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NCVLI Recognized for Innovation in Addressing Violence Against Women

The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) is proud to announce that our *Responding to Violence Against Women Project* was selected to receive the 2013 Mary Byron Foundation Celebrating Solutions Award. This important award honors nonprofit and governmental organizations with innovative programs that demonstrate promise in ending the generational cycle of domestic violence.

NCVLI's *Responding to Violence Against Women Project* was selected for its pioneering efforts and ability to serve as a model for the nation. Recognizing that historical and cultural myths and biases create unique hurdles to women's access to justice, our *Responding to Violence Against Women Project* works to ensure that service providers responding to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and other crimes have the knowledge and skills necessary to protect a victim's rights, particularly in the criminal case against an offender. We also work to ensure that victims of these crimes are re-empowered rather than victimized when they access our justice systems.

Among the keys to empowering victims during the justice process and minimizing harmful impacts are the choice to participate and to what extent, adequate and accurate information about processes, and compassionate and respectful treatment by system actors. The Project supports survivors by pushing the boundaries of the justice system to restore legal agency to victims through securing enforcement of victims' rights.

NCVLI is honored to receive this prestigious award and proud to be at the forefront of innovative efforts to effect lasting change for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and other crimes.

Founded in 2000, the [National Crime Victim Law Institute](http://www.NCVLI.org) is a national resource for crime victim lawyers and advocates to support the assertion and enforcement of victims' rights in criminal and civil processes. NCVLI continues to be the only national organization whose mission is focused on enforcement of victims' rights in the courts.