

# NDPS VICTIM SERVICES - MARCH 2024



## EMPOWERING SOCIAL WORKERS!

The Division of Parole Supervision and Board of Parole is helping celebrate this year's Social Work Month in March with the theme "Empowering Social Workers" and a campaign that will give the public ways to support the social work profession as it addresses issues our nation faces—including the need for more mental health services providers. The annual Social Work Month campaign in March is a time to inform the public, policymakers, legislators, and employers about how social workers help millions of people every day, helping them to overcome life's hurdles and live to their full potential. You will find social workers everywhere in our society, including hospitals and mental health centers, federal, state, and local government, schools, community centers, corporations, and social service agencies. Learn more [here](#).



The National Census of Victim Service Providers is a project of the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). The NCVSP is critical to understanding the current landscape of victim services across the country and providing national data on victim service provision and characteristics of victim service providers. By accurately gathering information on all provider organizations, we can identify gaps in services and funding needs for programs responding to the needs of crime victims and survivors in communities nationwide. Learn more [here](#).



Later this month, the DPS will be presenting a victim services training for the Board of Parole members. Our colleagues at the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and Dr. Tara Richards with UNO will be assisting us to provide information on topics including the Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Project, the role of the DPS Victim Specialist, crime victim considerations and guidelines for the Board of Parole, project progress-to-date and projections moving forward. Stay tuned for more updates!

## Upcoming Events

NOVA Victim Assistance Academy  
Registration closes March 15th

UNO School of Criminology &  
Criminal Justice Career Fair  
March 27th 9am-1pm - CPACS 132

Strike Out Sexual Assault Bowl-a-Thon  
Voices of Hope - April 13th in Lincoln

Comfort Food Classic - Retro Edition  
The Collective for Hope - April 26th 6-9pm

Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy -  
July 8-12, 2024 at UNO

Wisconsin Serving Victims of  
Crime Conference  
August 20-22 - Appleton, WI

**NATIONAL CRIME  
VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**  
**April 21-27, 2024**



**HOW WOULD  
YOU HELP?**

**Options, services  
and hope for  
crime survivors.**