OHIO ADVOCATE NETWORK for TRAINING & REGISTRATION
TRAINING AREA GUIDELINES (TAG) LIST
BEGINNING JUNE 2026 ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS
SERIES A – CORE COMPETENCY TRAINING

To initially qualify for the Registered Advocate credential, a minimum of **40 hours of continuing education training must be completed by a NEW applicant**. While that training may encompass a combination of Series A and Series B Topics, **essential training must be completed in all 14 Series A core competency topics**. Training is required in all 9 Core Competency General Topics, and all 5 Core Competency Specialized Topics, in the new applicant's specified discipline(s), as listed below. Completion of the Summit Victim Assistance Academy Victim Advocacy Essentials, ODVN Domestic Violence Advocacy Fundamentals Course, OAESV Training Institute for Sexual Violence Advocates, or OVWA's Beacon Advocacy Institute will fulfill the training requirement for *core competency topical content*, *in the specified discipline*. A new applicant is *not required* to complete a comprehensive course. Completing a variety of different training events, which cumulatively cover all 14 core competency topics, will also meet the Ohio Advocate Network requirements for training content.

Additional requirements to be met include:

- All continuing education training must be completed within the 4-year period immediately preceding submission of the application.
- While training may be completed in a variety of formats, including In-Person, Synchronous (live webinar), and Asynchronous (recorded webinar/online module), **at least 20 hours of the required 40 hours of training must be completed via in-person and/or synchronous events**.
- Each training event must be documented with a Certificate of Completion and/or OAN CEU Training Verification form, to be submitted with the application.

CORE COMPETENCY GENERAL TOPICS **All new applicants are required to complete training in all 9 Core Competency General topics, as listed below**		
Crisis Intervention	Criminal/Civil Justice Systems	Cultural Humility / Equitable Advocacy
Advocacy / Role of a Victim Advocate	Crime Victim Compensation	History of Victim Services / Victims' Rights Movement
Case Management/Communication Skills	V.I.N.E. Victim Information & Notification Everyday	Ethics / Boundaries / Confidentiality

CORE COMPETENCY SPECIALIZED TOPICS **All new applicants are required to complete training in all 5 Core Competency Specialized topics, for their specified discipline(s), as listed below**	
SYSTEMS BASED/GENERALIST VICTIM ADVOCACY Crisis Response / Traumatic Grief / Co-Victimization Crime Victims' Rights: Ohio Constitution & ORC Chapter 2930 Criminal Justice Advocacy: Police/Prosecution/Court/Post-Conviction Trauma Informed/Responsive Care Multidisciplinary Collaboration / Community Resource Referral	**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCACY** Dynamics of Power and Control Lethality Assessment / Safety Planning Essentials of Systems Advocacy & Crime Victims' Rights Trauma Informed/Responsive Care Multidisciplinary Collaboration / Community Resource Referral
SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCACY Dynamics of Sexual Violence & Rape Culture Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Protocol / Hospital Advocacy Essentials of Systems Advocacy & Crime Victims' Rights Trauma Informed/Responsive Care Multidisciplinary Collaboration / Community Resource Referral	**CHILD ABUSE VICTIM ADVOCACY** Child Sexual Assault/Abuse/CSAM Child Physical Assault/Abuse/Neglect/Maltreatment Essentials of Systems Advocacy & Crime Victims' Rights Trauma Informed/Responsive Care Multidisciplinary Collaboration / Community Resource Referral

SERIES B – CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

To maintain a valid OAN registration credential, **a Registered Advocate must complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education training during each 2-year registration cycle**. Training may encompass a combination of Series A and Series B topics. Cross-training in all advocacy disciplines, and on advanced topics, is highly encouraged. A sampling of approved advanced topical content is listed below. Recognizing the Victim Advocacy profession is continually evolving and training curricula is always expanding, continuing education training on pertinent related topics and emerging issues will be approved. If you have questions about the applicability of a specific training, please email OAN.

Additional requirements to be met include:

- While training may be completed in a variety of formats, including In-Person, Synchronous (live webinar), and Asynchronous (recorded webinar/online module), a**t least 20 hours of the required 30 hours of continuing education training must be completed via in-person and/or synchronous events**.
- Each training event must be documented with a Certificate of Completion and/or OAN CEU Training Verification form, to be submitted with the application.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVANCED TOPICS			
Community Needs Assessment	Un/Under/Inadequate Served Populations	Stalking / Protection Order Violation	Core Competencies - Update
Program Development	Serving Victims with a Disability	Retaliation / Intimidation	Victim/Offender Mediation
Outreach Strategies	Serving Victims who are LEP	Teen Dating Violence	Civil Justice Remedies
Personnel Management	ADA Compliance	Non-fatal Strangulation	Expert Witness Testimony
Program Administration	Elder Abuse / I-Teams	Traumatic Brain Injury	Specialized Dockets
Restorative Justice	ID Theft/ID Fraud/Financial Exploitation	Economic Justice	Catastrophic Injury / PTSD
Leadership/Supervision	Human Trafficking - Sex	Batterer Re-education Programs	Cold Case Investigations
Evaluation / Outcome Measures	Human Trafficking - Labor	OSOS Safe At Home Program	Capital Murder Cases
Self-Assessment	T VISA / U VISA	Housing / TANF Regulations	Campus Advocacy/Title IX
Prevention & Awareness	Compassionate Death Notification	Animal Abuse	Law Enforcement Advocacy
Protocol Development	Support Group / Peer Support	Domestic Abuse in Later Life	Prosecution Advocacy
Policy Development	Serving Homicide Co-Victims	Aisha's Law	Judiciary / Court Advocacy
Volunteer Coordination	Cyber Crimes / Social Media / Technology	GAL/Court Appointed Special Advocates	Post-Conviction Advocacy
Grant Proposal Writing	Forensic / Evidence Based Investigation	Child Welfare Intersections	Criminal Sentencing Guidelines
Grant Management – Program	Adult Advocacy Centers	Children Exposed to Violence	Reagan Tokes Law
Grant Management – Fiscal	Trauma Treatment Centers	Children's Grief Process	Sierah's Law
Public Policy / Legislative Update	Neurobiology of Trauma	Child Advocacy Centers	Roberta's Law
Non-Profit Board Development	Vicarious / Secondary Trauma	Oppression / Privilege / Victim Blaming	Statutory Victim Notification
Task Force / MDT / Consortium	Trauma Stewardship	Sexually Transmitted Infections	Wrongful Convictions
Media Management	Self-Care / Resilience / Mindfulness	SANE / SAFE / SARC / SART	Military Justice Advocacy
Fund Raising	Facility / Therapy Animals	Juvenile Sex Offenders / Sexting	Justice Reform Initiatives
Community Collaboration	Mental Health	SORN Laws / PREA	Insurance / Civil Litigation
Sponsorship / Partnership	Intersections of Victimization & Trauma	Drug/Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault	Responding To Mass Violence
Research-Based Best Practices	Generational/Historic/Compound Trauma	Anonymous / Jane Doe Forensic Exam	Ethical Advocacy