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Governor's Crime Commission Monthly Newsletter

GCC 2024 Grant Award Workshop

When: September 19, 2024 Time: 9:00AM-3:30PM with a 30-min lunch break Where: Virtual via Webex

An email will be sent to all current subrecipient project directors and financial officers with information on how to join in September.

New subrecipients or others who would like to join are also welcome. Be on the lookout for an additional announcement for how to register. Grants Information Stakeholders Training



GCC staff at the staff retreat in July 2024

SR Highlight - Our Voice

August 17th was National Non-Profit Day, so we want to recognize one of the non-profits in NC that is



doing important work for survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking. Founded in 1974, Our Voice serves survivors of sexual violence in Buncombe County and survivors of human trafficking in Buncombe, McDowell and Transylvania counties. Our Voice also has a deep commitment to centering the most marginalized and they strive to ensure that all survivors have access to their services. In their commitment to language justice, they have a bilingual Spanish and English staff member on every team. They also work to meet survivors in safe places in the community when necessary. Their primary office is in the Buncombe Family Justice Center where survivors are able to easily meet with other nonprofit partner agencies, as well as forensic nurses and law enforcement. For more information on the great work of Our Voice and how to help, visit their website.

NC Victim Assistance Network App

In 2018, <u>NCVAN</u> came out with a victim response app for service providers to understand the constitutional and statutory rights of crime victims. This app is titled <u>NCVAN Victim Response</u>. In 2020, NCVAN released an app called <u>NCVAN for Crime</u> <u>Victims</u> that provides crucial information along with support and assistance to crime victims in NC. Both apps are the result of much collaboration with NC experts in crime victim services. Whether you are an advocate, loved one or victim, the apps offer insights into healing after violence. Some things included on the apps are resources, news updates, events, grief support and a video library.

Along with the app there is a handbook titled <u>Surviving Violent Crime and Victims' Rights</u>. Victims of crime and those who work with them in the community can read topics to help survivors navigate the aftermath of crime. Some topics

included are self-care, the criminal justice system and victim's rights.

Each of the apps are available for free download in the Apple and Google Play app stores (iOS & Android).

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