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**2017 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
Law Enforcement/Prosecution/CASA Victim Assistance Request for Proposal
Frequently Asked Questions
As of 9/15/17**

General Questions:

- Can an agency apply to provide CASA volunteer training in multiple counties?
 - A. Yes. As long as your agency can show justification for each site and provide connection to each county CASA program.
- Is ICJIA's definition of a crime contingent upon there being an open criminal case? As a CASA program, we frequently work with neglect and even abuse cases that are handled in civil court without a criminal case corresponding to the situation. We want to ensure our abuse and neglect cases all meet ICJIA's definition of a crime victim.
 - A. No case needs to be opened for any victim to receive services. In fact a victim cannot be mandated to assist in any investigation or prosecution to receive services.

Narrative Questions:

- In section D of the program narrative, the question number one is "Public agencies, and nonprofit victim service agencies applying to provide services within a public agency, must provide a detailed explanation of how the program will function..." If we are a nonprofit agency but not applying to provide services within a public agency, we can skip this question, correct?
 - A. In the case of the CASA program the area of services would be a court. If you are a nonprofit agency applying as a CASA program you will need to provide an MOU from the county court in which you are applying to provide services.