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Learning Objectives

- Identify the importance of information and notification to crime victims and survivors
- Describe how SAVIN works
- Identify the key benefits of SAVIN for law enforcement and jails
- Describe the key components of the National SAVIN Training and Technical Assistance Project

The Importance of Victim Information and Notification

- Proactively engages victims in justice and corrections processes
- Notification is the "threshold right" that leads to information about additional victims' rights and services
- Virtually every victim right is linked to the core right of victim notification

SAVIN Allows State Governments To:

- Comply with state crime victims' rights mandates
- Serve their victim communities
- Keep crime victims safe and informed

Victim Information & Notification WHY IT MATTERS.....

Lisa Bianco
Murdered in 1989

Elkhart, Indiana

Mary Byron
Murdered in 1993
Louisville, Kentucky





Victims Speak Out: Help, Hope and Healing

NOTIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION

WHO Can Access SAVIN Services? Virtually ANYONE can access SAVIN services:

- Crime victims and survivors, their family and friends
- Law enforcement and justice professionals
- Concerned citizens
- The news media

SAVIN Services

- SAVIN is available to provide information and assistance to SAVIN users 24/7/365
- For each SAVIN state, there is a database of:
 - State's victims' rights laws
 - Community- and system-based victim assistance programs for information/referral
- National information and referral resources are also available

SAVIN Services (cont.)

- In most states, SAVIN services are available in English and Spanish. Some also provide access to additional translation services.
- In most states, SAVIN information can be accessed by telephone (including TTY and texting/SMS), the Internet (via SAVIN websites), email alerts, and letter

 – it is the victim's choice.
- Crime victims and survivors are not limited to one notification option, and may sign up for any or all.

How SAVIN Works

- Victims are provided with information about how to register for SAVIN:
 - Including self-selection of a 4-digit PIN
- When a notification is triggered, SAVIN contacts the victim with information about the status of the offender
- Victim contact continues until the 4-digit PIN is entered to confirm victim receipt of notification

How SAVIN Works (cont.)

- SAVIN communicates with jail and prison booking systems in near real-time:
 - Jails every 15 minutes
 - Corrections/prisons every 30 minutes



SAVIN Administrative Tools

VINEWatch website

 SAVIN user data provided by the SAVIN vendor

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SAVIN User Data

NUMBER OF:

- Inbound calls
- Outbound calls
- Email, snail mail, and SMS contacts
- Victim/survivor requests for referrals

SAVIN Statistics

- Tracks overall more than 85 percent of the Nation's offender population
- Tracks more than 90 percent of the nation's jail population (some states/ counties still in implementation phase)
- BJA has funded SAVIN programs in 39 states

SAVIN Statistics

- 7 State SAVIN Programs are administered through Sheriffs' organizations:
 - California State Sheriffs' Association
 - Colorado County Sheriffs' Office
 - Idaho Sheriffs' Association
 - New York State Sheriffs' Association
 - Tennessee Sheriffs' Association
 - Virginia Sheriffs' Association
 - Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs

SAVIN Benefits for Law Enforcement and Jails

Handout

National SAVIN Training and Technical Assistance Project

National SAVIN T/TA Project Partners











National SAVIN T/TA Project Goal

Our goal is to provide training and technical assistance to assist state SAVIN grantees in the implementation, enhancement, and administration of their statewide victim notification systems.



Virtual Library

 SAVIN Technical Assistance Request Response System (STARRS)

Training and Education Program

Program Support and Development

Virtual Library

- Field-driven
- Evidence-based and promising practices in SAVIN:
 - Policy and protocols
 - Governance
 - Victim/survivor outreach
 - Public awareness
 - Data collection and program evaluation

PROMOTING SAVIN PARTNERSHIPS

SAVIN Technical Assistance Request Response System (STARRS)

TRI-LEVEL TRIAGE SYSTEM

- 1. Less intensive problem-solving
- Technical assistance by and referrals to subject matter experts and other resource providers
- 3. Highly intensive technical assistance, i.e., site visits, mentoring, and direct training

Training and Education Program

- National training workshop with 100
 SAVIN program administrators and staff
- Training seminars for allied national organizations
- Development of model educational curriculum
- Ongoing communications with SAVIN Administrators

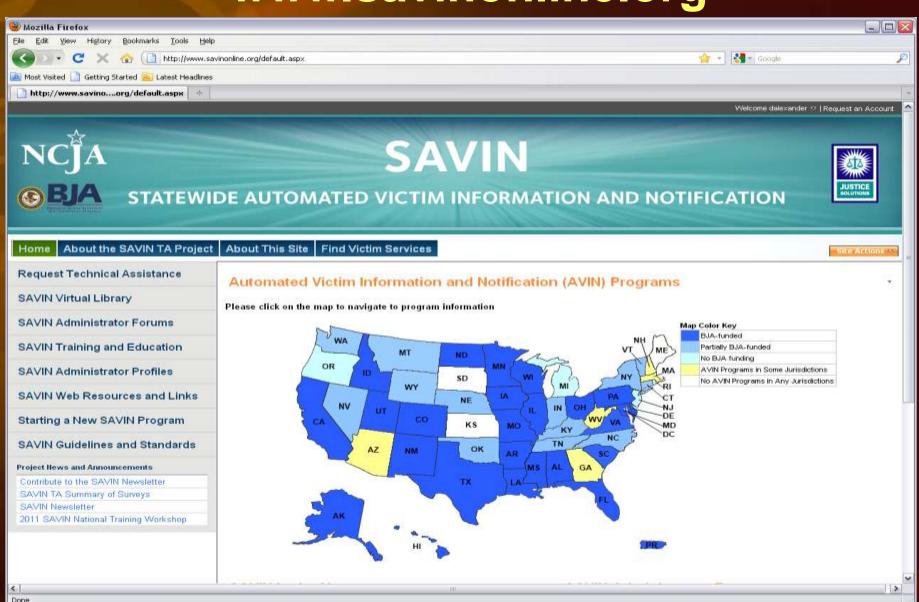
Program Support and Development

 Guidelines for program evaluation

Mentoring program

Engage national and Federal partners

www.savinonline.org



YOUR

Role in Promoting SAVIN:

SAVIN services can only be effective if crime victims and survivors (and other stakeholders) are aware of them!

YOUR

Role in Promoting SAVIN (cont.)

- Knowledge of your state's SAVIN program
- Collaborating with community- and systembased victim services
- Statewide promotion of SAVIN through:
 - Victim outreach
 - Public awareness campaign
 - With attention to unserved and underserved victim/survivor populations
 - Professional training and education

Professional Training and Education

- Clearly defined "benefits" of SAVIN for your colleagues
- National, state and local training venues
- Training modules that can be easily adapted to various audiences
- Ongoing support can be provided by the National SAVIN Training and Technical Assistance Project

Questions and Answers

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For More Information...

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