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CalVCP Hosts National Training Conference on Victim Services

Annual event highlights best practices for serving victims of violent crime; unites advocates from victim services and compensation programs

Sacramento, CA – The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) today announced it is hosting the 2011 VOCA National Training Conference. Held in collaboration with the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards (NACVCB) and the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), the conference is slated for September 19-22 in Long Beach, California.

“We are thrilled California has, once again, been chosen as the host state for this essential training conference which will enable programs from across the country to share best practices with those who provide direct services to victims,” said Julie Nauman, VCGCB executive officer. “As the first victim compensation program in the nation, California is honored to be taking part in this very important event which examines critical trends and promotes the protection of victim rights.”

The conference will gather 250 participants from 50 states to share strategies for improving customer service, administration processes, cultural diversity, revenue recovery, restitution collections, mental health counseling services and outreach workshops.

“This year’s conference is shaping up to be one of the most interactive forums that will allow various attendees to share ideas and strategies to improve compensation-program operations. Long Beach is the perfect location for a conference of this caliber and we thank our California hosts for welcoming us,” said Dan Eddy, NACVCB executive director. “In addition to the location, the Office for Victims of Crime is providing generous grant support for this event which has helped fill in our agenda with outstanding speakers as well as a panel on the 10 year anniversary of 9/11.”

The [NACVCB](#) and [NAVAA](#) connect an array of managers, staff and other organization members from across the U.S. to share information and ideas for improving the administration of crime victim compensation programs. In addition, it provides information to victims, the advocates who work on their behalf, interested members of allied professions, and the general public.

For more information about CalVCP, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources.

Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and federal matching funds.