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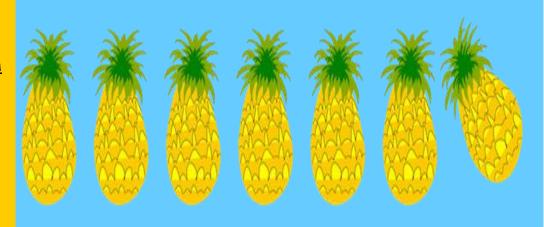
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#### **Upcoming Events**

National Night Out Against
Crime





#### VINE

Written by: Kimi Nolte, Lead Victim Services Coordinator



After a person has been victimized, there are a lot of new challenges - adjusting to a change in world view, seeking mental health services, and going through the criminal justice system are just a few examples. One thing that is vital after any victimization is safety and safety planning. A key part of safety planning is the VINE system.

August 7, 2018

Core Academy Training
September 10 -14, 2018
Kennewick, WA
October 15 - 19, 2018
Everett, WA

Integral to providing direct services to victims of crime in the State of Washington, this 40-hour training qualifies individuals to provide services at Crime Victim Service Centers.

Mukilteo Lighthouse
Festival
September 7-9

WA State Fair: Puyallup September 21-23

National Day of

Remembrance
September 22, 2018

Lynnwood, WA: 10am-12pm Bellingham, WA: 10am-

12pm

Des Moines, WA: 3pm-5pm

<u>Jurassic Par</u> October 5, 2018

VSS Open House November 16, 2018

For more information about any of our upcoming events please visit our website by clicking the links above.

National Night Out
Against Crime

VINE stands for Victim Information and Notification Everyday is the National Victim Notification Network. The main purpose of VINE and something that VINE does really well is notifying victims and victim's loved ones when an offender is transported to a different facility while in custody and when an offender is released from custody. Further, if an offender escapes custody, the victim will be notified. These notifications are important so that victims can institute their safety plans.

VINE is an opt-in program so you can sign up through your victim advocate or on your own. Once you sign up, you can receive notification through an email, text, phone call, TTY or in-app. VINELink App has in-app notifications if you do download the app. The app is available for Apple and Android products.

You can take a look at the VINE website here.

If you have any questions, you can call Victim Support Services and speak with an advocate! Victim Support Services can be reached at 425-252-6081. You can also call or text an advocate on the Washington State Crime Victim Services Center hotline at 1-888-288-9221.

#### 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Join us for a roaring good time at our 15th annual golf tournament!

This year's theme is Jurassic Par.

The event will be on Friday, October 5th at Rainier Golf & Country Club.

Breakfast, snacks, refreshments, and dinner will be provided.

In addition, there will be prizes available through contests, raffles, and a silent auction.

#### REGISTER HERE!

If you have any general concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Leslie McPherson at <a href="mailto:leslie@victimsupportservices.org">leslie@victimsupportservices.org</a>.

For sponsorship questions, please contact Michaela Weber at michaela@victimsupportservices.orq.

Thank you for your continued support!

For more information on the event, registration, and becoming a sponsor click here.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is an annual event where communities across the country connect with law enforcement. The focus of National Night Out is to get neighborhoods actively involved in preventing crime in their community. At National Night Out, you will be able to visit tables for various community organizations and interact with your local first responders. All events are family friendly!

Victim Support Services will be attending the following National Night Out Events:

Stanwood, 6-8pm
Old Thrifty Parking Lot
90th Ave NW
Stanwood, WA 98292

SW Everett, 5:30-8pm Horizon Elementary 222 W Casino Road Everett, WA 98204

Mountlake Terrace, 6-8:30pm

Evergreen Playfield 22205 56th Avenue West Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Snohomish County, 5-8pm Willis Tucker Community



#### Expand the Response Conference

1st Annual Expand the Response Conference presented by Victim Support Services. Connecting criminal justice, law enforcement, advocacy, social service and mental health professionals who respond to crime victims. Join us in learning how to more effectively assist crime victims. Network with others in your field from across the state and country.

Presenting the first conference day: Mass Violence Preparation & Response with

Park 6705 Puget Park Dr, Snohomish, WA 98296

Mukilteo, 4-7pm Mukilteo Family YMCA 10601 47th Pl W, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Oak Harbor, 3:30-7:30pm Fort Nugent Park 2075 SW Fort Nugent Ave Oak Harbor, WA 98277

We will also be visiting comunities & neighborhoods in:

Redmond Covington

If you have any questions or if you'd like to volunteer at one of our tables, please contact <a href="mailto:kimi@victimsupportservices.org">kimi@victimsupportservices.org</a>

Special Keynote, Captain Christopher M. Vanghele from the Newtown Police Department.



#### SUBMIT WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor contact Charmagne Haight at 425-252-6081 or charmagne@victimsupportservices.org.

Early bird registration fee is \$245 until August 31st.

#### Welcome, Rachel Martinez!



Rachel Martinez is our new Region 1, King County, Victim Services Coordinator.

Before joining Victim
Support Services, Rachel
was the Community Outreach
Coordinator with Seattle
Against Slavery. She has an
Master of Social Work from
the University of
Washington and a Bachelor
Degree in Social Work with a
Minor in Criminal Justice
from Colorado State
University.

In her spare time, Rachel enjoys running, boxing, hiking, and generally being outside. She grew up in Colorado and is conversationally proficient in American Sign Language.

If you see Rachel, please

#### REGISTER HERE!

We hope to see you at Little Creek Casino and Resort January 15-17, 2019!

# Expand the Response Conferer

Connecting Disciplines - Healing Victims



January 15-17, 2019 Shelton, WA

**WSS** victim supports ervices



give her a warm welcome!

National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims

#### Congratulations, Lora Brodniak!



Lora is transitioning from an on-call hotline advocate to the Region 4, Snohomish and Island County, Victim Services Coordinator.

We are excited Lora took this new position and will be working with victims more directly and one-on-one!

Since she started working here she has proven her skills and abilities, and her passion working with victims.

Her previous experience as a victim advocate includes: working as a liaison for clients with law enforcement, CPS, hospital staff and forensic nurses at Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse.

# NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS

September 22, 2018

Snohomish/Island County 10am-12pm Martha Lake 16300 E Shore Drive Lynnwood, WA 98037 Skagit/Whatcom Cour 10am-12pm Boulevard Park 470 Bayview Dr Bellingham, WA 9822

King County
3pm-5pm

Des Moines Marina Beach Park
Field House Picnic Shelter
1000 S. 220th St.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Please join us to remember those who lost their lives to homicide.

Light refreshments will be provided, followed by a short
ceremony. All who would like to are encouraged to bring stories,
poems, and pictures to share.

**Questions? Call 425-252-6081** 



Congratulations, Loral

## Employee of the Month



Please join us in congratulating our July employee of the month, Nicole Vangrimbergen.

Nicole was voted employee of the month by her coworkers and peers. Nicole transitioned recently into region 12, which is Whatcom and Skagit Counties. She moved into that position seamlessly, hitting the ground running and quickly making connections. All the while she managed clients with current cases in Snohomish County, while we were hiring for her vacant position.

Nicole is an amazing
employee who has her heart
in the right place! She is
brilliant with problem-solving
and connects to community
partners every chance she

#### **VSS Booths**

VSS will be boothing a table at the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival and the Washington State Fair!



VSS will be at the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival on September 7-9. Come say hi and enjoy some good food, music, their marketplace and more. For information on the festival, click here.

# *Washington* STATE FAIR

VSS staff will be at the Washington State Fair, on behalf of the Washington State Crime Victim Service Center Hotline, on September 21-23. Come learn about WACVSC Hotline and enjoy some of the following performers: Macklemore (9/21), Grabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias (9/22), and Rascal Flatts (9/23). For more infromation on the state fair, click here.

### Core Academy Training NACP Pre-Approved

Victim Support Services Core Academy training is NACP (National Advocate Credentialing Program) Pre-approved! What that means is any individual that completes our core training can apply to be a nationally credentialed advocate. When you're a credentialed advocate, you have the benefit of enhanced recognition, credibility and mobility in the victim assistance field.

We have four NACP pre-approved trainings coming up. Since it is nationally credentialed, Core Academy is now 40 hours as opposed to 32 hours. If you have any questions please contact our Director of Victim Services/Training, Julie Thomas, by phone at 425.252.6081 or email julie@victimsupportservices.org.

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We are lucky to have Nicole on our team. Congratulations Nicole, you deserve this employee of the month award!

#### Volunteers Needed

We are currently in dire need of volunteer hotline advocates for phone and text services!

Opportunitites to help in:
 -Victim Advocacy
 -Hotline Advocacy
-Administrative Assistance
-Technology Coordinating
 -Fundraising
 -Events
 -Special Projects
-Outreach & Awareness

For more information about volunteering for Victim Support Services contact Leslie McPherson at 425-252-6081 or leslie@victimsupportservices.or

You must submit a volunteer application and background check form to be considered. <u>Click here</u> for the required forms.



# 2018 Core Victim Advocate Academy Dates

Sept. 10 - 14 - Kennewick, WA Oct. 15 - 19 - Everett, WA

## NO CHARGE, ALL ACADEMY DATES ARE FREE! Each day is from 8am to 5pm

- Crime Victim Service Center Core Advocate Training Academy
- 8am to 5pm each day
- 40-hour Basic Academy curriculum meets the requirements for the OCVA, National Advocate Credentialing Program, and the Military Advocate Certificate Program pre-service training through the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)

For More Information for an application call: 425.252.6081 OR EMAIL:

Julie@victimsupportservices.org





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24 - Hour

Washington State Crime Victim Service Center Hotline

Call or Text to speak with a trained advocate

#### 1.888.288.9221

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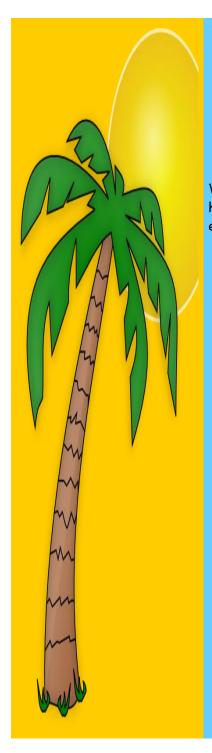
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