29th Annual COVA Conference
October 22-25, 2017
Keystone, Colorado

Introducing the 2017 Conference mascot and theme...

“Llama, Llama, There’s Help for Trauma!”

In This Issue

• Polish Your Skills in a Sunday Skill Building Session
• Customize Your Learning with 70+ Workshops
• Bid Early & Often at the Silent Auction
• Nominate an Unsung Hero!

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Save money!
Early bird ends
August 11, 2017
This year marks the 29th year of the COVA Conference, and my, how we’ve grown!

The first conference was in 1989 and drew 320 registrants, setting in motion the tradition for all the following years. Now, the COVA Conference is one of the largest victim services conference in the country with over 1,000 attendees. Over the course of four days and 70+ workshops, you will learn new skills and best practices for the victim services field and leave feeling more confident in your ability to advocate for crime victims.

The COVA Conference affords you the opportunity to explore new concepts while relaxing in a beautiful mountain setting at the state-of-the-art Keystone Conference Center. There you will also have the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the state.
6 Sunday Skill Building Sessions

These sessions offer in-depth, interactive learning. Class sizes are limited and there is a separate fee to attend a pre-conference session.

Choose to attend one of the following sessions (descriptions on pages 14-23):

- POST Training: Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview  *(Back by popular demand!)*
- POST Training: Intimate Partner Abuse 2.0: Beyond the Basics
- Preserving and Enhancing Dignity within Sexual Assault Response
- You Can’t Ask What You Don’t Know – A Closer Examination of Human Trafficking
- Suicide and Victim Services
- FREE Half-Day: Navigating the Disability System for & with Victims with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

3 Dynamic Keynote Speakers

With messages to motivate, educate, and entertain, check out our keynote line up on pages 12 & 13.

- Monday, Oct. 23: Karen Vadino, Motivational Speaker, Humorist, Youngstown, Ohio
- Tuesday, Oct. 24: Kerry Lewis, Officer, Castle Rock Police Department
- Wednesday, Oct. 25: Barbara Rubel, Speaker and Author, Kendall Park, New Jersey
70+ CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Learn timely, relevant information and skills that you can take home and immediately put to use. The Program Committee is busy reviewing workshop proposals. A preliminary workshop schedule will be available on our website in late July.

At the conference, you can choose your own adventure that gives what you want and need to learn through our 13 different Program Tracks:

- Victim Advocacy 101
- Advanced Advocacy
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Children & Youth Issues
- Seniors Issues
- Rural Issues
- Victim/Survivor Issues
- Law Enforcement
- P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training)
- Criminal Justice
- Restorative Justice
- Potpourri (program management, self-care, etc.)

DANCE PARTY THEME:
“WANNA SAMBA? NO PROB-LLAMA!”

Tuesday night is party time! Immediately following the President’s Reception and buffet dinner, put on your dancing shoes and join the dance party with music until midnight! We will have a costume contest and prizes for the 5 best costumes.

LLAMA POEM

Why a Llama??
Why not a mamba or an iguana??
The llama hails from South America, not Botswana or the Bahamas.
Though related to the camel, they don’t share the same mama.
An overloaded Llama will give you drama…
By spitting and kicking until you let them do what they wanna.
Like a cow, they graze on grass, but not marijuana.
Llamas are smart and learn quickly, without a diagrama.
Llamas are famous! In a children’s book, one wears red pajamas.
So why a Llama??
Why, it’s simply nirvana!
COVA Awards
Honor the recipients of the COVA Awards and celebrate their accomplishments during the plenary sessions. There is still time to nominate a deserving person or organization. See award descriptions and the nominations form on pages 24-26.

Networking Opportunities
Network with attendees from every segment of the victim services field. The Newcomer’s Orientation and Reception is Monday morning—join us if this is your first COVA Conference or if you haven’t attended in a while. The Networking Luncheon is Monday, and Tuesday night is the President’s Reception and Dinner.

Regional Representatives Booth
Meet with Regional Representatives from the COVA Board of Directors and enter your name into a drawing for a chance to win a FREE registration to next year’s COVA Conference! Winners will be announced at the Tuesday night dinner party.

Vendors and Silent Auction
Bring your cash, checkbook, or credit card! The conference is your chance to get started on your holiday shopping. We offer an exciting array of vendor booths on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for your shopping pleasure. Stop by the Silent Auction room to bid early and often on fabulous crafts and exciting getaways. All proceeds will fund scholarships to allow another advocate, victim or survivor to attend next year’s conference.

Who Should Attend the COVA Conference?
Victims & Supporters
Crime Victims & Survivors
Family Members & Supporters

Allied Professionals
Attorneys
Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Providers
Firefighters
Human Services/Social Services Workers
Medical Professionals
Members of the Clergy
Mental Health Professionals
Restorative Justice Practitioners
School Counselors and Teachers

Victim Assistance Agencies
At-Risk Youth Programs
Child Advocacy Programs
Domestic Violence Shelters & Programs
Sexual Assault Programs

Criminal Justice System
Corrections Personnel
Judicial Personnel
Law Enforcement Officers
Probation Officers & Advocates
Prosecutors
VALE Board Members & Administrators
Victim Advocates and Dispatchers
Victims Comp Board Members & Administrators
Victim-Witness Coordinators
GET INVOLVED

VENDOR BOOTH SPACE AVAILABLE
Organizations or creatives can reserve space at the conference to sell their products. There is a 10-15%-of-gross sales fee and a contract. The vendor tables are available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. To reserve vendor space or if you have questions, contact Maureen Testa at 303-438-6429 or Nancy Prokop at 303-805-6601.

VOLunteers WANTED!
If you are already attending the conference, why not be a part of the team?

We are seeking volunteers to help make the conference a success. Volunteers are needed for:

1) Coaches
Coaches act as “ambassadors” during the conference by assisting participants with whatever help or information is needed. The time commitment is flexible. Contact Britta Clay at 970-416-2237 if you are interested.

2) Moderators
Moderators are needed for each workshop session. They introduce the speaker(s), make announcements, assist the speaker(s) with audio-video equipment and/or handouts, make sure the session starts and ends on time, hand out workshop attendance certificates, and collect workshop evaluations at the end of the session. You may choose which workshop(s) to moderate. If you are interested, contact Kelly Kissell at 303-239-4437.

3) Silent Auction
Volunteers are needed to assist in collecting and organizing donated items, and supervising the bidding. The time commitment is flexible. Contact Mandee McLane at mandee@coloradocrimevictims.org if you are interested in volunteering. To donate an item, see the form on page 28.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
Showcase your organization, company, or product to field professionals from around the state and beyond. Exhibitor and sponsor opportunities are still available starting at $500. Every sponsorship includes a booth at the conference. Contact Leah Parker at leah@coloradocrimevictims.org for more information about becoming a sponsor.
Verizon is joining us at the COVA Conference again this year. Hopeline collection boxes will be placed throughout the conference center in Keystone. Bring your old phones and accessories and join us in supporting this important effort!

Hopeline supports domestic violence prevention and awareness programs across the country. Old phones are refurbished and resold. Proceeds from the sales are used to provide wireless phones and support to local shelters and non-profit organizations that focus on domestic violence prevention and awareness. Since 2001, the program has collected more than 10 million phones. For more information, visit: www.verizon.com/hopeline.
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

STEERING COMMITTEE

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**Conference Schedule**

**Pre-Conference Skill Building**  
(Seperate registration fees apply)

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

*(Concurrent Sessions)*  
- Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI)  
- Intimate Partner Abuse 2.0: Beyond the Basics  
- Preserving and Enhancing Dignity within Sexual Assault Response  
- You Can’t Ask What You Don’t Know – A Closer Examination of Human Trafficking  
- Suicide and Victim Services  

Registration  
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
All Courses Begin  
9:30 a.m.  
Lunch (included in fee)  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
All Courses Continue  
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  

*(FREE Half Day Session)*  
- Navigating the Disability System for and with Victims with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)  

Registration  
11:30 a.m. - Noon  
Course  
Noon - 4:30 p.m.

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**Sunday, October 22, 2017**  
Conference Registration Opens  
1:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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**Monday, October 23, 2017**

- Conference Registration  
  8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
- Newcomer's Orientation  
  8:30 - 9:15 a.m.  
- Opening Keynote  
  9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
  - Welcome & Introductions  
  - COVA Award Presentations  
  - Keynote Address - Kerry Lewis  
- Networking Luncheon  
  11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
- Concurrent Workshops  
  1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
- Concurrent Workshops  
  3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
- Optional Yoga Class  
  4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

- Optional Yoga Class  
  7:45 - 8:30 a.m.  
- Continental Breakfast  
  7:45 - 8:30 a.m.  
- Concurrent Workshops  
  8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
- Concurrent Workshops  
  10:30 a.m. - Noon  
- Lunch (on your own)  
  Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
- Statewide Law Enforcement Coordinators Meeting & Lunch  
  Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
- Concurrent Workshops  
  1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
- Plenary Session  
  3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
  - COVA Award Presentations  
  - Keynote Address - Kerry Lewis  
- Silent Auction  
  6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
- Cash Bar Opens  
  6:30 p.m.  
- President’s Reception & Dinner  
  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
  (Included in registration; $35 for guest tickets)  
- Entertainment & Music  
  8:00 p.m. - Midnight  
  - Raffle Drawing & Costume Contest

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

- Continental Breakfast  
  7:45 - 8:30 a.m.  
- Concurrent Workshops  
  8:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
- Closing Keynote  
  10:30 - 12:30 p.m.  
  - COVA Award Presentations  
  - Keynote Address - Barbara Rubel  
- Adjourn  
  12:30 p.m.
Scholarships & Credits

Scholarship Deadline: August 25, 2017
Apply online www.coloradocrimevictims.org or see page 31.

COVA Scholarships
Anyone may apply for a COVA Scholarship, funded by the proceeds from last year’s Silent Auction. COVA scholarships can cover the Conference registration fee, a Sunday Skill Building Session, or both.

African American Scholarships
An anonymous donor has made funds available for African Americans. This scholarship can cover the Conference registration, a Sunday Skill Building Session, or both.

Bio-One Scholarship
Bio-One Denver has raised money to pay for the registration of one recipient. This scholarship will pay for Conference registration, a Sunday Skill Building Session, or both.

Credits Available
Receive documentation of your training for continuing education (CEUs) or COVA’s Colorado Advocate Certification. After every workshop, collect your proof of attendance from the moderator. Other credits include:

P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards & Training) Credits
POST Sunday Skill Building Sessions are offered on Sunday, Oct. 22. There is also a POST workshop track during the conference with topics and speakers selected by law enforcement officers. Other track workshops will also count for POST credit. To claim credit, officers should list their PID number on the conference registration form.

Domestic Violence Credits
Domestic violence perpetrator treatment providers may claim credits for attending the conference. There will be separate certificates of attendance available at the end of each workshop. Pick up a certificate for each workshop attended and provide them to the Domestic Violence Offender Board (DVOMB). To learn more, contact the DVOMB at 303-239-4456.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits
Attorneys registered in Colorado may claim credits for attending workshops approved by the Supreme Court CLE Board (application pending). While at the conference: pick up, complete, and return your CLE Affidavit to COVA’s on-site office. COVA will submit your completed affidavit to the Supreme Court Board.
Peace Officer Standards & Training (P.O.S.T.) grants are available for sworn officers to attend the COVA Conference. These scholarships will pay for the conference registration fee, a Sunday Skill Building Session approved by POST, or both. In addition, officers may also request lodging, travel costs, and per diem reimbursement.

To receive a scholarship, officers must apply through their regional training representative listed below:

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017
OPENING KEYNOTE

Karen Vadino
Motivational Speaker, Humorist, Trainer and Consultant, Youngstown, Ohio

“All Stressed Up and No Where To Go”

This keynote is designed to help participants recognize stressors, become aware of their own personal stress level and discover some healthy, effective methods to reduce stress. Time management and humor are discussed as methods for effective stress management. A personal stress level plan for healthy stress management will be the outcome.

For the past twenty years, Karen Vadino has been a nationally recognized speaker and trainer sharing her inimitable insights with thousands of people. Karen has been described as “one of those rare people who can make you laugh and cry in the same moment.” Regardless of the topic, Karen’s workshops and presentations are humorous, reflecting her own insightful approach to dealing with life’s daily challenges. She is well known for her “Vadinoan Theories”, including her exhortation to “release your dolphins” and her firm belief that we should never wait until we are entirely happy before we laugh.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2017
PLENARY KEYNOTE

Kerry Lewis
Officer, Castle Rock Police Department, Castle Rock, Colorado

“From Surviving to Thriving: My Journey from Victim to Defender”

In this keynote, Officer Kerry Lewis will share the story of how he survived bullying that estranged him from school friends and led him into the hands of several men who groomed and then sexually assaulted him over a period of years. He struggled to heal and move forward in the aftermath of that victimization. That journey has now led him to the point of empowerment and the comfort of sharing his story with others.
**Keynote Speakers**

Officer Kerry Lewis has been in law enforcement for 24 years. He began his law enforcement career working for the Dacono Police Department in 1992. He also worked with the Empire Police Department, the Clear Creek County Sheriff’s Office, and is currently with the Castle Rock Police Department, where he has been an officer for the last 10 years. During his tenure, he has been very involved with victim services and community outreach programs. He currently serves as one of the department’s School Resource Officers, is the lead instructor for the Youth Education and Safety in Schools Program, and teaches over 14,000 kids a year in 14 different elementary and middle schools in the Castle Rock area. Officer Lewis’s focus is on keeping children safe from bullying, relationship abuse, internet predators, and strangers. He is also a member of the National Association of School Resource Officers, and the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers. Officer Lewis has presented his story to over 700 adults and high school students around the state to bring light to the issue of male victimization.

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

**Closing Keynote**

Barbara Rubel

Motivational Speaker and Author, Kendall Park, New Jersey

“*The FABULOUS Principle: 8 Characteristics of Resilience to Manage Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma*”

The FABULOUS Principle suggests eight pathways of self-care to counter compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma. This program is designed to increase self-awareness of how to put character strengths into practice to improve the ability to manage compassion fatigue and enhance your resilience.

Barbara Rubel, MA, BCETS, CBS, is a nationally recognized speaker on helping professionals manage compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma. Barbara is the co-author of the Dept. of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime Training Curriculum, *Compassion Fatigue*. She is the author of the best-selling book, *But I Didn’t Say Goodbye: Helping children and families after a suicide* and the continuing education course book for Nurses, *Death, Dying, and Bereavement: Providing compassion during a time of need* (3rd ed). She is a contributing writer in *Coaching for Results: Expert advice from 25 top international coaches; Keys to a Good Life: Wisdom to Unlock Your PowerWithin; and Thin Threads: Grief and Renewal*. She was featured in the Emmy award winning Documentary, *Fatal Mistakes*, narrated by Mariette Hartley. Barbara developed the Palette of Grief® Resilience Program for victims of crime and those coping with sudden violent death. Barbara, a Certified Bereavement Specialist, was a hospice bereavement counselor, bereavement group facilitator, and teacher at Brooklyn College. Currently, she is a consultant with the Dept. of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Barbara received a BS in Psychology and MA in Community Health with a concentration in thanatology from Brooklyn College and is a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress.
The Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI) is a game changer in the investigation and prosecution of many forms of violence including child abuse and adult sexual abuse. Use of the FETI process in domestic violence cases is extremely promising for increasing successful interventions, investigations, and prosecutions. This innovative and revolutionary process is a way to interview the brainstem in a manner that not only reduces the inaccuracy of the information provided but will increase the likelihood of a better understanding of the event. This interview technique draws on the best practices of child forensic interviews, critical incident stress management, and motivational interview techniques—a three-pronged approach to unlocking the trauma experience in a way we can better understand. The impact of trauma on memory and recollection will be discussed and practical applications for trauma memory enhancing FETI procedures will be identified. Law enforcement officers may claim POST credit for attending this course. Include your PID number on the registration form.

Russell Strand
Russell Strand is Chief of the Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division with the U.S. Army Military Police School. He has in excess of 40 year’s law enforcement, investigative, and consultation experience and is an
Sunday Skill Building Sessions

Internationally recognized expert in the areas of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, and sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse investigations. Russell was a featured subject matter expert in “The Invisible War” documentary on sexual assault in the military, which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Feature Length Documentary in 2013. He responded to Ft. Hood, TX, following the 2009 mass shooting to provide critical incident and trauma victim interview support. He is also the creator of the new trauma informed interview technique known as FETI.

Anne Munch
Anne Munch has been working as a prosecutor, advocate, and subject matter expert in the fields of sexual assault and domestic violence for 27 years. A Colorado native, Anne spent 13 years prosecuting in 3 different Colorado jurisdictions, directed Colorado’s Ending Violence Against Women Statewide Project and was the director of the San Miguel Resource Center in Telluride. For the last 7 years, Anne has owned and operated her own consulting business specializing in the area of interpersonal violence. Her work has taken her into 49 of the 50 states and throughout Asia and Europe. She has worked closely with all branches of the U.S. Military and for a year was a highly Qualified Expert for the U.S. Army working for the Criminal Investigative Division. During that time she and Russell Strand co-developed the first iteration of the 2-week sexual assault investigations course for the U.S. Army. Anne works extensively with colleges and universities and regularly trains Title IX investigators and campus police in sexual assault investigations. Anne is a featured presenter at national and international conferences and was the closing Keynote Speaker at the 2008 COVA Conference. She is also on the teaching faculty for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is a part-time municipal court judge in Lakewood.

Intimate Partner Abuse 2.0: Beyond the Basics

Sunday, October 22, 2017
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Lunch included with registration)

Presenters:
DoraLee Larson, Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council/Fatality Review, Denver, Colorado
Jenn Doe, COVA, Denver, Colorado
Allison Rocker, Denver District Attorney’s Office, Denver, Colorado

So you’ve seen the power and control wheel, you know about the cycle of abuse, but how do you apply this knowledge to your day to day work with victims/survivors of intimate partner abuse (also known as domestic violence)? This interactive session will go beyond the 101 level to focus on the impact of intimate partner abuse on individuals, families and communities, and how advocates can effectively support their clients. Through interactive presentations and activities, participants will learn how to recognize red flags for lethality and work with clients to develop safety plans specific to their circumstances and risk, with the intention of preventing further escalation of abuse. Elements
of a successful case for prosecution will also be discussed, along with strategies used to determine the predominant aggressor. Law enforcement officers may claim POST credit for attending this course. Include your PID number on the registration form.

DoraLee Larson
DoraLee Larson has been the Executive Director of the Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council for 8 years and was the Community Education Director for SafeHouse Denver. As Project Safeguard’s former Director for 10 years, she created Colorado’s first Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project and Denver’s first CourtWatch Program. Along with Dr. Joanne Belknap, Margaret Abrams, et al, DoraLee authored “Types of Intimate Partner Homicides Committed by Women: Self-Defense, Proxy/Retaliation, and Sexual Proprietariness” published in October 2012 in the prestigious Homicide Studies Journal, University of Chicago. DoraLee has a B.A. in Sociology (emphasis Women’s Studies & Counseling) from Sangamon State University (Springfield, Ill.). She taught Domestic Violence Issues and Solutions for 3 years, part-time at the Community College of Aurora and has done literally thousands of trainings, presentations and seminars for prosecutors, victim advocates, law enforcement, clergy, judges, medical personnel, students (and faculty) and the public, locally, nationally, and internationally. DoraLee’s new venture is being the COVA Victim Services Intern Program Coordinator which is exciting in that she hopes to impact the professional lives of underserved students who don’t otherwise have the opportunity to work in Victim Services. Interns impact the host agency supervisors, staff, and clients in greatly broadening their exposure and sensitivity to so many varied cultures and ages.

Jenn Doe
Jenn Doe has over 5 years of experience working in the violence prevention field and currently works as a Trainer for COVA. Previously, Jenn coordinated peer education programs at the high school and college levels and provided training and education related to interpersonal violence to a variety of audiences. She also served for just over a year as the Coordinator for the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee (DMDVFRC) and is especially passionate about the prevention of intimate partner violence. She earned her Masters in Public Administration at CU Denver, with a concentration in the Program on Domestic Violence, and her undergraduate degree in Graphic Design at Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design. In her spare time, Jenn enjoys young adult fiction, yoga, live music and spending time with her partner and two cats.

Allison Rocker
Allison Rocker has over a decade of experience in motions and trial practice and thrives as a public speaker and mentor. She is currently a Senior Deputy at the Denver District Attorney’s Office and the Domestic Violence Prosecution Specialist at the Rose Andom Center. Her passion is ending violence against women and children, as well as the fair treatment of all those involved in the criminal justice system. She has taught different aspects of trial practice to law enforcement, attorneys, interns, and advocates from around the state and country. Prior to trial, she usually practices her opening and closing arguments in front of her dog, Kalla, who tends to provide very little in the way of feedback. Allison is a Colorado native and attended CU Boulder for her undergraduate education, then earned her law degree from the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law.
Dignity is sometimes described as self-respect, a sense of pride in oneself, a state or quality of being worthy of value, honor, or respect. When responding to a sexual assault report, and working to support a victim and gather information, it’s important to be keenly aware of how and to what extent the victim’s dignity has been and could further be compromised. Words and actions have a profound effect as they relate to preserving, rebuilding, and enhancing dignity or could unintentionally further destroy dignity. We invite you to take a closer look at how you relate to and with victim/survivors of sexual assault. This workshop provides information on trauma response and verbal language and body language within effective communication and while gathering vital information related to crime reports and case development, including micro-messaging: micro-inequities, micro-affirmations, and micro-advantages. It also offers discussion and activities to build greater awareness and skills while engaging you to practice how competency and courteousness affect everyone with whom you work and the outcomes of your response.

**Anthony Antuna**

Sergeant Anthony Antuna (Ret.) has been a law enforcement trainer for over 20 years. He has trained and presented with the Colorado Ending Violence Against Women Project since 1997, a program providing statewide training on sexual assault and domestic violence issues, and conducted Title IX trainings across Colorado. He has presented for such organizations as the National Center for Victims of Crime, the American Parole and Probation Association, the Southern Forensics Institute, the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, the New Mexico Crime Victim’s Reparation Commission, the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and at the United States Air Force Academy. In addition, Sergeant Antuna teaches at the Aims Police Academy (Greeley, CO), the Arapahoe Community College Police Academy (Littleton, CO), and has taught at the Colorado State Patrol Academy (Golden, CO). Sergeant Antuna retired from the University of Northern Colorado Police Department (UNCPD) in 2009, after 22 years of service. While at UNCPD, Sergeant Antuna worked in investigations, patrol, crime scene investigation and as a field-training officer. As a sergeant, he supervised a patrol unit, as well as the department’s Investigations, Training, and Crime Prevention Units. Anthony Antuna recently worked as the Title IX Investigator with the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus; and is currently working as the Director of Safety and Security at the Salida del Sol Academy in Greeley, Colorado.
SUNDAY SKILL BUILDING SESSIONS

Anpeytu Raben
Anpeytu Raben draws from her education, work, and personal experiences to provide a framework for presentations and written materials on stress management, personal growth and leadership, writing, survivorship, office management, and various sexual assault and domestic violence victimization and response topics. She is a survivor of domestic violence and childhood neglect and physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. Her healing process includes many years of counseling, education of the topics, and confrontations of her perpetrators. She has come to honor and appreciate the tremendous personal and professional growth opportunities provided by her experiences. Anpeytu served as Director of Sexual Assault Survivors, Inc., Weld County’s sexual assault crisis and information organization for 9 years. She supervised or conducted all activities of the organization, provided services for persons victimized by sexual assault, and served three years as Organizer for V-Day Greeley and as an expert witness for court proceedings. Additionally, she facilitated Weld County’s Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART), served on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, served on the COVA Conference Planning Committee, and actively participated on community and state coalitions and committees that address victim services, awareness, and system response topics. She appeared on the CBS National News. Anpeytu received the Deana Griswould Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate in the Non-Profit Sector at the 2005 COVA Conference. Anpeytu is the Court Supervised Treatment Program Coordinator for Teton County in Jackson, Wyoming. She is a member of the Jackson Police Department Citizens Mounted Unit, Teton County CERT, and is director of the Teton County Responder Peer Support Team.

YOU CAN’T ASK WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW – A CLOSER EXAMINATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sunday, October 22, 2017
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Lunch included with registration)

Keystone Conference Center

Presenters:
Angelika Carnes, Rivonia, Inc., COVA, Denver, Colorado
Hirotsune Takahashi, COVA, Denver, Colorado
Alma Sanchez, COVA, Denver, Colorado
Judge Robert R. Lung, 18th Judicial District, Colorado
Sergeant Corey Wagner, Craig Police Department, Craig, Colorado

Sex trafficking has become an established discussion topic in most American households. The media has done a fine job of drawing attention to minor girls who have been sex trafficked; however, this does not address human trafficking in its entirety. Last year in Colorado, for the first time since it’s been established, the Rocky Mountain Innocence Lost Task Force recovered boys. Overall, Coloradoans do not hear much about labor trafficking and even less about services. This results in much-needed resources.
being focused on one group – minor girls who have been sex trafficked. We will be discussing the many gray areas when it comes to human trafficking and communities, as well as create an action plan on how communities can organize to thrive inclusively. The development of cultural know-how and linguistically clear methods for effective case management to assist victims of all types of human trafficking is most important.

Angelika Carnes
Angelika Carnes has worked in the field of human trafficking, labor and sexual exploitation, for the past seven years. The majority of her professional experience has been working with domestic and international victims of human trafficking, including homeless youth in the Denver Metro area and girls who experienced familial human trafficking. Angelika is offering intensive case management for domestic and international adults and minors escaping labor and/or sex trafficking; as well as educating and assisting communities in establishing support networks for victims of human trafficking. Angelika implemented and managed successfully the Human Trafficking Program for Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) across the State of Colorado. In April 2017, the human trafficking program launched the first statewide crisis line for victims of human trafficking; Angelika is an active crisis line advocate. The lack of safe and stable housing opportunities for all victims of human trafficking prompted the idea of founding Rivonia, Inc. in 2014. Angelika was born and raised in Germany and is fluent in German and English. Angelika was introduced to the victim services field in 1992 by volunteering for the Family Support Group in the Armed Forces, offering assistance for family members in domestic violence situations, child abuse cases, and suicide intervention. Angelika has an in-depth understanding of the importance of respecting all cultures, as well as the difficulties encountered by individuals from underserved populations through her own life experience of being an immigrant. Angelika held the position of Victim Services Intern program Coordinator, which required her to work directly with individuals from historically underserved or marginalized communities.

Hirotsune Takahashi
Hirotsune has worked in the field of human trafficking since September 2014; he works with domestic and international adults and minors escaping labor and/or sex trafficking. Hirotsune offers comprehensive, client-driven case management to individuals who have been trafficked, and actively collaborates with diverse victim service providers for an all-inclusive service delivery. Hirotsune offers training on human trafficking and assistance to communities in establishing support networks for victims of human trafficking. In April 2017, the human trafficking program launched the first statewide crisis line for victims of human trafficking; Hirotsune is an active crisis line advocate. Hirotsune’s previous experience includes the position of a victim advocate at the Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI), providing comprehensive case management to clients with physical and mental disabilities and victims of domestic violence. Hirotsune served as a police officer in Colombia in 1995, and his military experience gave him the necessary discipline to serve others in the community. Hirotsune identifies as Japanese-Colombian and has resided in the United States since 2002. He is a Colorado resident since 2008. Hirotsune obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Services with a concentration on Mental Health at Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2017. Hirotsune is multi-lingual; he is fluent in Spanish, he has basic knowledge in Japanese, proficient in English and he is working towards a Translation and Interpretation Certification in Spanish.
**Alma Sanchez**

Alma has worked in the field of human trafficking since August 2016. Alma works with domestic and international adults and minors escaping labor and/or sex trafficking. Alma offers comprehensive, client-driven case management to individuals who have been trafficked, and she actively collaborates with diverse victim service providers for an all-inclusive service delivery. Alma offers training on human trafficking and assistance to communities in establishing support networks for victims of human trafficking. In April 2017, COVA’s human trafficking program launched the first statewide crisis line for victims of human trafficking, and Alma is one of the crisis line advocates. Alma started her career in victim advocacy in 2015 when she became an intern with the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance’s Victim Services Intern Program. She was an intern with the Aurora Police Department Victim Services and Servicios de La Raza. Alma was born in Mexico and came to the U. S. as a child. She is fluent in Spanish and English. Alma currently is pursuing her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and will continue with a Bachelors of Social Work.

**Judge Robert R. Lung**

In addition to presiding over a diversified docket in Colorado, Judge Lung provides presentations nationally on issues such as human trafficking, childhood trauma and resiliency. Judge Lung presented at all three national Juvenile Sex Trafficking Conferences hosted by Shared Hope International (Washington, D.C., Orlando, FL and Phoenix, AZ) in 2015-2016. In 2016, Judge Lung was appointed by Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nancy Rice to serve as the Judicial Representative on the Colorado Human Trafficking Council. Also in 2016, Judge Lung was selected to serve as a consultant to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), a division of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs and as a consultant of a division of the Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) of the Federal DHHS. Most recently, Judge Lung was selected to serve as a member of the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States which will advise the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on trafficking.

**Sergeant Corey Wagner**

Corey Wagner is a 26-year veteran of law enforcement and is currently a Sergeant with the Craig Police Department. In his career, Corey has been instrumental in creating positive change in many ways including, implementing Community Oriented Policing, pioneering the bike patrol program, and he was one of the founding members of the Moffat County Special Response Team (SRT), a multi-agency tactical team, of which he is still an active member. As the Field Training Program Supervisor and the department Training Coordinator, Corey led these teams in completely restructuring both programs and he teaches in various subjects including leadership and team building. The Spanish language has always been a passion of Corey’s. He started learning Spanish in Junior-High School and continued into college and beyond. Corey serves as a Spanish Interpreter which led him to investigating Human Trafficking cases. Partnering with several other organizations to help protect and represent victims of Human Trafficking, Corey works to raise awareness and educate others about this form of abuse. In his time away from work, Corey is a passionate musician and he is on the leadership council of his church where he has been active in foreign missions out-reach and the worship team. Corey enjoys hunting, hiking, camping and most of all, spending time with his lovely wife, Patty and his family.
Victims of violence are at an increased risk for suicide and suicidal ideation among many other public health concerns. Victim service workers such as sexual assault and domestic violence victim advocates and law enforcement are also at an increased risk for suicide and suicidal ideation. However, in most programs (e.g. law enforcement training, social work and counseling programs, psychology programs, and advocate training programs) suicide is almost never addressed in ways that provide victim service workers the tools or skills to access help and connect others to care. In today’s complex world, balancing work/life issues is more challenging than ever. 20% of employees experience significant mental health challenges that disrupt their lives and their productivity at work each year. Unaddressed, these problems can impact productivity, absenteeism, presenteeism, direct medical costs, and suicide costing over $200 billion each year. When workplaces address workplace mental health, we see dramatic increases in productivity, enhanced mental resilience, improved safety and decreased risk of litigation. This training will address suicide prevention, intervention and postvention in victim services. Participants will leave with an understanding of comprehensive and sustained suicide prevention and gain skills around how to help suicidal clients, taking care of peers, and what to do in the aftermath of a suicide crisis.

**Jess Stohlmann-Rainey**
Jess Stohlmann-Rainey is a speaker, trainer, and consultant based out of Denver, CO. She has spent her career in social justice, focusing her work on healing after loss and trauma, mental health, gender, sexuality, and racial justice. Her specialties include designing and scaling sustainable programs, upstream approaches to prevention work, and empowering leaders to create positive change in the places we live, work, and learn. Jess has presented and trained nationally and internationally about suicide and violence prevention, diversity, gender, and leadership, and is a contributing author to Postvention in Action, a suicide postvention anthology. As a suicide attempt survivor, survivor of loss, and person living with a mental health condition, Jess integrates her lived expertise into her work in advocacy, research, training, and program development.

**Heidi Lightenburger**
Heidi Lightenburger is a violence prevention and mental health speaker, trainer and advocate in Denver, CO. She has worked in violence and suicide prevention, suicide postvention, domestic violence victim advocacy, and social justice. Her specialties include program development and delivery, community engagement, and finding innovative solutions to preventing violence in our communities. Heidi has presented and trained on local, state, and national platforms about suicide, mental health, social justice and postvention. She uses her lived expertise to inform her advocacy, research, and training and continues to participate in local and state mental health and violence prevention initiatives.
Free Half-Day:
Navigating the Disability System for and with Victims with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Noon - 4:30 p.m.
Keynote Conference Center

No food will be provided for this free session; please plan accordingly.
Advanced registration is required for this free session — sign up online at www.coloradocrimevictims.org.

Presenters:
Darla Stuart, The Arc of Aurora, Aurora, Colorado
Jean N. Solis, The Arc of Aurora, Aurora, Colorado
Sgt. Damon Vaz, Aurora Police Department Special Victims Unit (SVU), Aurora, Colorado

On July 1, 2016, mandatory reporting of mistreatment of at-risk adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Colorado went into effect. The ultimate implication of this law’s impact is and will be justice system professionals encountering more victims with IDD. How prevalent is the victimization of people with IDD? Consider: According to the United States Bureau of Justice Statistics’ Crime Against Persons with Disabilities 2009-2013 – Statistical Tables, the rate of violent victimization against persons with disabilities is 36/1,000 people with disabilities as compared to a rate of 13.7/1,000 people without disabilities. These same data show that persons with a cognitive disability had the highest rates of overall violent crime (66.8/1,000); serious violent crime (25.1/1,000); and simple assault (41.6/1000). Are you prepared? Do you, for instance, know who provides government-funded services and supports to people with IDD, how that government-funded system is structured, what services and supports that system provides, and which organizations might also assist with victims with IDD support and how? If not, no problem! The Arc of Aurora, through its training and education social enterprise THINK+change and with grant support from the Aurora Victim Witness Advisory Board, is offering victim advocates a free half-day session.

Darla Stuart
Darla Stuart, Executive Director, has been involved with The Arc for more than 25 years. Throughout Darla’s tenure at The Arc of Aurora she has led local, state, regional, and national projects improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Under Darla’s guidance, The Arc of Aurora has hosted multiple statewide trainings on the impact of violence against people with developmental disabilities focusing on creating understanding and collaboration among disability, law enforcement, and victim assistance organizations. Darla’s historical work supporting the passage of the mandatory reporting law for crimes committed against people with developmental disabilities has established her as a sought after content expert, as well as a support for local implementation and facilitator of relationships between local law enforcement and state policy leaders.
Most recently, Darla headed a team of staff and board members who took part in a social enterprise cohort where THINK+change, a solutions-focused training and education social enterprise, was created.

**Jean N. Solis**
Jean has worked at The Arc of Aurora with and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) for 24+ years. For the past 15 years she has coordinated the organization’s work raising awareness about the incidence and prevalence of victimization of people with IDD, as well as developing and implementing education opportunities for responders to those crimes. Jean is the editor of The Arc of Aurora’s monthly victimization publication, VTrail, and of the organization’s monthly membership newsletter. Jean’s current duties involve coordinating the training and education work of the organization’s new social enterprise, THINK+change. In 2015, Jean consulted for the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) to help build capacity in its member agencies to better serve victims of sexual assault who have an intellectual and/or developmental disability.

**Sgt. Damon Vaz**
Sgt. Damon Vaz is currently assigned to the Aurora Police Department Special Victims Unit (SVU). This Unit was created and launched on September 26, 2015, due to Colorado’s new mandatory reporting laws for at-risk elders and soon to be people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Sgt. Vaz is the first Sergeant to head this prestigious outfit and is responsible for laying the foundation, policies and procedures for this new team. Sgt. Vaz worked with The Arc of Aurora on educational training videos and has trained several other police departments on mandatory reporting. He began his tenure with the Aurora Police Department on August 7, 1995.

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**Sunday Skill Building**
**Registration Deadline: September 29, 2017**

Space is limited! Advance registration is required and accepted on a first-received basis. Register online at www.coloradocrimevictims.org or see the form on page 30.

(*Attendees must commit to attend the session that they pre-register for.*)
2017 COVA AWARDS

Nomination Deadline: August 25, 2017

Victim advocates and criminal justice personnel are often unsung heroes even though their roles are so vital and their assistance is so greatly appreciated.

Those who continue to give their time, compassion, and assistance day after day, year after year, deserve our thanks and public appreciation, which is why COVA recognizes six individuals and one organization at the annual conference.

AWARD CATEGORIES

There are SEVEN award categories. Nominate individuals or agencies who have gone above and beyond the normal challenges of providing victim services and who make a positive impact on the lives of crime victims and the victim advocacy movement.

1) OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE AWARD WITHIN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
An individual who works within a government agency (District Attorney’s office, law enforcement agency, etc.) who has made a significant impact on the lives of victims of crime.

2) DEANA GRISWOLD AWARD* FOR OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE WITHIN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR
An individual who works in a nonprofit or private organization who has made a significant impact on the lives of victims of crime.

*This award is named after Deana Griswould, who lived among us for 35 short years. She was born with a form of Muscular Dystrophy and, from the age of 5, required various devices to help her get around. Although her life presented her with difficulty from a young age, when you ask people who knew Deana to describe her, the first thing they inevitably say is, “She always had an amazing smile.” People will also tell you about Deana’s amazing memory, her joyful attitude, her deep faith in God, her tendency to giggle, and her love of parties. Deana made helping crime victims her life’s work. She was employed by the Prowers County Victims’ Assistance Office. Eventually, the DA’s office gave Deana a job setting up the VALE Board. Deana had a tremendous capacity for giving assistance. This award is to honor a person who, like Deana, is also known for their capacity to give and to make a significant impact on the lives of crime victims.

3) CAROL HACKER AWARD* FOR OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE WITHIN THE VOLUNTEER SECTOR
An individual who works as a volunteer and has made a significant impact on the lives of victims of crime.

*This award is named after Carol Hacker, an extraordinary volunteer and an extraordinary person. Carol was born in 1940, and in 2003 she was hit by a car. During her medical care, it was discovered that she had a brain tumor. She died in
December 2003. It’s what Carol did with her 63 years on earth that keeps her memory alive. Carol taught at Columbine High School, long before the tragedy that garnered world-wide attention. After earning her Master’s degree, Carol switched to counseling at Columbine. She implemented the Employee Assistance Program for the Jefferson County School District and became its director. She also earned her Doctorate in Counseling Psychology and worked as a professor at the University of Colorado at Denver. It is not, however, Carol’s many professional accomplishments that resulted in this award being named for her. Carol’s compassion, caring and giving did not end at five o’clock. She was always on-call, always available to anyone who needed compassion or assistance. Carol volunteered to provide support and comfort to the Oklahoma City bombing victims. When the Columbine community became the victims of a mass shooting, Carol again answered the call. When the Maryland airport closed down due to an ice storm while Carol was attending a conference, stranding one of her colleagues there in the middle of the night, Carol showed up with food, water and an extra jacket to help comfort her. Carol is widely remembered for her volunteer work with the Gathering Place shelter for women in Denver. Whether a case was as high-profile as a national tragedy, or as low profile as a friend in need, the only thing that mattered to Dr. Carol Hacker was that someone needed assistance and that her time and effort could make a difference.

4) Exemplary Leadership Award
An individual who has provided outstanding leadership at the statewide level to the victims’ movement.

5) Outstanding Organization Award
An agency or organization that has provided a superior or innovative service for crime victims this year.

6) Wendy Preston Family* Award
A Crime Victim/Survivor who has made a difference in the lives of other crime victims.

*This award is named after Bob, Pat, and Wendy Preston. Often, the greatest contributions to the victim services field are made by crime victims themselves. This is certainly the case with Bob and Pat Preston who, after the murder of their daughter Wendy, worked tirelessly across the country to turn their horrific personal loss into invaluable public gain. Wendy at the age of 23 was murdered in 1977 in her parents’ Florida home during a burglary. As court proceedings began in the trial of Wendy’s murderer, Bob and Pat Preston were informed that the State of Florida was the victim in the case and that they would be notified if their services as witnesses were required. They had great difficulty getting any information concerning what was happening with the trial. Wendy’s murderer was allowed to plea bargain to second degree murder. While the murderer had rights, Bob and Pat Preston found out that they had none under the constitution. In 1979, Bob and Pat helped to establish the Justice for Surviving Victims organization, a pioneering grass-roots effort organized with the goal of improving the treatment of crime victims. Then in 1988, the Prestons and their organization were in the forefront when Florida passed its Victims’ Rights Amendment with 90% of the vote. After retiring, the Prestons moved to Colorado and helped to create and pass the Colorado Victims’ Rights Act. Bob Preston became a Co-Chairman of the National Victims’ Constitutional Amendment Network (NVCAN), an organization that has been instrumental in the proliferation of Victims’ Rights through constitutional amendment throughout the country. It is important to acknowledge the positive contributions victims have made to the victim services profession. Contributions whose beginnings were often born in horrific and painful loss. This is why the Wendy Preston Family Award was created.

7) Criminal Justice Award
An outstanding law enforcement officer, deputy district attorney, parole, or probation officer who has made a significant impact on the lives of crime victims.

You are welcome to nominate more than one person. Award recipients are chosen by the Awards Committee which is made up of previous award winners. Award recipients will be announced during the 2017 COVA Conference.
Select the Appropriate Nomination Category:

☐ Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Public Sector
☐ Deana Griswould Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Non-Profit Sector
☐ Carol Hacker Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Volunteer Sector
  Hours/month service ___________
  Number of years ____________
☐ Outstanding Victim Services Program Award
☐ Exemplary Leadership Award
☐ Wendy Preston Family Award for Crime Victims/Survivors
☐ Criminal Justice Award for Law Enforcement Officers, Deputy District Attorneys, Parole or Probation Officers

COVA reserves the right to not confer all available awards every year at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Please attach 3 letters of support from the community about the nominee.

Please explain why your nominee should be selected to receive an award. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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COVA Silent Auction

Silent auction proceeds will fund scholarships for those who would be unable to attend next year’s COVA Conference.

Many think, “I couldn’t possibly ask for donations”, but retailers, business owners, and professionals are always looking for ways to get new customers. You would help them as well as help the COVA scholarship fund.

Although it may be daunting to ask, even for a great cause, remember it’s a tax write-off for them, too! It helps to ask businesses that you frequent. An entrepreneur is more likely to donate to someone who gives to your business, than to be approached by someone who has never set foot in the establishment nor will after. Many retailers even set quotas, so they PLAN on donating when asked.

Need Ideas for Auction Items?

- **Travel:** Vacation homes, frequent flyer miles, hotel stays, resort getaway packages.
- **Dinners/Food:** Catered dinner parties, a gourmet picnic basket, beer or wine tasting baskets.
- **Restaurants:** Gift certificates to anything from pizzerias to five-star restaurants.
- **Lessons/Crafts:** Art, custom needle craft or lessons, floral arrangements, music lessons, one-on-one soccer coaching, picture framing, or photography sittings.
- **Professional Services:** Financial, architectural, landscape, design, medical, legal, massage, home repair.
- **Sports/Cultural Events:** Yours or a friend’s tickets to cultural performances or sporting events, sports equipment for golf, fishing, hunting, etc. Sport collectibles from Colorado’s sports teams—Broncos, Rockies, Nuggets, Avalanche, etc.
- **Children:** Toys, clothes, DVD/CDs, books, birthday party supplies.
- **Personal Services:** Spa visits, massages, haircuts, facials, private chef.
- **Practical Services:** Auto detailing, yard services, house painting, house cleaning.
- **Law Enforcement Related:** Patches, coins, collectibles, CCW classes, knives.

When you are out and about shopping for yourself, remember, if you see a great sale, pick something up for your own tax deductible contribution to COVA! We encourage you to bring your donation to the COVA office by October 14th so we can catalog and type the bid sheets. Or, if that’s not possible, bring your item with you to the silent auction room at the conference.

Visit the Silent Auction during the COVA Conference. Bid early and often!

For questions, contact Mandee McLane at 303-861-1160 or mandee@coloradocrimevictims.org.
**SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM**

*Donations are tax deductible • Please make copies and pass this form to your friends*

**Thank you for your donation!**

COVA’s TAX ID# 84-0972509

Your contribution allows an individual to receive personal development training. Funds raised from the silent auction will go towards next year’s conference scholarships.

**Donor Information:** (Please fill out all of the information below)

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Return this form with your donation to: COVA, 1325 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 508-B, Denver, CO 80222; Or, bring this form and your donation to the conference.

Stop by the silent auction room to receive a tax receipt for your donation or call to have one mailed.

Contact: Mandee McLane at 303-861-1160 or 800-261-2682 or mandee@coloradocrimevictims.org.
Lodging, Meals & Registration

Lodging

The Keystone Resort offers breathtaking scenery and a variety of accommodations from lodge rooms and studio condos to 3-bedroom condos. Keystone is conveniently located 7 miles off I-70 at the Silverthorne Exit #205 in Summit County (approximately 75 miles west of Denver). Lodging and hotels book quickly in the Keystone area. Call 1-800-258-0437 to make your reservation and provide the COVA Conference Group Code CK2VA7 to receive our discounted rates.

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There is a 5.9% surcharge in addition to state and local taxes. If your organization qualifies for sales tax exemption, the proper documentation is required prior to or at the time of check-in. One night’s deposit is required at the time of your reservation, with the full balance due on your arrival date. Full payment at the time of your reservation if it is made inside of 14 days of arrival date.

Meals

Your registration includes the following meals (coffee/tea breaks) on:

- **Sunday, Oct. 22:** Lunch (Please note: no meal will be provided for the free half-day session)
- **Monday, Oct. 23:** Lunch
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24:** Light Breakfast and Dinner (Dinner guest tickets: $35 for adults & $15 for kids. Payment at the door)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25:** Light Breakfast

Registration Information

Registration for the Sunday Skill Building and COVA Conference is available online at www.coloradocrimevictims.org.

Registration Deadlines (see page 30 for rates and deadlines)

- Early bird rates: Full payments (not purchase orders) must be postmarked by August 11, 2017. If paying by credit card, you may fax your registration form to 303-861-1265 by the close of business on August 11, 2017.
- After Sept. 29, 2017: Do not mail your registration form. Call the COVA office to reserve a place and arrange for payment. All registrations placed after the close of business on Sept. 29 are at the on-site or daily rates.

COVA Member Discount

To receive the COVA Member rate, your membership must be current through October 2017. Contact the COVA office to check your status or apply.

- Individual: Memberships: Non-transferable. This also applies to Senior/Student/Volunteer memberships.
- Agency/Organization: Any number of paid or volunteer staff from the agency may attend at the member rate.
- Non-Members: After paying, receive a 1 year individual membership (goes into effect after October 2017).

Cancellation Policy

In response to a written cancellation request:

- Conference Registrations: A full refund minus a $50 handling charge is available until the close of business on Sept. 29.
- Sunday Skill Building: A full refund minus a $20 handling charge is available until the close of business on Sept. 29.
- No refunds can be given for cancellations after Sept. 29, 2017. You may, however, substitute someone else from the same organization in your place.
**SUNDAY SKILL BUILDING (PRE-CONFERENCE)**
Complete this section if you are registering for a Sunday session ONLY or a Sunday session AND the COVA Conference.

Indicate which Sunday Skill Building Session you wish to attend (Registration Deadline: 9-29-17):

- **POST Training:** Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview  *Back by popular demand!*
- **POST Training:** Intimate Partner Abuse 2.0: Beyond the Basics
- Preserving and Enhancing Dignity within Sexual Assault Response
- You Can’t Ask What You Don’t Know – A Closer Examination of Human Trafficking
- Suicide and Victim Services
- **FREE Half-Day:** Navigating the Disability System for & with Victims with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

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**COVA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ONLY (Monday-Wednesday)**
Complete this section if you are registering for the COVA Conference ONLY (no Sunday sessions).

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: August 25, 2017

This form serves as your conference registration. Do not fill out an online registration.

Contact Information (Type or print clearly. Photocopy a separate form for each applicant):
Name: __________________________________________ E-mail: ________________________________
Organization: ___________________________________ Title: _______________________________
Address: ___________________________________ City: __________________ State: ____ Zip: __________
Phone: ___________________________________ Supervisor Name: __________________________
Supervisor E-mail: ___________________________ Supervisor Phone: _______________________
POST Certified Law Enforcement Officer PID# (Required for POST credit): _________________________
Special Assistance (Please indicate if you need assistance): ________________________________________
How many COVA Conferences have you attended? (circle) 0 1-5 6-10 11-15 16+ All 28!

Scholarship Details

1) Briefly explain why you are requesting a scholarship and how the COVA Conference will benefit you and your agency (attach additional pages, if necessary): __________________________________________________________

2) Have you applied for funds from your local VALE Board in your Judicial District? □ Yes □ No
   If yes: □ Request Denied □ No Funds Available
   □ Awards to be decided on (date): __________ □ Received Award for: $_________

3) I am applying for (check all that apply):
   □ Registration Fee Waiver (Mon-Wed Conference) and/or
   □ Skill-Building Registration Waiver (Sun.): ______________________________
   Skill Building Course Title

4) I am eligible for (select one):
   □ POST Scholarship for POST Certified Sworn Officers (see page 11)
   □ African American Scholarship
   □ COVA Scholarship
   □ Bio-One Scholarship

NOTE: Scholarships are limited. If you’ve already paid for your registration, you are not eligible for a scholarship.

I agree that if awarded a scholarship, I am committed to attending at least 85% of the sessions and will complete evaluation forms. I also agree to either donate an item(s) to the silent auction or volunteer at the conference.

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________________________

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COVA Membership Application

Name: _______________________________________________________

Organization: _________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________

City: _________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

E-mail: ______________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________________

Membership Type

☐ Individual – $50 (non-transferrable; conference discount limited to one person)

☐ Senior (55+)/Student/Volunteer – $25 (non-transferrable; conference discount limited to one person)

☐ Agency/Organization (Based on your organization’s operating budget):

Operating Budget: Membership Dues:

☐ Less than $250,000 $150

☐ $251,000 - $750,000 $225

☐ $751,000 and Higher $300

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