obtained professional knowledge of the problems, needs and treatment of victims. Members must also maintain active membership in one of the five regional crime victim service providers' coalitions.

Members are appointed for one three-year term. Meetings with the office are held quarterly, and monthly Council-only meetings also take place. In-person participation at the headquarters of OVS is strongly encouraged (at this time, all meetings will be held virtually). Travel can be charged to a program's OVS grant. Please note that in response to COVID-19, all meetings are currently held via Zoom.

Anyone interested in seeking appointment to the Advisory Council should submit a statement of interest or expertise and a resume to the following link: [OVS Advisory Council Nomination Form](#) by **November 28, 2020**. If you have any questions or issues using the link please contact Debra Harrington for assistance.

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If you have any Council-specific questions, you may contact Christopher E. Bromson, Advisory Council President cbromson@cvtcnyc.org 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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