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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](mailto: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](#).

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