



OVC ANNOUNCES NEW RESOURCE FOR RESPONDING TO VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT

From the Office for Victims of Crime, a new e-pub, ***Expanding Services To Reach Victims of Identity Theft and Financial Fraud***, aims to ensure that victim service providers nationwide utilize consistent practices and provide accurate information to victims of identity theft and financial abuse. The result of a demonstration project that closed in March 2010, this online resource features best practices and customizable methods for implementing and applying these policies and procedures.

This unique e-pub provides an overview of financial victimization, accounts from victims' perspectives, and lessons learned from victim service providers. It summarizes efforts of four OVC grantees to expand services at the national, regional, state, and local levels to assist victims of identity theft. The e-pub includes practical tools to help start a program, train staff, empower victims, and stage effective public outreach with minimal cost and staffing. The practices described meet the broad range of needs experienced by victims of identity theft, including:

- Protection of victims' privacy
- Intake evaluation and case management
- Legal representation
- Public awareness and outreach
- Development of self-help materials



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