

DVS DISPATCH

An MDHHS Division of Victim Services Newsletter



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Introducing the DVS Dispatch



The [MDHHS Division of Victim Services](#) (DVS) is excited to announce a new, quarterly newsletter intended for our valued partners throughout Michigan. DVS provides a voice advocating for and responding to all victims of crime in Michigan, and we're proud to administer nearly 600 contracts that fund over 200 [community-based programs](#), Tribes, and government partners across Michigan. Thanks to collaboration with partners like you, vital services are provided to victims every single day, such as counseling, legal and medical advocacy, emergency housing, and crime victims' rights advocacy.

The DVS Dispatch is an opportunity for us to keep you up-to-date with the latest news and information about what's going on not only within DVS, but also throughout the Department of Health and Human Services, state legislature, and with our federal partners as it relates to the important work you do on behalf of victims and survivors.

Changes to Crime Victim Compensation

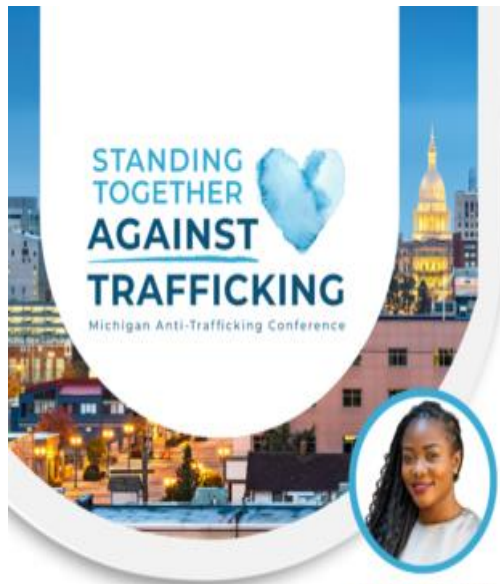
On August 12, 2023, important statutory changes [signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer](#) go into effect, making the program even more accessible to those we serve by expanding the types of benefits available to victims/claimants and increasing the dollar amounts payable on behalf of victims. These expansions include changes to the following:



- Definition for an eligible victim
- Definition for an eligible claimant
- Filing requirements
- Reporting requirements
- Minimum loss requirements
- New benefit categories
- Increased award limits

Crime Victim Compensation program staff will be conducting a series of in-person trainings throughout Michigan to help advocates prepare for the new changes going into effect August 12. In the coming weeks, supporting materials such as new victim advocate and reference guides, FAQs, brochures, posters, infographics, and updates to our website – www.Michigan.gov/CrimeVictim – will be available to assist with questions and provide information throughout the transition.

[Standing Together Against Trafficking Conference](#)



September 6, 2023

8:00 AM - 4:15 PM

LANSING CENTER | 333 E MICHIGAN AVE

REGISTRATION OPEN!



Bella Hounakey
Speaker



Elizabeth Campbell
Speaker



Rachel Lloyd
Speaker

Registration is now open for the inaugural *Standing Together Against Trafficking* conference. This inaugural event is an opportunity for anti-trafficking professionals, subject matter experts, and survivors to engage in dialogue, networking, and information sharing as we unite efforts to make Michigan a national leader in the

anti-trafficking movement. The conference is hosted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' [Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board](#) and [Division of Victim Services](#).

Registration for this in-person event is free and continuing education credits will be available for nursing and social work professionals. To register and learn more about the agenda, speakers, and hotel information, click the registration link below.

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DVS in the News



[Detroit News: Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signs Nassar-inspired bills aimed at preventing abuse](#)

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Meeting Schedules



[Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board](#)

Date	Time	Location
Friday, August 18, 2023	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Grand Tower Building 235 S. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933 Dempsey Room, 1st Floor

[Crime Victim Services Commission](#)

Date	Time	Location
Monday, July 17, 2023	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Grand Tower Building 235 S. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933 Dempsey Room, 1st Floor
Monday, Sept. 18, 2023	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Grand Tower Building 235 S. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933 Dempsey Room, 1st Floor

[Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board](#)

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	South Grand Building 333 S. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933 Room 1A

**Meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please check our website for the latest updates.*

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