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Dear Colleague:

The National Center for Victims of Crime is once again honored to partner with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, to present the *2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*.

The resources we have developed are designed to support and inspire your efforts to raise awareness of the rights and interests of crime victims during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19 – 25, 2015. This year, we recognize and celebrate new efforts to reach more victims by expanding partnerships to new communities.

The theme for 2015—*Engaging Communities. Empowering Victims.*—provides an opportunity to recommit ourselves to extending our reach through a victim-centered approach. By engaging community leaders and organizations in the work to support crime victims, we provide new avenues for victims and enhance our ability to serve them. When we better learn how to meet the needs of underserved victims—and help new communities understand the impact of victimization and the assistance that is available—we expand victims' options.

At the National Center for Victims of Crime, our mission is to forge a national commitment to help victims of crime rebuild their lives. We understand that this commitment involves partners in every community and that victims can best rebuild their lives when they are empowered to direct their own recovery.

We are proud of the work of victim service providers everywhere who are creatively and intentionally expanding their networks and the response available to victims. We hope that these resources will help you promote this work during 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

Sincerely,



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