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## National Crime Victims' Rights Week By: Shirley Didier

Each April since 1981, NCVRW has been formally designated and commemorated at the federal level. The federal observance coincides with rallies, vigils, and public education campaigns staged in communities throughout the Nation. The widespread observance of the event presents a unique opportunity to articulate a consistent and unified message about the plight of our Nation's crime victims and to draw attention to the work of advocates and activists who work to assist them.

Each year, Oregon DOJ has honored victims, advocates, individuals and agencies who have contributed to ensuring that victims' rights are upheld and that the victim's voice is heard. This commemoration ceremony follows the theme set by the federal Office of Victims of Crime

and reflects Oregon's commitment to victims' rights through the work of these honorees.

This year's theme, "30 Years – Restoring the Balance of Justice" reminds us of the work done to begin to bring balance to a justice system that is all too often weighted toward an offender's rights. Victims now are more often recognized as having rights, a role and a voice in what happens as a result of a crime committed against them. This balance is precarious and victims' rights are often attacked or side stepped. We hope that with continued attention and action, victims' rights will become a "given" and not an afterthought and that victims' rights will become the accepted norm before another 30 years pass.

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# Please Join Us:

By: Robin Reimer



The Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victims' Services Division and Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum invite you to observe

**Crime Victims' Rights Week 2014  
Awards Ceremony and Panel Discussion CLE  
Tuesday, April 8 from 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM  
The Portland Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium  
1120 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon**

The Crime Victims' Services Division will host a ceremony honoring community members who have made outstanding contributions to Restoring the Balance of Justice for victims of crime in Oregon.

The National Crime Victim Law Institute will host a panel discussion about victims' rights and trauma in the context of human trafficking (see detail below).

Panel Discussion hosted by NCVLI:

Navigating Justice: Victims' rights in the context of human trafficking

This one hour multi-disciplinary panel discussion will provide an overview of the hurdles victims of human trafficking face when seeking to access justice ranging from the trauma impacts they are enduring to language barriers to control dynamics. Panelists will then discuss what rights trafficking victims have when their perpetrators are being prosecuted and how best to protect those rights. 1 OSB MCLE Credit will be applied for.

RSVP to [robin.e.reimer@doj.state.or.us](mailto:robin.e.reimer@doj.state.or.us). RSVP requested but not required. For additional information about Crime Victims' Rights Week, please visit [http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/pages/rights\\_week.aspx](http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/pages/rights_week.aspx).

## Upcoming Trainings & Events!

- National Crime Victims' Rights week is April 6 -12, 2014!
- Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Ceremony and Panel Discussion will be held April 8, 2014, see above for more details.
- Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit is being held in Portland, Oregon April 22 - 25, 2014. Visit

[www.clackamas.us/sheriff/submit/](http://www.clackamas.us/sheriff/submit/) for more information!

- Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training (OCFIT) will be in Salem, Eugene, and Bend. See page 3 for more information.
- The Dallas Children's Advocacy Center and the Dallas Police Department are hosting the annual Crimes Against Children Confer-

ence August 11 - 14, 2014. This is a highly-recognized conference using innovative ideas to inspire professionals in the field. For more information visit [www.cacconference.org](http://www.cacconference.org).



# Oregon Child Abuse Forensic Training (OCFIT) 2014 By: Mike Maryanov

After a successful first year implementing the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training, the development team undertook to build on lessons learned and feedback received from participants in 2013. We received a lot of great feedback including compliments and constructive criticisms and are working to address what we can. There will be a few major changes in 2014 as we seek to build a training program that is stable, sustainable, and standardized.

One big addition this year is a new contract with Portland State University's *Child Welfare Partnership*. In this new relationship, PSU will take on a couple key roles. For one, they're facilitating a "Train the Trainer" event. We want to expand our faculty so that we never experience any staffing shortage during a training week. The Train the Trainer will help all of the OCFIT presenters communicate in a common format, to present the material uniformly, yet still calling upon their individual strengths

and experiences to convey important concepts. PSU also will be our on-site event coordinator for the three trainings this year.



Overall, for participants from across the state, the trainings will follow the same general format as last year. That means we still have some long days ahead, but they're good long days that are rich with professional development opportunity. We'll continue to look at any improvements we can make as we go, and will continue to rely on participants to provide the

feedback so that we can learn first hand what is working and what isn't.

OCFIT is Oregon's training program for child abuse Forensic Interviewers. The content is focused on CAIC-based interviews and geared towards those Center staff, law enforcement, and child welfare workers who conduct Forensic Interviews at centers.

This year's trainings will take place on May 13-15 in Salem, July 8-10 in Eugene, and September 16-18 in Bend. Like last year, DOJ will reimburse participants for the registration cost, and will be able to help offset lodging costs for participants staying in the hotel. Contact Mike Maryanov at [mike.v.maryanov@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:mike.v.maryanov@ojd.state.or.us) for more information about reimbursements.

For more information about OCFIT 2014, email [training@childabuseintervention.org](mailto:training@childabuseintervention.org).



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