## Victim Service Provider Core Certification Training

**A bill signed by Governor Sanford on June 4, 2008 to:**

Create the Office of Victim Services Education & Certification (OVSEC) within the Office of the **Crime Victims' Ombudsman**, to establish certification and continuing education requirements for victim services providers and to authorize and promulgate necessary regulations.

**CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN,**
**OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION (OVSEC) was created to:**

1. provide oversight of training, education, and certification of victim assistance programs;
2. with approval of the Victim Services Coordinating Council (VSCC), promulgate training standards and requirements;
3. approve training curricula for credit hours toward certification;
4. provide victim services provider certification; and
5. maintain records of certified victim services providers.

**All** public victim assistance programs shall ensure that all victim service providers employed in their respective offices are certified through the Office of Victim Services Education and Certification within the Office of the Crime Victims' Ombudsman.

Victim service providers (VSP), serving in public or private nonprofit programs, employed on the effective date of **January 1, 2009** are exempt from the **15 hours** basic certification requirements but shall meet the **12 hours** of annual continuing education requirements to maintain certification.

Victim service providers, serving in public or private nonprofit programs, employed after the effective date of this chapter are required to complete the basic certification requirements within one year from date of employment and to meet annual continuing education requirements to maintain certification throughout their employment.

Upon submission of a VSP application, each victim service provider will be assigned a VSP number. This number will serve as an identifier in reporting course attendance. *If your VSP ID card is lost or stolen,* the Office of Victim Services Education and Certification (OVSEC) will issue a one-time replacement card to victim service providers. *If your VSP ID card is lost or stolen a second time, we will be unable to issue another replacement card.*

All certification must be completed by the end of the fiscal year (January 1-December 31) or within one year of employment for basic certification requirements.

Notification & information about all approved upcoming trainings will be sent by OVSEC via email or upon request from interested parties.

**Article 14**

**Victim Assistance Program**

**Section 16-3-1400.** For the purpose of this article:

(1) 'victim service provider' means a person:

(a) who is employed by a local government or state agency and whose job duties involve providing victim assistance as mandated by South Carolina law; or

(b) whose job duties involve providing direct services to victims and who is employed by an organization that is incorporated in South Carolina, holds a certificate of authority in South Carolina, or is registered as a charitable organization in South Carolina, and the organization's mission is victim assistance or advocacy and the organization is privately funded or receives funds from federal, state, or local governments to provide services to victims; and

**"Section 16-3-1680. The Crime Victims' Ombudsman of the Office of the Governor may promulgate those regulations necessary to assist it in performing its required duties as provided by this chapter."**

To request information, a **VSP Application**, or a Program Accreditation application, please contact OVSEC at:

**Crime Victims' Ombudsman**
**Office of Victim Services Education and Certification**
**1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 463**
**Columbia, SC 29201**
**Office: (803) 734-0357**
**http://www.oepp.sc.gov/ovsec/ovsec.html**

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## February 11-13, 2013

Doctors Bruce & Lee
Foundation Library
509 S. Dargan Street
Florence, SC 29506

SCCADVASA

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## Training Deadlines

Hotel Reservations:
**February 1, 2013**

Registration:
**February 8, 2013**

### SCCADVASA's Cancellation Policy:

**NO REFUNDS OR NAME CHANGES ALLOWED** but all cancellations received prior to **February 1, 2013** will receive a credit that that can be applied to any 2013 SCCADVASA Training. All cancellation requests must be made in writing and emailed to dthompson@sccadvasa.org.

**Please submit payments to:**
**SCCADVASA**
**Attn: Operations Department**
**PO Box 7776**
**Columbia, SC 29202**

## Training Agenda

### Monday, February 11, 2013

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| 10:00am-10:30am | Registration and Welcome |
| 10:30am-11:00am | Introduction to SCCADVASA Member Programs |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | History of the Movement to End Violence Against Women |
| 12:00pm-1:15pm | Lunch on your own |
| 1:15pm-2:45pm | State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA) and Victims' Compensation |
| 2:45pm-3:00pm | Break |
| 3:00pm-4:00pm | SC Victim's Bill of Rights |
| 4:00pm-5:00pm | Fundamentals of Advocacy |

### Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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| 9:00am-9:30am | Sign-In and Welcome |
| 930am-11:00am | Ethics & Confidentiality |
| 11:00am-11:15am | Break |
| 11:15am-11:45am | Ethics & Confidentiality, cont. |
| 11:45am-1:00pm | Lunch on your own |
| 1:00pm-2:30pm | Understanding Domestic Violence |
| 2:30pm-2:45pm | Break |
| 2:45pm-4:15pm | Case Management |
| 4:15pm-4:30pm | Question & Answer Session |

### Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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| 9:00am-9:30am | Sign-In and Welcome |
| 9:30am-11:00am | Understanding Sexual Assault |
| 11:00am-11:15am | Break |
| 11:15am-12:45pm | Anonymous Reporting & VAWA Compliance |
| 12:45pm-2:00pm | Lunch on your own |
| 2:00pm-3:15pm | Criminal Justice System and Court Procedure |
| 3:15pm-3:30pm | Break |
| 3:30pm-4:15pm | System & Procedure, cont. |
| 4:15pm-4:45pm | Self-Care & Vicarious Trauma |
| 4:45pm-5:00pm | Certificates of Completion Awarded |

## Pre-registration is required.

**Please register online at:**
**http://sccadvasa.org/training**

- Your registration is no competed until you have received a confirmation letter from SCCADVASA.

The registration fees for this training are as follows:

**FREE for SCCADVASA Member Program Advocates**

**$50.00 for SCCADVASA Affiliate Members & Students (Students must provide Student ID)**

**$75.00 for General Registration**

### Need Hotel Accommodations?

Call Comfort Suites
2120 West Lucas Street
Florence, SC 29501
1.843.662.5295-Hotel's Direct Number

Please refer to group code: **SCCADVASA**
$79.99 per night plus applicable taxes and fees.
The deadline to confirm the group rate is
**February 1, 2013**

- Full Buffet Breakfast is available for all hotel guests

For assistance, please contact Donna Thompson, Training Coordinator, at dthompson@sccadvasa.org or (803) 256-2900.

Certificates will be distributed at the end of the training. Participants must attend **the entire training** to receive full certification. If you must leave early, you must speak to a SCCADVASA staff member before leaving to receive any of your Victim Servicer Provider Core Certification Hours.