



2027 Two Days in May

May 10-11, 2027

The Crime Victim Services Section of Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson's office is accepting workshop proposals for the 2027 Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance, scheduled for May 10-11 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 previous TDIM conferences has been clear: **PowerPoint-based lectures are not the most engaging presentations.** To get you thinking about fresh ways to present your material, we wanted to provide more guidance before you craft your workshop proposal.

The formats listed below are those most often praised by attendees of previous TDIM conferences and similar events. 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 breakout groups, 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, etc.) to provide multiple disciplinary viewpoints.

PANEL

A panel is also a multidisciplinary format, allowing 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 the size of your proposed panel. A more intimate size also means ample speaking time for each panel member during a 90-minute presentation, ensuring a richer, more 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.

A FEW SUGGESTED WORKSHOP TOPICS

(based on 2026 feedback)

Legislative Updates & Legal Practice

- Deep dives into new laws affecting victim advocacy, including Marsy's Law compliance and legislative changes at federal, state and local levels.
- Prosecutor and judge perspectives on victim rights, protection orders and legal proceedings.
- A case study on prosecution without witness testimony.
- A case study on navigating hostile victims.

Advanced Advocacy & Leadership

- Training for experienced advocates (10+ years) focusing on staff sustainability, leadership development and volunteer program development.
- Practical tools for managing teams, reducing turnover and supporting vicarious trauma.

Child & Youth Advocacy

- Addressing problematic sexual behavior, juvenile crime victims, and youth charged in the justice system who are also victims themselves.
- Trauma-informed interviewing techniques for children and adults with developmental delays.

Technology & Cyber Safety

- The role of artificial intelligence in advocacy, confidentiality and emerging cyber/electronic safety concerns.
- Camera technology and the changing landscape in crime-solving, and survivor and civil-right protections.

Law Enforcement & Medical Collaboration

- Law enforcement training on digital evidence, trauma-informed care and collaboration with advocates.
- Medical/therapy-oriented sessions, SANE exams and hospital violence intervention programs.

Survivor Stories

- Survivor panels, case studies, and presentations highlighting real-world situations.
- Lived experience, from active addiction to recovery.
- Stories from former perpetrators.



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WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

The Crime Victim Services Section of Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson's office is currently accepting workshop proposals for the 2027 Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance, scheduled for May 10-11 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

Workshop proposals **must be completed in full and submitted** according to all guidelines outlined on the form **no later than 4 p.m. on Nov. 20, 2026**. Submissions should be sent as a PDF to TDIM@OhioAGO.gov. (Please do not submit scans of printed pages.)

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

Association or agency submitting proposal:

Workshop title/topic (15 words or fewer):

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 and program. (NOTE: We reserve the right to edit.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

List three SPECIFIC measurable goals and objectives for the workshop. (*e.g., At the conclusion of this presentation, the participants will be able to...* These should not include generic items such as “identify problems” or “understand best practices.” Please detail what you will teach.)

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

- ☐ New advocates (no more than five years of experience)
- ☐ 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 warning.

Proposed presenters (NOTE: A maximum of three presenters is preferred): Please provide a biographical summary (a maximum of five sentences for each presenter.)

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The following A/V 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

Do you plan for live polling in your workshop (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: _____

Co-presenter contact information (if applicable):

Title & full name: _____

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Address: _____

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

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you have questions, please contact Holly 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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