



Outreach News

WV CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND

WEBSTER COUNTY HEALTH FAIRS

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In October, Connie Lynch of Women's Aid in Crisis helped to organize two successful health fairs. They were held at Glade Elementary and Middle School and Diana Elementary in Webster County. Students from Hacker Valley Elementary School also participated by being bussed to Diana Elementary health fair. Blood pressure and glucose screenings were conducted by Webster County High School Wellness Center. Exhibitors with displays included WVU Dental School, Mountain Cap of WV (Right From The Start, Webster County Fitness Center and Tobacco Prevention), Breast and Cervical Cancer Program,

WVU Extension Service (Germ City), WV Crime Victims Compensation Fund, Amber Alert, Webster County Health Department, Catholic Community Charities, and Solid Waste Authority. An interesting twist was the fashion show of items from Twice as Nice, a local thrift store, held during lunchtime. The middle school student models got to choose and then take home the items they modeled. Family Resource Network provided lunch for the exhibitors at both events. HSTA stu-



Kids gather to watch a fashion show put on by their peers.

dents from Webster County High were on hand to lend assistance. The children left with lots of information and goodies. The fairs provided information for approximately 800 students and members of the community.



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WEST VIRGINIA SENIOR LEGAL AID

Did you know that free civil legal services and counsel are available to senior West Virginians? To qualify, they must be age 60 or over, economically/socially disadvantaged, disabled, or live in

rural areas. This office is located in the Charleston Town Center Mall, 3rd level, and provides assistance with advance directives, bankruptcy, collections, consumer issues, domestic relations, general

Medicaid, general nursing home topics, government, housing/utilities, Medicare, Social Security, web links, and wills/estate planning. Please visit www.wvseniorservices.gov for more information.

COMPENSATION FUND GETS NEW POSITION

BY TRISH MCELHANEY

My how quickly things change! You may remember from the last issue that Erika Schrader was announced as our new Administrative Assistant. After a brief time in that position, our office was fortunate enough to be permitted to add a new position, Assistant Claims Investigator, to our staff. Erika moved into this job, and Rachel Dove has taken over the Administrative Assistant's position.

We are so excited about having an Assistant Claim Investigator because this provides a great help to the Investigators' case loads. Erika is handling all methamphetamine

claims. She also sends out initial requests for police reports, court records, medical records, and information from employers and claimants. She then follows up with additional requests in 30-45 days via letter or telephone call. She also prepares supplemental recommendations, calling providers to ascertain outstanding balances, calculating a victim's work loss, and researching any related out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, the Assistant Claim Investigator assists the Business Manager with statistics. When necessary,



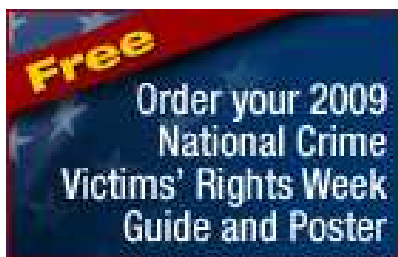
Becky, Trish, Nicole, Rocky, Amy, Rachel, and Erika

Erika performs certain administrative duties, such as issuing Orders and assisting members of the public in completing applications.

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

BY TRISH MCELHANEY

The Office for Victims of Crime has designated April 26 – May 2, 2009, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year's theme is "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act" and the colors are cranberry red and blue. The 2009 Resource Guide and Poster can be requested for free by visiting <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc>.



This resource guide contains ideas for special events, sample proclamations, sample news releases, statistical overviews, posters, and camera-ready artwork that can be used for logos, buttons, ribbon cards, bookmarks, and certificates of appreciation. The resource guide is quite an asset when preparing for events.

Locally, many agencies will be gathering to promote this week by conducting the following activities:

April 27 – Kick-Off Ceremony and appreciation luncheon

April 28-30 – Information fair at

the Charleston Town Center Mall

May 1 - Information fair and "Operation Reach Out" at the State Capitol

I would like to spotlight activities throughout the state in the upcoming issues. Please let us know what is being done in your area to celebrate National Crime Victims' Rights Week. As always, you can submit this and other information to be included in the newsletter to trish.mcelhaney@wvlegislature.gov or call 1-877-562-6878.

GREAT IDEA!

Webster County agencies have formed a partnership to help prevent child abuse and neglect. Connie Lynch, Women’s Aid in Crisis, developed a calendar for families which emphasizes the importance of regular positive interactions between parents and children. The calendar is an excellent tool to promote agencies in their area and provide suggestions of activities for parents and guardians to interact with their children on a daily basis. Some of the suggestions include

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teaching your child how to answer the telephone, make sock puppets, go for a walk, sing nursery rhymes, visit your child’s school, have your child tell you a story, work a puzzle with your child, and let your child help plan a meal. In addition, the calendar, which is made to hang on a wall, has an upper section that includes recipes, meal plans, games, special messages for the parents/guardians, and pages that can be colored. Other agencies in the county helped with this project by

providing copying services and paying for colored covers.



10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STALKING

WWW.NCVC.ORG/SRC

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| 1. Stalking is a crime. | 6. Stalking can occur during a relationship, after a relationship, or in the absence of a relationship. | 10. Help is available. |
| 2. Many people are stalked. | 7. Technology can be used to stalk. | If you or someone you know is being stalked, call 1-800-FYI-CALL for assistance. |
| 3. Stalking can be very dangerous. | 8. An effective response to stalking includes the entire community. | Visit www.ncvc.org/src to learn more about stalking and how to fight it. |
| 4. Stalking is harmful and intrusive. | 9. You can make a difference. | |
| 5. Anyone can be stalked—not just celebrities. | | |

According to the National Center for Victims of crime, 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetimes.

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Daylight savings time begins on March 8, 2009

- WV Legislative Session begins on Wednesday, February 11, 2009
- March 18 - Crime Victim Day at the Legislature
- Last day to submit information for the April Newsletter is March 20
- April 3 - Sexual Assault Symposium in Charleston
- WV Legislative Session ends on Saturday, April 11, 2009
- National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is April 26 – May 2
- May 1 - Operation Reach Out at the State Capitol Complex
- July 26-31—State Victim Assistance Academy at WVSU
- This newsletter is online at: <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Joint/Victims>

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STALKING: MYTHS & FACTS

MYTH: *You can't be stalked by someone you're dating.*

FACT: *If your "friend" tracks your every move in a way that causes you fear, that is stalking.*

MYTH: *Technology is too expensive and confusing for most stalkers to use.*

FACT: *Stalkers can buy easy-to-use surveillance equipment for as little as \$30.*

Myth: *If you confront the stalker, he or she will go away.*

FACT: *Confronting or trying to reason with a stalker can be dangerous. Get help.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTP://STALKINGAWARENESSMONTH.ORG](http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org)

