

Georgia Crime Victim Service Collaborative and Innovative Project Awards

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Award Significance:

As the discipline of crime victim services has grown over the years, so has the number of remarkable individuals and organizations who significantly contribute to its success. Today, the field includes countless people and programs that have, through vision, action, dedication and leadership, improved the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime. Victim service providers have remained steadfast and determined to continue services while navigating immense challenges created by the pandemic. CJCC seeks to recognize organization(s) and/or individuals(s) for their ongoing commitment to promote a comprehensive, coordinated, victim-centered and unified community response and celebrate the extraordinary contributions to the lives of victims and survivors.

This award recognizes collaborations and innovations that have helped to expand the reach of victims' rights and services. The award(s) recognize partners who have inspired us through their acts of courage and compassion, programs or individuals whose work has been particularly innovative and pioneering, and those who exemplify the long-term commitment that characterizes many of Georgia's victim service providers, some of whom are themselves victims of crime.

The award winners will be honored at special ceremonies during National Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 21-27, 2024 to recognize Georgia crime victims and those who support them.

2024 National Crime Victims' Right Theme: How would you help? Options, services, hope for crime survivors.

Eligibility Requirements:

Carefully review the following requirements to determine whether the individual, team, organization, or program, you wish to nominate is eligible for an award.

1. You may nominate one or more worthy projects/candidates, including task forces, coalitions, teams, or a collaborative initiative.

Nominator Guidelines:

1. **Essential information.** Each form must include the nominee's full name and email address.

Note: If you are nominating an organization, program or team, please provide the name and email address of the individual(s) who would accept the award on behalf of the organization.

2. **Nomination letter.** Each nomination form must be accompanied by a letter that reflects as much as you know about the nominee's accomplishments and services in supporting crime victims. Your nomination letter should include your title, affiliation, and mailing and email addresses. No anonymous nominations will be accepted.

Each nomination letter, in addition to addressing all criteria for which you are nominating an individual or group, must explain how the nominee—

1. has contributed efforts to the victim services field that are unique, exceptional, or go beyond his or her job duties;
2. has demonstrated leadership or teamwork in achieving these efforts; and
3. has brought about change for victims or the victim services field that is or will be enduring.

Nomination Letter Guidelines:

Use the following guidelines to help compose your nomination letter:

- Use the letter to provide a complete picture of the nominee's accomplishments. Assume that the selection committee is completely unfamiliar with the nominee's work.
- Address all criteria for which you are nominating an individual or group.

Include specific examples that address what the nominee has achieved, how the nominee accomplished these achievements, and why the nominee's achievements have significance that should be recognized with a Georgia Crime Victim Service Collaborative and Innovative Project Award:

- a. Explain what efforts the nominee has contributed to the victim services field that are unique, exceptional, or go beyond his or her job duties. Describe efforts such as—
 - extraordinary actions,
 - significant obstacles overcome, and
 - groundbreaking achievements.
- b. Explain how the nominee has demonstrated leadership or teamwork in achieving these efforts. Describe elements such as—
 - visionary thinking or initiative,
 - innovative methods or creative ideas, and

- collaboration or bringing together different groups.
 - c. Explain why the nominee's efforts represent change for victims or the victim services field that is or will be enduring. Describe efforts such as —
 - extraordinary benefits, restitution, or healing for victims,
 - laws that have been passed, and
 - programs that have been created or replicated.
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- Be as specific as possible, and include milestones, numbers, and statistics where appropriate.
 - Write clearly and directly and include pertinent details without providing extraneous or unrelated information.
 - Ensure that all information submitted is accurate.

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