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Raising Awareness About and Combating Sextortion

With the prevalence of the internet, cell phones, and social media in people's lives, it's important to talk about the dangers that exist in these areas and what kids and their families can do to stay safe online.



The Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, led by the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), is working to raise awareness about sextortion, one of the most serious online threats that kids and teens face today. As part of that effort, the task force is highlighting resources for prevention and for responding when cases occur.

How does sextortion happen?

Perpetrators often attempt to communicate with a child on a social media platform after using social media to learn about the child's interests, friends, school, or family. Perpetrators often move their communications with the child from one online platform to another, such as moving from social media to private video chat or messaging apps.

In many cases, perpetrators pretend to be looking to exchange images. This sometimes includes the use of stolen images and fake profiles. After the victim shares an image, the perpetrator might demand money or threaten to share the image with the victim's friends and family. These situations can escalate quickly, and in some tragic cases, children have taken their own lives.

Perpetrators often target victims who have a large network of friends and family and who seem to be popular and active on social media. But perpetrators may also communicate with many young people using a social media platform until someone responds.

Resources

The Wisconsin ICAC Task Force has resources it can provide to help law enforcement educate kids and families about the threat of sextortion, including pocket cards and posters in English and Spanish.

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[The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#) (NCMEC) also has helpful resources, including its [Take it Down site](#), which helps in getting images removed online and reporting them to social media platforms.

In addition to reporting to local law enforcement, sextortion can be reported through the [CyberTipline](#) and the social media platform where it occurred. If you receive a report, DCI can be of assistance to your agency.

For further information or assistance, please contact icac@doj.state.wi.us.



The **CyberTipline** is the place to report child sexual exploitation.

If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of exploitation, we are here to help.

[Report Incident >](#)

[Want to learn more before you make a report?](#)



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Division of Law Enforcement Services

Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues:

Each Law Enforcement Bulletin in 2025, the Division of Law Enforcement Services is highlighting one bureau. The June 2025 edition will highlight the Crime Information Bureau:

Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau

Mission Statement

We, the employees of the Crime Information Bureau (CIB), understand our mission is to collect, organize, and share vital information in a timely, accurate and integrated manner with:

- Law enforcement and correctional officers,
- Judges and prosecutors
- Governmental agencies, and
- The general public

To enhance public safety, CIB provides the information technology links and training that criminal justice agencies and citizens need to access local, state, national and international resources.

Responsibilities

The Crime Information Bureau (CIB) is responsible for four primary statewide programs: Transaction Information for the Management of Enforcement (TIME) System, Handgun Hotline, Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) Licensing, and the Statewide Criminal History Repository.

TIME- The TIME System provides the criminal justice user community (in-state and nationally) critical information 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the performance of their duties and officer safety.

Criminal History Repository- The daily tasks relating to the management and maintenance of the statewide centralized fingerprint-based criminal history repository in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 165.83 and § 165.84.

Handgun Hotline- Firearms eligibility background checks for Wisconsin residents purchasing a handgun from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

Carry Concealed Weapon Licensing- Firearms eligibility background checks for Wisconsin residents seeking to obtain their CCW license.

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Do not hesitate to ask anyone in the Division of Law Enforcement Services for assistance. We are here to assist you!

Please have a safe summer!

Stay healthy and safe!

Steven A. Wagner, Administrator
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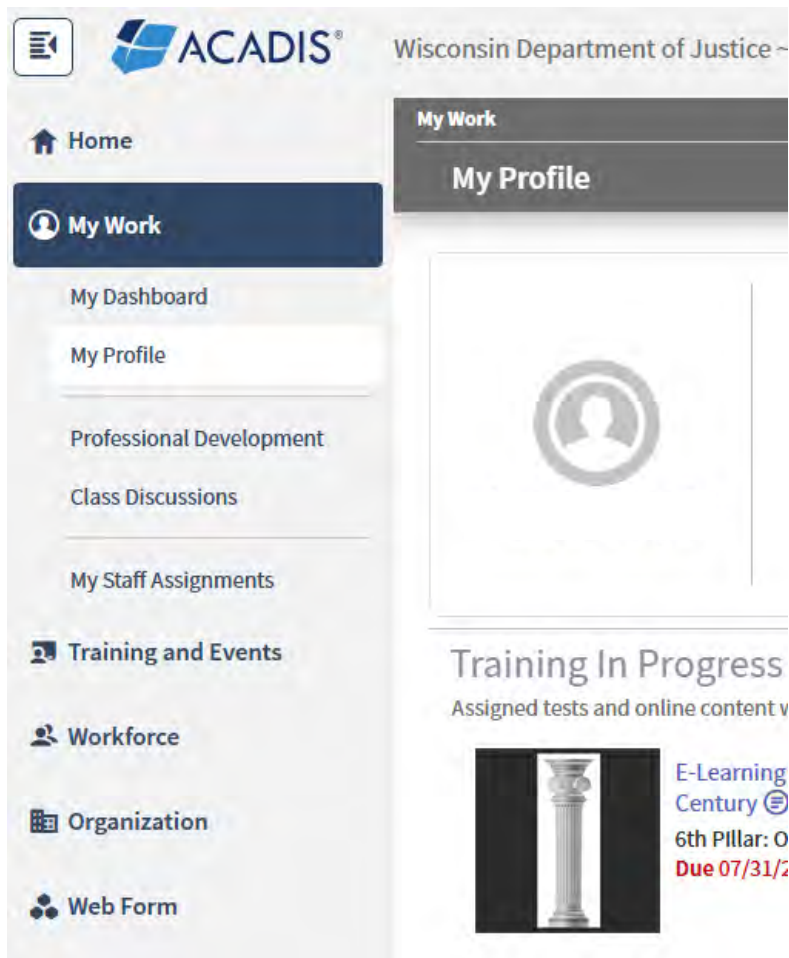
ACADIS UPDATES

Attention Law Enforcement Administrators and agency staff:

The Wisconsin Department of Justice's Acadis Portal has switched to a new URL/ website address.

The new URL is <https://wisdojportal.acadisonline.com>

The old URL will have a notification page reminding users the URL has changed and providing the new address for the portal. If you have any questions, please contact the Training & Standards Bureau at TSB@doj.state.wi.us or (608) 266-8800.



The home page for your profile also has some updates with the navigation bar going down the side of the web page.

Check out the fresh new look online!

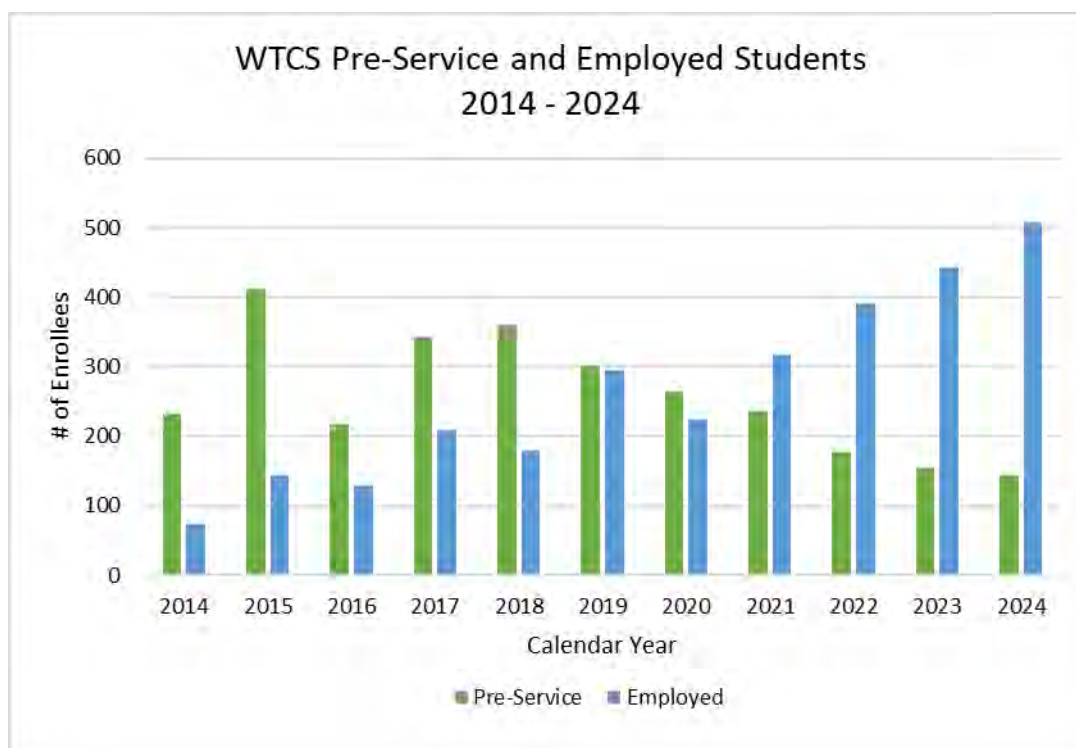
Training & Standards Bureau



Law Enforcement Recruitment and Law Enforcement Academy Enrollment Over the Past Ten Years

According to a study published by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) entitled “[The Workforce Crisis, and What Police Agencies are Doing About It](#),” dated September of 2019, law enforcement agencies are facing a crisis in their ability to recruit new officers and retain those who are currently serving. The situation has not improved since the publication of the PERF report. In fact, the staffing shortages plaguing law enforcement agencies throughout the country is evidence the problem has gotten worse. To illustrate the magnitude of the recruiting challenges in Wisconsin, a review of the employment section of Wilenet reflected 203 job postings as of April 25, 2025.

Perhaps the most compelling evidence of the change in the recruitment environment for law enforcement in Wisconsin is the complete reversal of the percentage of pre-service (or self-sponsored) students vs. the percentage of sponsored (or employed recruits) from 2014 through 2024.



Training & Standards Bureau



In 2014, 76% of enrolled students in the Wisconsin technical college law enforcement academies were pre-service students and employed students (recruits) made up 24% of enrolled students. By 2019, 50% of enrolled students were pre-service, and 50% were recruits. By 2024, pre-service student enrollment was just 22% and recruit enrollment was at 78%.

The competitive environment for law enforcement employment in 2014 is reflected by the chart above. Aspiring law enforcement officers were incentivized to sponsor themselves through the academy to become more attractive as applicants to agencies. Agencies had the luxury of selecting the best candidates from large applicant pools. This is no longer the case as illustrated by the diminishing percentage of self-sponsored students in the law enforcement academy in 2024.

This trend, however, is not indicative of a decline in the quality of law enforcement recruits. There is anecdotal evidence as well as data to support the conclusion that there has been no measurable deterioration of the caliber of students. Feedback from academy directors has been fairly consistent in their observations. Although instructional techniques have evolved due to generational differences, the students are attentive and are no less qualified than previous generations of law enforcement officers. The attrition data from the law enforcement academies has remained relatively unchanged for the past four years fluctuating between a low of 5.5% in 2022, 7% in 2021, 8% in 2023 and 6% in 2024. The enrollment numbers have been steady as well (715 in 2021, 778 in 2022, 785 in 2023, 770 in 2024).

Although the recruiting environment has forced agencies to be more creative in attracting qualified candidates, this may be a positive development. The challenges facing the law enforcement profession for the foreseeable future will be balancing the needs for adequate staffing while maintaining high standards.

DRUG TAKE BACK NEWS



MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) today announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected during the Spring 2025 Drug Take Back collection. Wisconsin collected 56,818 lbs. of unwanted medications this spring.

“Drug Take Back continues to be a major success in Wisconsin,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “Thank you to the many people who’ve helped get unused and unwanted medications disposed of safely.”

Wisconsin has collected a total of 1,369,472 lbs. of unwanted medications since Drug Take Back began in 2010 under the leadership of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Wisconsin ranks third in the nation for the most medications collected since inception, falling only behind Texas with 1,517,042 lbs. and California with 1,463,929 lbs. collected. Nationwide, since inception, 19,820,761 lbs. of unwanted medications have been collected during Drug Take Back events.

The DEA leads two Drug Take Back days a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. DOJ partners with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to organize and promote Drug Take Back throughout Wisconsin. Drug Take Back provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the community about the potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of these medications.

Wisconsin’s Drug Take Back events are supported in part by Fuchs Trucking, Reworld, the Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Waukesha County, Waukesha County Sheriff’s Office, and all participating local law enforcement agencies.

While Drug Take Back Day only happens twice a year, any day can be Drug Take Back Day at one of Wisconsin’s more than 500 permanent drug disposal boxes. These boxes are accessible year-round at law enforcement agencies, hospitals, pharmacies and health clinics. To find a permanent drug disposal box near you, go to:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm>

Blue Line Leadership Podcast

New Podcast Series from WI Command College #11



The Blue Line Leadership Podcast was chosen to advance leadership development in law enforcement by delivering accessible, engaging, and educational content. Recognizing the need for resources that were both convenient and relevant to law enforcement professionals, the class identified this opportunity and set it into motion.

The group developed a podcast series highlighting leadership strategies, real-world experiences, and expert insights. The process involved collaborative brainstorming, careful evaluation of project ideas, and reaching consensus on this initiative.

Summary of Episodes

Intro to Command College

This episode features a conversation with Command College Program Coordinator Brad Wentlandt, providing a comprehensive overview of the Wisconsin Command College. LeAnn Jones, a graduate of Class Five, shares her experiences and insights on how the program influenced her leadership development.

Wellness Part One

Officer wellness is a critical focus for modern law enforcement agencies. This episode explores how organizations can prioritize the physical, mental, and emotional health of their officers to enhance decision-making, performance, and community engagement. Through a dynamic roundtable discussion, law enforcement executives share strategies like mental health support, fitness programs, peer networks, and access to counseling services to build resilience and improve job satisfaction.

Wellness Part Two

Supervisors play a vital role in promoting officer wellness. This episode examines actionable strategies for creating supportive work environments, addressing job-specific stressors, and reducing risks such as burnout and mental health challenges. Highlighting the importance of supervisor-led initiatives, proactive communication, and resilience-building, the discussion showcases how fostering a wellness-oriented culture benefits both individual officers and the organization as a whole.

Leadership in Specialized Units

This episode dives into the complexities of leading specialized units, with contributions from seasoned law enforcement executives possessing 17 to 28 years of experience.

WI COMMAND COLLEGE—CLASS 11 FINAL PROJECT



Topics include identifying and mentoring candidates for specialized roles, adapting to generational shifts, and navigating the evolving dynamics of SWAT and K9 units. Leaders share practical strategies for guiding the next wave of officers while maintaining high standards and ensuring safety.

Leading During Critical Incidents

The "Critical Response" episode, hosted by members of Command College Class #11, focuses on the art of critical analysis and effective communication during high-stakes situations. Students offer insights into the importance of critical thinking strategies and thorough resource evaluation, empowering law enforcement professionals to manage unpredictable challenges while building resilience and community trust.

Succession Planning

This episode addresses the often-overlooked importance of succession planning in law enforcement. Leaders from agencies of varying sizes discuss methods for identifying and mentoring future leaders. Topics include professional growth, seeking challenges, and preparing individuals to step into leadership roles, ensuring seamless transitions and sustained organizational excellence.

What You Wish They Told You Before Becoming a Supervisor

Class #11 Command College supervisors candidly reflect on the lessons they wish they had learned prior to stepping into leadership roles. Covering topics like stress management, team dynamics, and decision-making under pressure, this episode offers honest, practical insights that fill the gaps often missed in formal training programs.

[LISTEN TO BLUE LINE LEADERSHIP PODCAST](#)



DOJ EVENTS & REGISTRATION NEWS

Please pardon our dust! We will be transitioning our online Event Management System beginning in June. All of our event registration will transition to the new system by July 1st. This will create new registration links for all of our events.

If you experience any errors or issues when you attempt to register, please contact the Event Manager for the event or Stacy Lenz at Stacy.Lenz@wisdoj.gov for assistance.

Thank you!



2025 CIB Conference

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



2025 CIB CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2025

HYATT HOTEL & KI CONFERENCE CENTER

GREEN BAY, WI

Featuring

Ted Neitzke and Buffalo Leadership

Ted Neitzke is the CEO of CESA 6. CESA 6 is a non-profit, member-driven cooperative educational service agency. Ted Neitzke is a lifetime educator and has served at high levels of leadership in public schools in the United States. Ted is known for his ability to develop successful strategic plans for

schools, private companies and government agencies. His focus on collaboration and process have allowed for others to find success Ted is a nationally recognized motivational speaker and works with organizations to support their success.



As always some of your favorite updates and sessions including:

- Criminal History System
- Firearms Disqualifiers
- TIME Agency Coordinator Refresher
- CJIS Security Policy Updates
- CIT/CIP for Dispatch
- Amber Alert— Responding to Missing Children...and much more!
- Final Case Study is the Halderson Case from Dane County Sheriff's Office

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



Division of Forensic Sciences



SAVE THE DATE

October 1 and October 2, 2025
8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Please mark these dates in your calendar and plan to join us for the 6th Annual Wisconsin Crime Lab Symposium!

This year's Symposium will be virtual and FREE!

Some presentations this year include:



- Recent case rulings affecting Forensic Science
- Wisconsin Case Studies
- Technological Advancement in Forensics

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Judges
- Attorneys
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- YOU!

Registration information coming soon!

Questions?

Contact the Symposium Committee: symposiumDFS@doj.state.wi.us

Registration Questions?

Contact Event Manager, Stacy Lenz at Stacy.Lenz@wisdoj.gov.



5th ANNUAL SUMMIT

*Best Practices and Practical
Tips for Enhancing the
Collaborative Response to
Domestic Violence*



October 27-28, 2025

Heidel House Resort and Conference Center
Green Lake, WI

An event designed to build collaboration among the disciplines supporting the victims of domestic violence. Sessions & Speakers that will enhance your skills to understand trauma-informed and victim centered approaches to investigating domestic violence cases.

Who should attend: Law Enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists and other community collaborators.

Cost to Attend: \$75.00

5.0 CLE credits for attorneys - noted in agenda.

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



WISCONSIN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

PROTECTING YOUR COMMUNITY
DECEMBER 9-10, 2025



Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center
375 S Moorland Rd | Brookfield, WI 53005

TOPICS

- Behavioral Threat Assessment Units: A Guide for State and Local Law Enforcement to Prevent Targeted Violence
- Transnational Gang Threat
- Violent Extremism
- 764: The Intersection of Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sub-national influence operations in WI

AND MORE!

(Topics subject to change)

[EVENT REGISTRATION](#)



Wisconsin Department of Justice Career Development Programs

New Chiefs & Sheriffs Training Week Ingleside Resort & Conference Center January 12-16, 2026

All newly appointed police chiefs and sheriffs are invited to attend the Department of Justice's annual New Chiefs and Sheriffs Training seminar. This program is geared specifically to meet the needs of new chief executives as they transition into their role as an agency leader. There is also a virtual option to join this training for second in command staff.

[REGISTER](#)

Leadership in Police Organizations

Our most popular training course, 3 weeks of Leadership development focused on training leaders at all levels of the organization.

Racine Police Department

WEEK 1: August 25-29, 2025
WEEK 2: September 22-26, 2025
WEEK 3: October 27-31, 2025

[REGISTER](#)

Sheboygan Police Department

WEEK 1: October 6-10, 2025
WEEK 2: November 3-7, 2025
WEEK 3: December 1-5, 2025

[REGISTER](#)

First Line Supervisor

A two week course for newly appointed or current supervisors. This course also offers virtual seats to attend remotely by zoom.

Eau Claire Cty Sheriff's Office

WEEK 1: August 4-8, 2025
WEEK 2: August 18-22, 2025

[REGISTER](#)

West Allis Police Department

WEEK 1: September 29 – Oct 3, 2025
WEEK 2: October 13-17, 2025

[REGISTER](#)

Basic Peer Support Training Program



Basic Regional Peer Support Training Program

Through the US Department of Justice's COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Funds grant, the Wisconsin Department of Justice is working to establish a basic peer support program to include an instructor cadre, curriculum and a training program for our state.

We are pleased to provide the basic peer support training to allow for every Wisconsin agency to have an officer experienced in peer support.

Training Plan:

- Each region will host 4 training courses.
- Courses are 2 Days, 16 hours of trainings
- Class size - 35 students

[REGISTER](#)

Topics Include:

- Peer support resources
- Confidentiality
- Ethics
- Communication skills
- Breaking the stigma
- Practicing self-care
- Grief management
- Recognizing behaviors associated with suicide
- Substance use and abuse
- Building and maintaining and peer support team

Advanced Peer Support Training Program

We are now pleased to offer an Advanced Peer Support one day course which will take a deeper dive into the topics you requested.

Those include:

- Vetting Resources
- Team Building
- Culture Shift in your Agency
- Positive Psychology
- Scenarios...scenarios...scenarios - on a wide variety of issues you encounter with your team.

VICTIM RIGHTS SPOTLIGHT: VINE COUNTY JAILS AND VICTIM NOTIFICATIONS

In Wisconsin, victims have a constitutional right to timely notice of the release, escape, or death of the accused who is in custody ([Wis. Constitution, Art. 1, Section 9m\(2\)\(k\)](#)).

This right is an opt-in right, requiring victims to request to receive this notification.

To provide these notifications, all counties in Wisconsin utilize VINE County Jails, more commonly known as Vinelink, to register victims and send automated notifications regarding a county jail inmate's custody status.

This resource is intended to provide an overview of the functionality of VINE County Jails and information to support accurate and timely notifications to victims and other registrants about a county jail inmate's custody status.

This resource was created by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services and Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Office of Victim Services and Programs (OVSP).

**VINE®**
Website:
www.vinelink.com
PHONE: 1-888-8463

Toll-free phone support is available 24/7/365 for callers who need help locating an offender, registering for notifications, or accessing victim services in their area.

Over 200 languages are available via live operator support.

VINE County Jails Overview

VINE County Jails provides information and notification regarding inmates in county jails to victims, law enforcement, and the community.

Victims and the public can enroll through the VINE County Jails website or phone line. Once enrolled, registrants will receive automated phone, text, or email notifications about changes in an inmate's custody status. Alternatively, registrants can call or go online to check an inmate's status without registering for notifications. This service is available in English, Spanish, Hmong, and many other languages.

VINE County Jails is a service powered by an interface between each county's jail management system and VINE County Jails. Equifax is the vendor of VINE County Jails, but each county jail's regular booking practices populate the information and initiate the notifications.

Once enrolled, registrants will receive notifications regarding changes in an inmate's custody status. If registered for phone notification, registrants are required to choose a four-digit PIN and will need to enter this four-digit PIN to stop automated phone calls. Calls will continue for 24 hours or until the correct PIN is entered.

VINE County Jails is a service managed by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Office of Victim Services and Programs (OVSP) in partnership with local law enforcement agencies.

County Jail Administration Responsibilities

Each county jail needs at least one **VINE County Jails Administrator**, who serves as the lead for VINE related issues. Many counties choose to have multiple administrators.

VINE County Jail Administrative Users can:

- Manually generate notifications in the event of a system outage using the emergency override procedure.
- Block certain inmates from appearing on vinelink.com (ex: confidential informants or high-profile incarcerated persons).
- View information on registrations and past notifications in the county.
- Stop unwanted notifications, when requested by the registrant.

An administrator can also create new county staff users, disable accounts, and reset user passwords in the administrative portals of VINE County Jails. Additionally, administrators receive notifications about system issues.

To request administrative access to VINE County Jails, an agency should contact OVSP with the name, title, email, and phone number of the person (or persons) in need of access.

When an administrator retires or leaves the agency, the agency should plan that the responsibilities are transferred to another person in the agency. This helps ensure accurate, timely notifications continue for all registrants.

When changing or upgrading a jail management system, administrators should notify OVSP as soon as possible to reduce the length of service disruption.

Emergency Override Procedure

When a jail is offline, VINE County Jails will send an email notification to the administrator(s) for the county. This notification will include a list of inmates with active registrants who require notification if there are status changes during outage. It is imperative that agencies have a plan in place to ensure registrants continue to receive timely notification of changes in an inmate's custody status.

Electronic Monitoring and Huber Release

VINE has the capability to send out a customizable notification to registrants that the inmate has been released from custody on electronic monitoring or Huber.

Jails are encouraged to utilize this capability to provide registrants with detailed information regarding an inmate's custody status (See Example A).

*This e-mail is to inform you that TEST INMATE with offender number 920100625987 was placed on **unsupervised custody status: Electronic Monitoring** on 01/13/2025.*

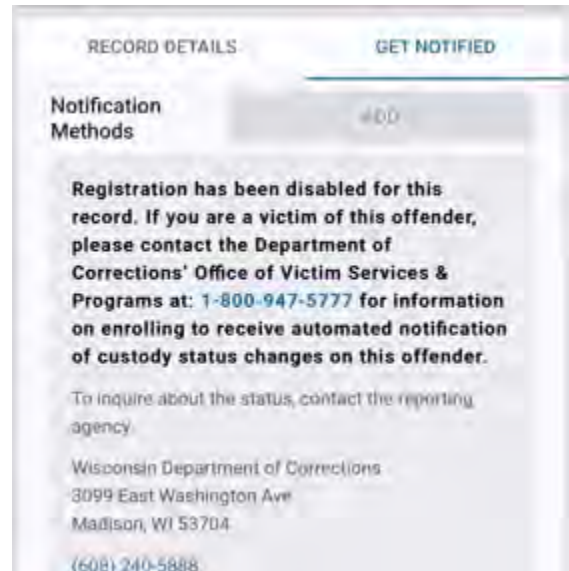
*As a result, **this offender will not be under constant correctional supervision**. If you have any concerns about your immediate safety, contact your local law enforcement agency, or if you have an emergency, call 911.*

Example A

Additional Considerations

- VINE's website will display individuals who are inmates incarcerated in a Wisconsin Department of Corrections institution, and individuals who are on community supervision through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections; however, **registration is disabled**.

If an individual who is not currently a county jail inmate displays on the website, the appropriate resource contact information will be listed for further information (See Example B).



Example B

- If an individual is on community supervision **and** is booked in a county jail, two records will display on the VINE website. One record will indicate the individual is out of custody on community supervision, and the other record will indicate the individual is in custody in a county jail. VINE does not recognize these as the same individual, as one is populated by Wisconsin Department of Corrections data, and one is populated by the county jail booking number (See Example C).



Example C

NEED HELP?

For assistance or questions about VINE County Jails, contact the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Office of Victim Services and Programs (OVSP) at: docovspadmin@wisconsin.gov.

For troubleshooting issues with VINE, provide as much information as possible (including examples) and a technical contact to expedite the resolution process.



Wisconsin Department of Justice has developed a 15-hour virtual learning course for law enforcement on “Sexual Assault Response Best Practices for First Responding Officers.” Training material and instructions will be delivered via an online learning platform that provides for synchronous learning and participation, including small group and large group discussion.

Participants will register for two days of training, each day for a total of 7.5 hours of learning. Day one will cover modules 1-4, and day two will cover modules 5-8. The scheduled training sessions will be facilitated by a team of trainers, including DOJ staff, community-based advocates, and local law enforcement. External collaborators have demonstrated advanced knowledge of the best practices for the investigation of sexual assaults, as well as an ability to effectively train officers using appropriate adult learning methods. DOJ’s VAWA Resource Prosecutor, within the Division of Law Enforcement Services, will facilitate the 15 hours of training with other members of the team joining as scheduled.

For each module, participants will be introduced to the learning objectives and materials through self-guided activities allowing for processing of the various content. Participants will come together in scheduled large group discussions throughout the day to collaborate and review lessons learned.

There is no cost to attend this course - funding is provided by a federal grant.

COURSE OUTLINE:

MODULE 1 - OVERCOMING GENDER BIAS IN SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS

MODULE 2 - SEXUAL ASSAULT DYNAMICS AND THE IMPACT ON SURVIVORS

MODULE 3 - IMPACT OF TRAUMA

MODULE 4 - MINIMAL FACTS INTERVIEWING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM BY THE FIRST RESPONDING OFFICER

Register for one of our upcoming dates

MODULE 5 - SCENE IDENTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION

MODULE 6 - WITNESS INTERVIEWS

MODULE 7 - REPORT WRITING

MODULE 8 - TESTIFYING IN A SEXUAL ASSAULT TRIAL

July 16-17, 2025	REGISTER
Sept 15-16, 2025	REGISTER

And check out the Supervisor Course

Sept 25-26, 2025	REGISTER
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Attendee Feedback:
 A perfect mix, was able to stay very engaged with a great mix of learning.
 Loved the lessons learned from the victim’s story.
 Expert instructors!!

The Crime Victim Compensation Program

Who is eligible?

- A person who is injured or killed as a result of a compensable crime
- A person who is injured or killed while attempting or succeeding in:
 - ◊ Preventing a crime/aiding law enforcement,
 - ◊ Apprehending an offender of a crime, or
 - ◊ Aiding a victim of a compensable crime
- Compensable crimes are listed in Wis. Stat. §949.03(1)(b)- see reverse side
- Victim must have suffered actual bodily harm, or mental/psychological trauma.
- Examples:
 - ◆ A person who has been physically assaulted
 - ◆ A person who reports a sexual assault
 - ◆ A victim of domestic violence
 - ◆ A family member, domestic partner, or someone who resides with a homicide victim
 - ◆ A person who was victimized as a child and is now an adult.

What can CVC pay for?

- Medical expenses
- Dental expenses
- Mental health for both victims and parents of minor victims
- Net lost wages for victims, parents of minor victims and family/household members of homicide victims
- Loss of support
- Caregiver services
- Clothing/bedding held as evidence
- Computer/mobile phone held as evidence
- Property destroyed by crime lab testing
- Securing/cleaning of a crime scene
- Funeral/burial expenses

The maximum benefit per claim is \$40,000.

Property loss or damage is not covered other than those items described above. The victim must have suffered a physical injury or mental/psychological trauma.

What makes a claim ineligible?

- The victim engaged in conduct which substantially caused or contributed to his/her injury or death
- The victim committed a crime that caused or contributed to his/her injury or death
- The incident was not reported to law enforcement within 5 days of the crime or within 5 days of when the crime could reasonably have been reported*
- The application is not filed with the program within one year of the date of the crime*
- The victim does not cooperate with law enforcement, through prosecution.
 - However, criminal charges do not have to be filed; a crime victim can still apply and be found eligible.

*Note that these timelines may be waived in certain instances, particularly if the application involves a child or vulnerable adult.

*Exceptions also apply to adults that were victimized as children.

Examples:

- A victim who does not cooperate with the investigation or prosecution
- A victim who is injured or killed while engaged in an illegal drug transaction
- A victim whose wallet has been stolen

How do victims apply?

- Victims can call the toll free line at **1-800-446-6564** to have an application sent to them
- The application can also be accessed on the website: www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs

The program does not cover property crime, property loss, legal fees, or stolen money or prescriptions.

Law enforcement is required by statute to provide information about crime victims' rights, including information about the Crime Victim Compensation Program, to all victims.



Division of Criminal Investigation



Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Victim Services Program

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation now offers state-wide ICAC-focused victim services support. DCI recently expanded programming to help victims and families navigate the overwhelming complexities of the criminal justice system and address the unique needs victims of technology facilitated crimes experience.

The victim services team provides support to both youth and adult survivors of technology facilitated crimes. Our services include, but are not limited to, on-scene response with law enforcement during interviews and search warrants, follow-up support throughout the criminal justice process, referrals to local and national resources, and prevention education to parents, teachers, and other community partners working with children.

On the next page is an ICAC victim services brochure which can be shared with your staff and distributed to victims and families as an additional resource. Also attached is a one-page ICAC victim services reference sheet which can be distributed amongst your agency for awareness of the program.

For more information about our program or to contact us about a referral, please email us at ICACServices@doj.state.wi.us.

Resources

WI DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services Homepage

[Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Victim Services](#)

WI ICAC Homepage

[Wisconsin Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\)](#)

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

www.missingkids.org/

Content Removal

www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/cybertipline

VINE Link: Victim Notification Network

www.vinelink.com/#state-election

2.1.1: Comprehensive Source for Local Social Services

www.211.org/



Services Offered

Crisis Response

We provide direct assistance to victims and survivors, family members, and others impacted by ICAC related issues. This includes in person or virtual support when making a report to law enforcement.

Criminal Justice Advocacy

We help victims and survivors navigate the criminal justice system by being a liaison with law enforcement, explaining aspects of the criminal justice process, helping victims understand their rights, assisting with evidence return, and assisting with crime victim compensation applications.

Resource Navigation

We help clients connect to resources such as local victim service agencies, mental health support, government programs, and others to help build resiliency and aid in healing.

Content Removal Support

Our team helps victims and survivors with the process of reporting child sexual abuse imagery on the internet and access resources that may be able to assist with content removal and notification options.

Education

We provide education to help promote healthy conversations, discuss online safety strategies, and best practices for supporting children who have experienced online exploitation or abuse.

To learn more about our services or to request victim assistance from one of our specialists, please email ICACservices@doj.state.wi.us.

Resources

WI DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services

www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs

WI ICAC Homepage

ICAC.widoj.gov

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

www.missingkids.org/

Content Removal

www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/cybertipline

VINE Link: Victim Notification Network

www.vineline.com/#state-election

Thorn for Parents

<https://parents.thorn.org>

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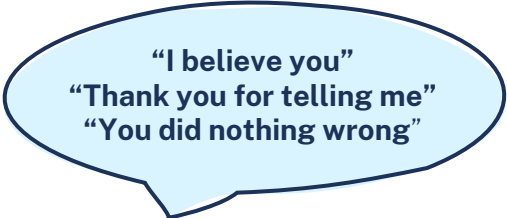


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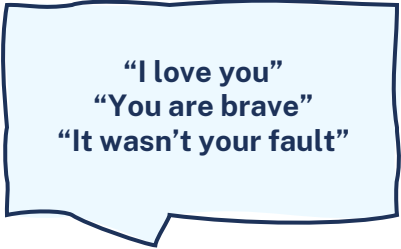
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For Parents/Guardians

As a parent/guardian, it can be difficult to know where to start. Many share the fear of not knowing the “right” thing to say. Statements that validate and support are always a safe place to start and can remind your child that they are **loved, heard, and safe.**



“I believe you”
“Thank you for telling me”
“You did nothing wrong”



“I love you”
“You are brave”
“It wasn’t your fault”

It’s okay if you don’t have all the answers. Reassure your child that whatever happens next, you will face it together.

Be mindful of what you say around your child. A statement made from frustration or your own personal thoughts can be harmful (ex: their life is ruined, etc.)

Reassure them they did nothing wrong. Many tend to blame themselves for what happened. If your child feels responsible, reassure them it was not their fault.

Encourage your child to talk/ask questions. If they feel they may upset you, let them know it’s okay to tell you about all their feelings, even the bad ones.

Reinforce positives. Remind your child of their strengths.

Take care of yourself. Remember to practice self-care so you can continue to support your child. It is okay to seek counseling or support for yourself.

Common Reactions

It can be difficult to talk with your child about how they are feeling after being victimized. Youth can have a variety of reactions and often act out their feelings rather than talking about them.

Physical

Head or stomach aches, sleep disturbances, changes in appetite, inability to focus, weight gain or loss

Emotional

Sadness, depression, outbursts, fearfulness, mood swings, anxiety, self-harming or suicidal thoughts

Behavioral

Sudden behavioral changes, increased irritability, increased or a change in risk taking behaviors (alcohol or drug use, self-harming behaviors, talking to strangers online, sexting), reverting to behaviors they have outgrown (ex: bedwetting).

Online Safety Ideas

Protecting children online is about creating and maintaining open lines of communication. Talk with your child about dangers and risks online, apps they use, and people they communicate with. Set family guidelines such as no-electronic zones (bathrooms and bedrooms after a certain time), know your child’s account information (screen names, passwords, usernames), and have computers in common areas of the home. For assistance with safety planning or to learn more about online safety resources, please email ICACservices@doj.state.wi.us or visit our website at <https://icac.widogov.gov>.

Help is available.

If your child is having thoughts of hurting themselves or someone else, seek evaluation at the nearest emergency room or call 9-1-1.

Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Victim Service Support

The Division of Criminal Investigation ICAC Task Force victim services team is available to support law enforcement agencies during any stage of an ICAC investigation. We support children, non offending parents/guardians, and adults who are survivors of childhood abuse.



On-Scene Response

Our victim services team is available to respond on-scene during search warrants and interviews. The victim service specialists can provide crisis intervention, answer questions regarding victim rights and the criminal justice system, and assist with safety planning.



Follow-Up Support

Our team provides emotional support throughout the criminal justice system, makes referrals to local resources (mental health, confidential victim service agencies, legal support, etc.), helps coordinate forensic interviews, and assists victims with applying to eligible programs.



Image Removal Assistance

Victims and survivors have reported revictimization and long-term impacts from their CSAM images and videos being circulated on the internet. Our team can help survivors and their families with the process of removing these images from the internet.



Education

The victim services team provides education to children, families, community members, and professionals to help promote healthy conversation and discussion about online safety and supporting children who have experienced online exploitation or abuse.

**To make a referral or to contact the victim services team,
please email ICACServices@doj.state.wi.us**



Protect Wisconsin's Seniors, Report Elder Abuse.

Elder Abuse can be verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or financial. It can also be intentional or unintentional neglect. Unfortunately, Elder Abuse is a growing problem in Wisconsin, negatively impacting the lives of our senior citizens and their families.

In fact, Wisconsin's population of seniors 65 and older is projected to increase by more than 70% in the next 20 years. That's why all Wisconsinites share the responsibility to help protect our senior citizens by recognizing and reporting any signs of Elder Abuse.

If you feel that you are a victim of Elder Abuse or you believe it has been inflicted upon someone you know or love, REPORT IT!

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Call the Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline

1-833-586-0107

or visit **ReportElderAbuseWI.org**

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