



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 [our website](#) 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 TDIM@OhioAGO.gov. (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 with specifics the workshop as you would have it appear in the conference registration portal/program. (NOTE: We reserve the right to edit.)

Person responsible for clarifying/answering any follow-up questions about the workshop description:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

List three SPECIFIC measurable goals/objectives for the workshop (*e.g., At the conclusion of this presentation, the participants will be able to...*) **Please try to avoid general phrasing such as “identify problems” or “understand best practices.” Instead, detail what attendees will take away from the session.**

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Of the following options, choose the one description that BEST reflects the intended audience?

New advocates (five years of experience or less)

Experienced advocates

Counselors

Medical professionals

Attorneys and/or judges and magistrates

Agency or nonprofit directors/administrators

Other (please specify): _____

Of the following labels, choose as many as three that BEST apply to your workshop. (If you choose more than one, 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

Legal processes/Legislative updates

Crisis response

Medical/SANE

Other (please specify):

Does your workshop require an attendance cap; if so, what is it?

Has this workshop been presented in the past five years at Two Days in May, even if under a different title?

Yes No

Presentation format:

Case study

Interactive/Hands-on

Lecture

Panel (no more than three presenters recommended)

Other (please explain):

Briefly describe any language and/or imagery in your presentation that may require a trigger warning.

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For each proposed presenter (a maximum of three is preferred), please provide a biographical summary of five sentences or fewer:

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The following audio/visual equipment will be pre-set in all workshop rooms:

- Laptop computer with PowerPoint
- Speakers
- LCD data projector
- Screen
- Lavalier microphone
- Podium microphone
- Wireless PowerPoint remote with pointer

Do you also require internet for your workshop (for videos, website reference, etc.) Yes No

Will your workshop involve any live polling? If so, what software will you use? Yes No

Software requirements: _____

Is there any additional information you want us to know about your presentation?

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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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cellphone: _____ Email: _____

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Title & full name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cellphone: _____ Email: _____

This workshop proposal is being submitted by (if different from the primary presenter):

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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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