

OPPORTUNITIES

ACVS provides many levels of professional development for victim service providers. Professional development opportunities for ACVS members include:

Statewide Conference: ACVS offers a periodic conference in support of the many agencies, organizations and individuals who serve crime victims throughout Arizona. A wide variety of workshops are offered to meet the needs of a diverse population of providers.

Arizona Victim Assistance Academy:

The Academy provides a fundamental overview of the entire field of advocacy including victimology, victims' rights, and victims' assistance. One major goal of the Academy is to standardize the training of crime victim advocates in Arizona.

Relocation Project: This program provides financial assistance to victims of crime throughout the state to relocate these victims to a place of safety. Referrals must be made through a social service agency or organization. For more information please call Tracey Wilkinson at 480-312-6306.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (**ACVS**) promotes awareness, training, and advocacy to statewide crime victim service providers. We are committed to the enhancement and protection of victims' rights and needs.

PURPOSE

The Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (**ACVS**) is an unincorporated network of agencies that provide services to crime victims. **ACVS** is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 agency.

The purpose of **ACVS** is to:

- Facilitate communication between those agencies that provide services to crime victims;
 - Improve the quality of services provided to crime victims through education, training, and advocacy;
- and
- Educate and advocate on all governmental levels regarding issues that affect victims and providers of victim services.



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MEMBERSHIP



Agency membership is open to agencies that provide direct victim assistance, mandated victim notification or victim compensation services to crime victims. In order to qualify as a direct service provider, an agency must provide a minimum of 3 of the following core victims' services:

- 24 hour hotline for crime victims;
 - 24 hour shelter or safe house for crime victims;
 - Legal, medical, financial, or housing advocacy referrals and/or services for victims and their families;
 - Crisis intervention and/or counseling for adult or child victims;
 - Community education and/or prevention services directed at issues on domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, DUI, and/or hate crimes;
 - Court escort services for misdemeanor/felony crime victims;
- or
- Mandated victim notification.

Important Note: ACVS meetings are open to all service providers and members of the community. Membership is required for voting rights and to receive the weekly ACVS newsletter.

Membership Categories

1. **Agency Membership:** Agency membership shall be open to agencies that provide direct victim assistance, mandated victim notification, and/or victim compensation services to crime victims. Each Agency will have one vote. **new agencies please provide an organizational chart, verification of independent operating budget and agency/program history.*
2. **Individual Membership:** Individual memberships shall be open to individuals (not more than one person per membership) who provide direct services to crime victims, survivors of crime and lawful representatives of crime victims as defined by Arizona Revised Statute §§ 13-4401 and/or 8-382. Individual members will have one vote. **new applicants please provide a letter explaining how you fit the criteria.*
3. **Affiliate Organization Membership:** Affiliate organization membership will be open to agencies/organizations that support the mission of ACVS. Affiliate Organization members will not have voting rights. **new applicants please provide a letter outlining commitment and/or activities directed toward victims' rights/advocacy.*
4. **Affiliate Individual Membership:** Affiliate individual membership will be open to individuals who support victims' rights and victim advocacy. Affiliate Individual Members will not have voting rights. **new applicants please provide a letter outlining commitment and/or activities directed toward victims' rights/advocacy.*

This is what some of our members are saying about ACVS:

"Coming from a small rural municipality, ACVS is our connection to the State as to what is happening and what will be changing in victim services. It is also a great way to meet and network with others in the field. If your program wants to practice "Best Practices", then you will definitely want to be an active member of ACVS."

Pam Hume, Safford City Prosecutor's Office

"ACVS is so important because it brings the entire state of Arizona together to discuss and resolve victim issues, resources, funding and legislation in order to ensure that Arizona's crime victims have their constitutional rights enforced every day for every victim. Arizona has been and will continue to be the leading force in Victims' Rights because the entire state cares so much!"

Jamie Mabery, Maricopa County Attorney's Office

Attending quarterly meetings gives me and "in" on the most current victim issues, resources, funding and training from across the state."

Evelyn G. Marez, Navajo County Attorney's Office

Membership Benefits

- Weekly e-newsletters with information on the victims' rights movement including national, state and local programs, events, and policy issues.
- Up-to-the-minute information on ACVS conferences, trainings and the Academy.
- Continuous learning and networking opportunities

ACVS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one:

- RENEWAL application NEW applicant*

Check appropriate category:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Agency (voting)	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (voting)	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Organization	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Individual	\$25.00

Name/Title _____

Agency _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***If new applicant, please refer to membership categories section and submit the appropriate backup documentation criteria.**

Method of Payment

- Check/money order enclosed (payable to ACVS)
 Purchase Order enclosed
 (ACVS Federal ID # 86-0909285)

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO THE PO BOX LISTED BELOW

YES!! I want to be involved!
Please check your area(s) of interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Crisis Response Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy/Legislation
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Victim Assistance Academy	<input type="checkbox"/> Best Practices
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Conference
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation Project

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