



SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU) NEWSLETTER

Crime Victim Services
Allen & Putnam Counties

Color Fun Run!

Color Fun Run: Paint a Different World @ Ottawa Metro Park 2632 Ada Rd. Lima, OH 45801 on August 4th, 2018. Registration at 8am and 5K Run/Walk 9am. Registration fee is \$25.00 www.runsignup.com/Race/OH/Lima/PaintADifferentWorld5kColorFunRun

Opioid Crisis Workshop

The Opioid Crisis Workshop: The Unseen Impact on Older Adults. Wednesday July 18th, 2018 Noon – 5pm. Located at Penta career Center 9301 Buck Rd. Perrysburg, Ohio. The workshop is free for grandparents raising grandchildren and individuals aged 60 and older. For others, cost is \$25.00 per person. CEUs available. Registration required at www.areaofficeonaging.com. Questions call 419-382-0624 or email training@areaofficeonaging.com

Shine the Light Event

Fourth Annual Shine the Light: An Event to End Sexual Violence. On September 13, 2018 from 4:30-7pm at the Fawcett Center at OSU, we will host a community cocktail hour to raise awareness about sexual violence and to generate support for OAESV and we need your help to make it a success. Search www.oaesv.org/shinethelight for more information



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Another Great Season of Abilities Baseball!

Abilities Baseball has had another great season! We are excited to see a community come together to support athletes participating in baseball, a great American past time. Athletes were able to celebrate a great season with some of their favorite DC and Marvel superheroes. The Allen County Board of DD, Crime Victim Services, and Alter Ego partnered together to bring this superhero event to the players of Abilities Baseball. Through baseball, Abilities Baseball has been able to help many children feel accepted, included, safe, and empowered. Rachael Staley, Abilities Baseball Organizer, explains the service this organization has provided to the community:

Q1) Does Abilities Baseball (AB) have a season every year? How does someone join? Are there certain requirements? Do you take volunteers to help?

A1) "Abilities Baseball plays every summer, we now operate end of April through mid-June. Families can send applications in during the months of Feb/March, any child with any disability is welcome to play! We love to have volunteers!"

Q2) How is AB funded?

A2) "The Abilities Baseball league is a 501c3 organization and runs off of donations each year. The cost for each player to play is \$10 and that includes shirt, hat, and trophy."

Q3) What is the impact AB has on the special needs community in Allen County?

A3) "The impact is truly amazing. To see the kids' faces light up as they hit the ball, run the bases, and give high fives is truly amazing. For the parents, it is another way to see their child shine!"

Q4) Why are community partnerships so important for AB?

A4) "We operate off of volunteers to roll the balls out, coach teams, and donate money, time and effort. That is huge! We have around 120 kids playing and that is a lot of kids. We need every set of extra hands to make the day to day operations work."

Q5) Tell us how the Superheroes event impacted the kiddos and their families?

A5) "The kids loved having the superheroes there! The superheroes were able to interact with the kids and help us out! We always look for new ways to surprise the kids and this summer that was something extra special for them."

Q6) Would you be interested in further partnership events in the future?

A6) "We are always looking for something new to offer to the kids and ways to partner with community. The community is why this field exists. Any way to help that shine is a win-win situation."

Q7) Tell us something else you would like to be highlighted when talking about AB!!

A7) "The Abilities Baseball league started as a college project and continues to this day. I love that AB is at UNOH. It allows college students to see the impact they can have on a community first hand. *Keep dreaming and dreams do come true!*"



SVU UPDATE: Disabilities

May 3, 2018 – Governor Kasich signs bill to help police better communicate with disabled Ohioans:

“State Representative Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) announced that Governor Kasich has signed House Bill 115, establishing a voluntary program through the Ohio Department of Public Safety to help facilitate effective communication between law enforcement and individuals with communication disabilities, such as autism, deafness, and PTSD.”

“Scott Wiggam stated, ‘I designed this voluntary, no labels, initiative in hopes of reducing the communication gap between citizens with speech disabilities and law enforcement officers. This law will provide our citizens with peace of mind knowing that they will have a safer encounter with authorities.’”

House Bill 115 now allows Ohioans with disabilities to voluntarily enter their information with a “verification form signed by a physician. This information is then made available to state and local law enforcement only through the Law Enforcement Automated Data Systems (LEADS).”

Follow this link below for the full article:

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/scott-wiggam/press/governor-kasich-signs-bill-to-help-police-better-communicate-with-disabled-ohioans>



SVU UPDATE: Immigrant Population

“As the United States Council on Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) predicted one month ago, the real impact of the family separation policy has been to inflict irreparable harm, fear and trauma on young children. Families from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras are escaping countries with the highest murder rates in the world. The U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees reports El Salvador has the highest murder rate in the world for minors. Until these conditions are addressed, people will continue to run for their lives.

USCRI recommends protecting children by:

- Swiftly reunifying all children separated from parents at the border. The use of DNA or other biometric data can streamline the process. Parents should not be charged for DNA testing.
- Supporting alternatives to detention as a more humane and cost-effective way to ensure families fully participate in their immigration court proceedings and objecting any legislation that strips away legal protections for children and families and uses detention as the standard as opposed to a last resort.

- Respect the 1997 Flores v. Reno Settlement Agreement and the 2008 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) that codified parts of the settlement into federal law which sets national standards regarding the detention, release, and treatment of all – both unaccompanied and accompanied – children in immigration detention and underscores the principle of family unity.
- Guaranteeing every child has legal representation provided by the government if they cannot secure their own representation, in any immigration hearing affecting their asylum application.
- Reinstigate a program, like the Central American Minors program, which offers a legal pathway for Central American minors seeking humanitarian protection in the U.S.

“Groups and individuals across the country have stood together this week in opposition to family separation and for that we are grateful. In recognition of this collective national voice, we call on our elected representatives to immediately act to pass legislation that protects children and respects the rights of persons seeking asylum.” – United States Council on Refugee and Immigrants.

SVU UPDATE: Deaf, Blind, Hard of Hearing (HoH)

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, deaf victims of domestic violence often face unique circumstances including:

- “Information can travel quickly within the deaf, blind, or hard of hearing (HoH) community compromising victim’s safety.”
- “Law Enforcement and shelters are often unskilled at communicating with Deaf, HoH, blind victims lacking options for interpreters.”
- “Their abusive partners may take away their communication devices.”
- “Their abusive partners may give false information to the victim to make them believe they have fewer options.”
- “The victim may be isolated from family, friends, services, resources, and options.”

Advocates and service providers should continue to educate themselves to find the gaps in services and the impact the gaps in services have on the clientele served at their agency. For more information on the article follow: <http://www.thehotline.org/help/deaf-services/abuse-in-the-deaf-community/>

As for Crime Victim Services, we have been trying to grow in the right direction. A generous Putnam County community member is reviewing 3 Crime Victim Services braille brochures and the Crime Victim Services’ website for content and accessibility. We are very grateful for the opportunity and feedback on our materials. We continue striving to ensure our brochures and website will be easy to read, understand, and truly accessible.

SVU UPDATE: Sexual Violence Among Women of Color

"While 80% of rapes are reported by white women, women of color are more likely to be assaulted than white women." According to the Office of Victims of Crime and EndRapeonCampus.org, prevalent rates of rape of women by race in the United States are as follows:

- Asian/Pacific Islander: 6.8%
- Hispanic/Latina: 11.9%
- White: 17.7%
- Black: 18.8%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 34.1%
- Mixed Race: 24.4%

For more information follow the 2006 Study by Women of Color Network Facts & Stats link:
http://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/women_of_color_network_facts_domestic_violence_2006.pdf



Located at front entrance of Crime Victim Services's main office.

Crime Victim Services provides specialized outreach and direct services for the African American population through the Ohio Department of Health Sexual Assault Services Program grant to assist in addressing these disparities and ensure all people of color have safe, free, and confidential services.

Violence and the Intersections Between People of Color and the LGBTQ+ Population

Fact: The majority of the victims of hate violence homicides (89%) in 2013 were people of color.



The overwhelming majority of homicide victims (78%) were Black and African American, 11% of homicide victims were Latin@, and 11% of homicide victims were White. While 89% of victims of hate violence homicides were LGBTQ and HIV-affected people of color they only represented 55% of total survivors and victims.

FACT: LGBTQ and HIV-affected people of color were more likely to require medical attention as a result of hate violence when compared to other survivors.



Survivors who identified as LGBTQ people of color were 2.0 times more likely to require medical attention as a result of hate violence when compared to other survivors. These statistics highlight the severity of the violence faced by LGBTQ people of color and the physical impact of such violence.

FACT: Latin@ survivors were more likely to experience police violence.



That Latin@ LGBTQ and HIV-affected survivors are disproportionately impacted by hate violence is supported by data that shows that Latin@ survivors were 1.5 times more likely to experience police violence, much like the experiences of other communities of color due to the historical maltreatment of communities of color at the hands of the police.

LGBTQ Black/African American people were more likely to experience physical violence, threats, and intimidation.



Black survivors were 1.4 times more likely to experience any physical violence and 2.0 times more likely to experience threats and intimidation during incidents of hate violence. The experience of hate violence, therefore, is disproportionately impactful for LGBTQ and HIV affected Black individuals.

Source: https://avp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/ncavp_hvpcfactsheet.pdf

Articles of the Quarter

LGBTQ+ Hate and Bias Crimes Report

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/38f52a2d4da1a2d5de30adfc7/files/5af193eb-e78b-4aaf-940e-0abf8cc57a37/LGBTQ_Hate_Bias_Violence.01.pdf

Communities of Color and the Impacts of Sexual Violence

<https://sapac.umich.edu/article/57>

Violence Against People with Disabilities

<https://www.relias.com/blog/violence-against-people-with-disabilities>



SOUND ON

A support group for anyone touched by hearing loss. Group meetings take place at Allen County Board of DD Marimor School 2550 Ada Rd. Lima, OH 45801 Room 120. Meetings have taken place from 6:30-7:30pm. Please call for updated dates and times of meetings. Questions can be directed toward Sam Bullock at 567-242-9931 or Kelly VonderEmbse at 419-221-1262 ext. 1025.

Expect Respect

A support group for youth that is free and open to the community. Lessons provided on healthy relationships with self and others. SAFY Drop-In Center-658 W. Market St. Suite 101 Lima, OH 45801, Mondays 2-3pm June 11-July 30th, 2018.

Survivor & Co-Survivor Support

A support group free and open to the community for survivors and loved ones of survivors of sexual violence. Located at Crime Victim Services 330 N. Elizabeth St. Lima, OH 45801, Thursdays 5-6pm.

P.L.A.Y.T.I.M.E Summer Events

Parents Learning About Young Toddlers and Infants with other Mothers (and fathers) and Educators offer free events for kids birth to age 5 with their family.
July 6th, 2018 10-11:30am Splash Pad at Lima Stadium Park 100 Calumet Ave. Lima, OH
July 20th, 2018 10-11:30am Allen County Children's Garden at 620 W. Market St. Lima, OH
August 10th, 2018 10-11:30am Safety City at 700 S. Collet St. Lima, OH
August 24th, 2018 to be announced

Walk to End Alzheimer's

When: Saturday, September 8, 2018 –
Registration 9:00am
Walk begins 10:00am
Where: OSU Lima Campus 4240 Campus Dr. Lima, OH 45804
Register, sponsor, donate, volunteer, or to obtain more information, visit <http://act.alz.org/Lima2018> or call 1-800-272-3900

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OUR MISSION

The Special Victims Unit is a group of individuals dedicated to help be a champion for under-served populations through growth, education, expansion, and creativity.

We aspire to make sure all victims have an opportunity to be served. Every victim, every time, every outcome, every minute counts.

SVU Overview

The Special Victims Unit comprises of a dedicated team of advocates willing to fight for underserved victims' rights.

LGBTQ+: Working on education and outreach to be Safe Zone trained and efficient. Advocates are working hard toward specialized referrals and resources that meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ population.

Immigrant Population/Limited English: Working together for language interpretation services, legal assistance support, specialized referrals advocating for the immigrant population's needs.

Repeat Victims: Working on education and safety to bring awareness to all victims of the importance of being safe before and after a victimization.

Unreported: Advocating for education and outreach to elderly, male sexual assault survivors, Domestic Violence, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), Addiction/Mental Health, and religious minorities.

Disabilities: Advocating for specialized communication devices, sensory toolkits, social stories, and working to make a work environment welcoming for anyone living with special needs.

Survivors of Color: Working toward better education and outreach services to reach the needs of survivors of color and aspiring allies wanting to help make a difference.

Deaf, Hard of Hearing (HoH), & Blind: Advocating for specialized materials, audio guides, braille materials, ASL interpreter services, and working toward creating a conducive work environment to foster the services needed for these under-served victims.

Restorative Justice: Working toward better victim-offender dialogue services and advocating for better victim rights with restitution and victim compensation.

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[@ChildAdvocacyCenterofWestCentralOhio](https://www.instagram.com/ChildAdvocacyCenterofWestCentralOhio)

[@CASAofLima](https://www.instagram.com/CASAofLima)

[@AllenPutnamRapeCrisis](https://www.instagram.com/AllenPutnamRapeCrisis)