

Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy

August 23-28, 2020 – Cumberland Falls State Park

What is the KVAA?

The Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy (KVAA) is a comprehensive, educational opportunity for new and inspiring victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and allied professionals working first-hand with crime victims. The weeklong Academy uses a multi-disciplinary approach to help improve the level of knowledge, skills and consistency of victim services in Kentucky. By working together as one, we will strengthen the ability of our communities to recognize, respect and respond to the needs and experiences of crime victims. KVAA is free to attend.



Mission

The KVAA will develop a community of practice that supports Kentucky's direct service providers to practice from a foundation that is survivor-centered, trauma-informed, culturally humble, and founded on an ethical and anti-oppression framework.

KVAA Goals

1. Promote excellence in services to victims.
2. Create a community of practice among participants and KVAA alumni.
3. Assist professionals in maintaining and enhancing sustainable practices.

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ACADEMY FACULTY

The KVAA faculty includes professionals who are widely recognized as leaders in their fields. Our faculty are the same professionals who speak at victim services conferences around the country and administer some of the best-run programs in the state.

In addition to the faculty, KVAA offers a unique mentorship aspect. Each student will be paired with a mentor who is an established victim services professional in Kentucky. This is a highlight of the KVAA experience.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We encourage individuals who work with victims of crime to attend. This includes paid (full or part-time) staff from a variety of community-based and system-based programs and other allied professionals, such as law enforcement, health-care providers, faith-based leaders, and policy makers. **KVAA is free to attend.**

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please note that the application includes a personal statement where prospective students are asked to briefly state why they want to attend and how their participation will benefit them, their organization, and their community.

Application deadline: April 24, 2020

Apply online @ <https://justice.ky.gov/pages/kvaa.aspx>

COVID-19 Disclaimer: If any restrictions or risks are present at the time of the Academy, we will notify all accepted students and postpone the event to a later date.