



2008 MAINE/NEW HAMPSHIRE VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

March 16—21, 2008

**Hilton Garden Inn
5 Park Street
Freeport, Maine**

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Maine/New Hampshire Victim Assistance Academy is a 40-hour intensive training for professionals working in the field of advocacy for victims of crime. This academically-based foundation level training is designed to build the capacity and skill level of victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and other professionals. The Academy also provides a format for informal networking among professionals.

GOALS OF THE ACADEMY

- To promote critical thinking and broaden perspectives on victimization and victim response systems.
- To expand and enhance the level of professionalism within the victim service field.
- To provide an opportunity to network with other providers of victim services and allied professionals.
- To increase participant knowledge of national, state and local resources.

ACADEMY CURRICULUM

The intensive Academy curriculum includes: the scope of crime, the role of the advocate, trauma, crisis intervention, stress reduction, sexual assault, child and elder abuse, domestic violence, stalking, working within the judicial system, the use of technology in crimes, homicide and other specific crimes.

ACADEMY FACULTY

The faculty are leaders and expert practitioners in the field of victimology, criminal justice and victim's rights who have a rich foundation of the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for best practice in the field.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Volunteers and paid staff from victim service organizations and other agencies that serve victims of crime as well as allied professionals, such as law enforcement. The goal is to bring together a training group with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION

At the conclusion of the Academy, participants will be awarded a certificate of completion, and CEUs.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Sunday, March 16th 2:00—8:00 pm—Dinner included	Wednesday, March 19th 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Monday, March 17th 8:00 am—5:00 pm	Thursday, March 20th 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Tuesday, March 18th 8:00 am—5:00 pm	Friday, March 21st 8:00 am—12:30 pm

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MAINE/NEW HAMPSHIRE VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in attending the Maine/New Hampshire Victim Assistance Academy.
Please complete the application and return it by March 2, 2008.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Conference Registration Fee: \$225.00

Hotel: \$85/night single or double occupancy. Please be sure to mention the *“Maine / New Hampshire Victim Assistance Academy”* to get the \$85 rate; room rate cut-off is **February 15, 2008**. After February 15 the \$85 room rate cannot be guaranteed.

The hotel is located in the heart of Freeport at 5 Park Street, steps away from L.L. Bean, outlet shopping and fine dining. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each participant and can be made by calling the hotel directly at (207) 865-1433 or using the following link:

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/PWMFDGI-MUS-20080316/index.jhtml>

EASY WAYS TO REGISTER!

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____

Work Address: _____ Work Phone: _____ Work Fax: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Position: _____

Number of years of direct victim service: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Education/degree(s): _____

Other victim related work/volunteer experience: _____

I am interested in CEUs _____ Yes (add \$20 to registration fee) _____ No

Are you a Maine Department of Health and Human Services employee? _____ Yes _____ No

PAYMENT METHOD:

Check (Payable to USM) Bill Me—PO # _____ Visa MasterCard Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ / _____

Signature _____