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Six Legal Clinics Poised to Increase Access to Justice For Crime Victims

In October 2018, the [National Crime Victim Law Institute \(NCVLI\)](#) was awarded a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Justice, [Office for Victims of Crime \(OVC\)](#), to enhance victim access to legal assistance to assert and seek enforcement of their rights throughout criminal justice proceedings. The *Rights In Systems Enforced Project (RISE)* includes NCVLI subgranting to six direct legal service legal clinics. Following a competitive selection process, during which NCVLI received applications from across the country, NCVLI is excited to announce the following six Clinics have been selected: (1) [Arizona Voice for Crime Victims](#); (2) [Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation](#); (3) [Legal Aid Service of Broward County](#); (4) [Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence](#); (5) [Network for Victim Recovery of DC](#); and (6) [Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center](#). Each clinic will provide no cost legal services to victims as well as conduct trainings and awareness-raising events regarding victims' rights enforcement.

“Victims’ rights have existed for decades but too often victims do not know they have rights, and even when they are aware of them, they do not know how to activate them,” said Meg Garvin, Executive Director of NCVLI. “The *Rise* Project will ensure victims can access no cost attorneys to secure their rights so that they can meaningfully participate.”

It is anticipated that the Clinics will begin representing victims under the Project in fall of 2019. Stay up to date on their progress by visiting the [Project webpage](#).

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Founded in 2000, the [National Crime Victim Law Institute](#) 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.