

CHAPTER 3.2: SPECIFIC JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS, FEDERAL JUSTICE

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

Key Concepts/Objectives to Emphasize in Instruction and Learning Activities:

1. The Office for Victims of Crime and its role as the lead federal agency for victim issues. (3.2-14)
2. Key components of the *1995 Attorney General (AG) Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance* (emphasizing the role of Federal Victim/Witness Coordinators and the FBI Victim-Witness Assistance Program). (3.2-6 to 3.2-8)
3. Seven significant federal initiatives. (3.2-16 to 3.2-20)

Objectives:

1. Review and describe significant *AG Guidelines* (which combine the Victim and Witness Protection Act of 1982; the Crime Control Act of 1990; and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994).
2. Describe why the *AG Guidelines* are necessary.
3. Identify challenges in implementing the *AG Guidelines* and discuss whether they are currently applied in students' states.

Description of Activity and Faculty Guidelines:

The instructor provides a PowerPoint overview that highlights the three key concepts/objectives, and leads a full group discussion, focusing on:

- How/if students interact with federal authorities to implement victims' rights and services.
- Key components of the *AG Guidelines*.
- Any challenges students have faced in implementing the *AG Guidelines* based upon their experiences.

Can Be Utilized As:

Individual Activity Small Group Activity Large Group Activity

Anticipated Amount of Time Required: 60 Minutes

- 60 minutes for full group discussion.

RESOURCES NEEDED (*Please check all that apply:*)

- Tear sheets and felt pens
 - VCR/monitor
 - Overhead projector and screen/LCD and laptop
 - Blank overhead transparencies and overhead pens
 - Masking tape
 - Index cards
 - Individual or group worksheets
 - Timer
 - Other (*please describe*):
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