



Introduction

Without timely case information and continuing support, post-conviction claims of innocence and exonerations can unintentionally re-victimize and re-traumatize crime victims and survivors, as well as alienate them from future participation in the criminal legal system. Victim-centered, trauma-informed agency services and practices help victims and survivors to navigate these complex cases, as well as assist them with overall healing. These services and practices also streamline the workload and reduce the toll that victim notification and support can take on agencies by both better preparing staff and distributing the work - ultimately, leading to better outcomes for all.

Background on Healing Justice

Healing Justice is a national nonprofit organization that offers specialized training and technical assistance to prosecutors, police, victims advocates, judges, and others to improve the information and services provided to victims and survivors in cases involving post-conviction claims of innocence and exonerations. We also offer direct support services to victims and survivors in these cases.

As part of a two-year federally-funded project with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC), we created a set of specialized tools and resources for prosecution agencies, conviction review units, and victim service providers (available at www.pcrc-practitioners.org) for application in these cases. The creation of these tools and resources was informed by a nationwide survey of practitioners and was guided by advisors that included prosecutors from conviction review/integrity units, post-conviction victim advocates, and crime victims and survivors from post-conviction exoneration cases.

Building on this foundation, Healing Justice subsequently collaborated with OVC, the National Crime Victim Law Institute, the National Organization for Victim Advocacy and other partners to develop comprehensive victim services for prosecution agencies undertaking all types of conviction and sentence review. Healing Justice and NCVC also recently launched the [Post-Conviction Resources Center](#), which serves as a

centralized space where victims and survivors can access critical information, practical resources, and direct advocate assistance related to all types of post-conviction case activity.

Proposed Training

Healing Justice can deliver either a 90-minute or 60-minute training session as part of the Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys' annual conference in 2026.

The 90-minute presentation includes an individual victim or survivor who has experience with a post-conviction exoneration.

Title:

Providing Trauma-Informed Victim Notification & Support After Conviction

Description:

Crime victims and survivors have traditionally believed that a conviction means the end of the legal case and are often unprepared for the variety of potentially re-traumatizing case activity that can happen post-conviction. Attendees will learn how to provide trauma-informed post-conviction victim services and uphold post-conviction victims' rights. Presenters will also introduce new, federally-funded victim support tools and resources relating to conviction and sentence review. This training will highlight cases involving claims of innocence and exonerations, but the lessons learned will be translated to apply to the entire spectrum of post-conviction victim service delivery.