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2024 NC National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Register now for the 2024 National Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The ceremony is from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and registration is required to attend. The registration deadline is April 15, 2024. To register email grace.clougherty@ncdps.gov for the form.

Reminder: April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) recognizes the start of SAAM through their "Building Connected Communities" campaign and theme. [Learn](#) more about how you can support and get involved with SAAM in April. Some examples and resources are listed below:

- Wear teal on April 2nd and post to social media using #SAAM2024 to show your support.
- Wear denim on April 26 to show support to survivors and raise awareness.
- [Donate](#) on the "SAAM Day Of Giving" on April 18, 2024.

[Onslow Victims Center](#) will be hosting an event for SAAM called "[Take Back the Night](#)" on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Jacksonville, NC. The event includes a walk, yoga class, self-defense demonstration, food trucks, and more! [Register](#) and learn more about the event.

Asking for Contributions?

Many of our subrecipients may seek contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations to fund their charitable work. With the increasing number of charity scams, North Carolina requires a charitable solicitation license for any organization or person that intends to directly solicit contributions in North Carolina, or intends to hire a person or business to solicit contributions in North Carolina. [Licenses](#) are obtained from the [Charities Division of the North Carolina Secretary of State](#). Licenses must be renewed each year to maintain licensed status. There are several statutory [exemptions](#) to this requirement within North Carolina General Statute 131F that many of GCC's subgrantees may fall under. According to the Secretary of State, if an organization requires a license but operates without one, that organization may be subject to administrative penalties or fines in addition to civil and/or criminal prosecution. Thus, please review the exemptions to ensure that your organization does not require a license.

Employment Upon Prison Release

The Labor & Economic Analysis Division (LEAD) of NC Department of Commerce has a new online [Reentry Outcome Reporting System](#). Employment and wage data is available by annual cohorts of individuals exiting prison back to 1997. For example, the 10-year employment rate of the cohort exiting prison in 2012 has been steady at about 34% with 2021 wages at almost \$21,000. An excellent article by Andrew Berger-Gross further describes the experience of post-prison employment in North Carolina; [Insights on Post-Prison Employment from the NC Reentry Outcome Reporting System | NC Commerce](#).



MESSAGE
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking To Enhance the Federal Crime Victim Compensation Program

The OVC Director has published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register](#) ("Notice") that closes on Friday, April 5, 2024, to enhance the federal crime victim compensation program. It is now open for public comment. Read the full notice [here](#).