

**Letter to Monitors of the
Vermont Victim Assistance Academy Pilot**

Dear _____:

Thank you for participating as a monitor for the Vermont Victim Assistance Academy!

As you can see from the agenda below, the 2-day session is packed so that we could include the best material. The first day has been approved for 6.5 CLEs for attorneys; CEUs are pending for the second day. Academic credit is also pending. There will be a sign-up sheet for monitors interested in academic credits retroactively. I look forward to seeing you there early.

Day One

7:45–8:00	Registration and Refreshments
8:00–9:30	Criminal Justice System Continuum
9:30–9:40	Break
9:40–10:55	Criminal Justice System Continuum
10:55–11:55	Juvenile Justice
11:55–12:40	Lunch (provided)
12:40–2:10	Juvenile Justice
2:10–3:10	Scope of Crime and Historical Review of Victims' Rights and Services
3:10–3:20	Break and Snacks
3:20–4:20	Collaboration for Victims' Rights and Services
4:20–4:30	Closing and Evaluations

Day Two

8:00–10:00	Mental Health Needs of Crime Victims
10:00–10:10	Break
10:10–12:10	Mental Health Needs of Crime Victims
12:10–12:55	Lunch (provided)
12:55–1:55	Mental Health Needs of Crime Victims
1:55–2:55	Communicating With Victims
2:55–3:10	Break and Snacks
3:10–4:10	Communicating With Victims
4:10–4:30	Closing and Evaluations

I have enclosed directions to the Marlboro Technology Center, where the trainings are being held. We expect you on Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17. When

you arrive, you will be given a set of questions to guide you through the day. Please write your comments on the sheets provided. If you have any additional comments, feel free to include them as well.

I am also including the pretraining reading material—quite a large amount. Feel free to comment on its quality if you have time and are so inclined. I am specifically interested in how respectful of the victim/survivor experience the materials and presentation are. Although we are aware that “justice” does not lie within the system we have, we are, nonetheless, committed to holding the system accountable to victims/survivors and their experiences as much as possible.

You will not be participating in the activities but can walk around, listen, and “monitor” them. There will be another person present who shares your role. He is a member of the Victim/Survivor of Crime Council, and his name is David Mulholland. As a part of the council, he openly identifies as a survivor of crime. Out of respect for your choice, I will not identify you as affiliated with any group, just as a “monitor.”

You will not be asked to say anything during the day. I am so glad you have agreed to participate. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

JAC Patrissi
Training Director