

2026 Two Days in May

May 18-19, 2026

The Crime Victim Services Section of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office is accepting workshop proposals for the 2026 Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance, scheduled for May 18-19 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

The two-day conference brings together advocates and others from many disciplines to focus on best practices, explore trends, study both developments and changes within the field, receive legislative updates, and network and learn from one another.

WORKSHOP FORMATS TO CONSIDER

The feedback from past conferences has been clear: PowerPoint-based lectures are not the most engaging presentations. To get you thinking about how best to present your material, we wanted to provide more guidance before you craft your workshop proposal.

We do hope to offer suggestions regarding a few sought-after topics, so please check <u>our website</u> in late October for those.

The formats listed below are those most often praised by attendees of previous TDIM conferences and others. In completing the proposal form, please classify your proposed session as accurately as possible and plan to adhere to that.

INTERACTIVE SESSION

An interactive session is designed with activity-based exercises, such as a breakout group, role playing, polling, attendee participation (outside of a Q&A), and the like.

CASE STUDY

A case study focuses on real-life situations, allows attendees to see all aspects of an investigation, and especially helps advocates understand how they can best serve the victim/survivor through every stage.

Presenters should walk attendees through an entire case, highlighting the takeaways — lessons learned, tips for interdisciplinary collaboration, innovative investigative/prosecutorial strategies, etc.

A case study should have at least two presenters from different fields (prosecutor, investigator, advocate, survivor) and a maximum of three.

PANEL

Also a multidisciplinary format, a panel allows each presenter to bring a distinct perspective to the discussion. Studies have shown that panels made up of more than three people complicate the experience for attendees, so please limit your proposed panel to three members. In addition, a 90-minute presentation provides ample speaking time for each panel member, ensuring a more rich and meaningful conversation.

LECTURE

If you opt to propose a lecture, it should be a PowerPoint-based discussion of a specific topic. We would expect the lecture to include elements beyond the slides, with presenters providing real-world examples and lived experiences to better aid advocates in the field to help victims and survivors. The presenter should also actively engage in a Q&A session with workshop attendees.



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Workshop proposals **must be fully completed and submitted** according to all guidelines outlined on the form **no later than 4 p.m. on Nov. 21, 2025**. Submissions should be sent as a PDF to <u>TDIM@OhioAGO.gov</u>. (Please do not submit scans of printed pages.)

All proposals will be reviewed by the Two Days in May team; a submission does not guarantee a place on the program. All workshop time slots run 90 minutes.

Association or agency submitting proposal:	
Workshop title/topic:	
Workshop description: In three or four sentences (150 words maximum), describe was you would have it appear in the conference registration portal/program. (NOTE: W	

·	or clarifying/answering any follow-up questions about the workshop description:
	Email:
List three SPECIFIC presentation, the part	C measurable goals/objectives for the workshop (e.g., At the conclusion of this icipants will be able to) Please try to avoid general phrasing such as "identify rstand best practices." Instead, detail what attendees will take away from the session
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Of the following opt	ions, choose the one description that BEST reflects the intended audience?
New advocate	es (five years of experience or less)
Experienced	advocates
Counselors	
Medical profe	essionals
Attorneys and	d/or judges and magistrates
Agency or no	enprofit directors/administrators
Other (please	specify):

than on	e, please rank them from 1 to 3, with 1 being the most suitable label.):
	Domestic violence
	Sexual assault
	Survivor stories
	Victims' rights
	Agency/nonprofit management
	Youth advocacy
	Underserved populations
	Self-care Self-care
	Legal processes/Legislative updates
	Crisis response
	Medical/SANE
	Other (please specify):
Does yo	our workshop require an attendance cap; if so, what is it?
	s workshop been presented in the past five years at Two Days in May, even if under a different title Yes No
Present	cation format:
	Case study
	Interactive/Hands-on
	Lecture
	Panel (no more than three presenters recommended)
	Other (please explain):
	describe any language and/or imagery in your presentation that may require a trigger warning.
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Of the following labels, choose as many as three that BEST apply to your workshop. (If you choose more

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For each proposed presenter (a maximum of three is preferred), please provide a biographical summary of

Contact information for primary presenter: (All information is required in this area.) Title & full name: Agency: Address: City: State: ZIP: Cellphone: Email: Co-presenter contact information (if applicable): Title & full name: Agency: City: State: ZIP: Cellphone: Email: Co-presenter contact information (if applicable): Title & full name: Agency: Address: City: State: ZIP: Cellphone: Email: This workshop proposal is being submitted by (if different from the primary presenter): Name:

If you have questions, please contact Holly Zachariah Andrews, deputy director of outreach and support in the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section, at Holly.andrews@OhioAGO.gov or (614)-216-4909.

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