

**EduNet Webinar Agenda**

**EduNet Webinar:** Guiding Families Toward Healing and Justice: Aligning Victim Advocacy Services with Standards of Practice

**Live Webinar:** September 10, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (CST)

1:00 – 1:05 pm	Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Agenda by Midwest Regional CAC
1:05 – 2:15 pm	EduNet Webinar Presentation
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Questions, Wrap-up, Closing Remarks, & Evaluation

**Course Description:**

The role of Victim Advocates in general and within CACs has evolved in scope and complexity over time, striving to be understood and valued as its own unique discipline. The NCA Accreditation Standards (2017) underscore Advocates' critical role in helping children and families pursue safety, healing and justice. Guidance offered through OVC's Model Standards has also helped contribute to promoting and sustaining practice excellence and professional integrity for victim service providers. This presentation will explore the strengths and challenges in the Victim Advocate role on MDTs in CACs, and discuss strategies for aligning their role and practice with both sets of national standards.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Examine import and challenges for Victim Advocates in CACs/on MDTs.
2. Discuss implementation of current NCA accreditation standards.
3. Describe OVC Model Standards that guide program development, individual practice and ethical responsibilities.
4. Explore strategies for ensuring alignment with standards of practice.

**Instructor Bio: Janet Fine, MS**

Janet E. Fine, M.S., has held various direct service and leadership positions in victim services and children's advocacy centers (CAC) at the local, state and national levels for over 35 years, including as Executive Director of the MA Office for Victim Assistance, director of DA Victim Assistance Programs, as a founding director of two prosecutor-based CACs, a member of the NCA Board of Directors, and a founding Board Chair of the MA Children's Alliance. Janet is currently an independent consultant and trainer for victim advocacy services, multidisciplinary teams, CACs, and vicarious trauma throughout the U.S. and abroad. She also serves as a Senior Consultant for the State Victim Assistance Academy (SVAA) Resource Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime. In addition, Janet was Project Director for the OVC-funded Vicarious Trauma Toolkit Project at Northeastern University, where she is also part-time faculty in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. She serves on the World Society of Victimology's UN Liaison Committee, including as a representative and presenter at the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Janet holds a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University and a M.S. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University.



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**Continuing Education:** Approved by Minnesota Board of Social Work for 1.5 hours of CEU, and 1 Post Credits by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officers through September 2021.

**Course Coordinator:**

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