CVC News

A quarterly CVC newsletter for Child Advocacy Centers



A message from CVSSD Crime Victims' Compensation Program

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter for CACs.

In these newsletters, we share program updates and reminders. Please reach out if you have suggestions for future editions.

Thank you for helping families apply for Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC). You are an important partner in helping to reduce the impact of crimes on families.

New CVC webpage just for CACs

We created a webpage specifically for CACs where you will find resources for CVC, all in one place. You will find job aids for the CVC portal, information about training, and links to our materials. Be sure to visit the **CVC CAC webpage.**

New Opportunity!

Have you taken CVC training, but still have questions about how the program works? Do you want to share some hypothetical situations to see if CVC is a resource for someone?

We host quarterly Q&A sessions to answer your questions and offer clarification. These sessions are for those who have completed the <u>Crime Victims' Compensation for Child Advocacy Centers training</u> within the last two years.

Join the next Q&A session on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 9:00am. Visit the CVC CAC webpage for information and to find notes from earlier Q&A sessions.

Register for Q&A Session

Frequently Asked Question

What if I'm not able to get the application signed?

We know that sometimes you can't get an application signed. This happens if the parent or guardian refuses services or is the possible offender, or when DHS has custody of the child.

When this happens, use the "**no signature**" **billing form** which is available in the <u>CVC Portal</u>. When we receive this form, we can reimburse your center for the services you provided.

Program Updates

We have updated the **CVC for CACs brochure**. Thank you to everyone who gave us great feedback.

Please let us know how many English and Spanish brochures you would like by contacting <u>Sherree Rodriguez</u>. We plan to send the new brochures out in mid-June.

Remember...

When discussing benefits...

- To qualify for CVC benefits, the crime must have occurred in Oregon.
- Parents and caregivers of a child who experienced physical or sexual abuse may qualify for CVC's family counseling benefit.

Counseling must focus on the child's abuse and educating the caregiver about trauma, symptoms children may experience and tools they can use to help their child heal.

Parents and caregivers should contact us for more information about this benefit.

 We typically approve or deny applications within 60 to 90 days and notify the victim in writing of our decision.

When submitting an application...

- Include a report from the medical assessment and/or forensic interview or a Disclosure/Non-Disclosure Form.
- If the applicant does not sign the application electronically, they will need to sign a
 printed copy of the <u>Information Release</u> (<u>Spanish version</u>). Once we have
 received the application and created a claim number, you will need to upload the
 release to the portal.
- Tell us if your center has applicants sign their application electronically. Once we
 have that information, we will stop requesting signature pages from your center.
- Some centers create a single CVC Portal account (using a generic work email) for use by everyone in the office. This means everyone in the office has access to applications sent by anyone in the center. We support this approach.

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