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## **MDOC Hosts Statewide Training and Panel Discussion for National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

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JACKSON, MS (April 22) – A training designed to enhance awareness and promote public safety for crime victims across the state will be held on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of National Crime Victims' Rights week.

The MDOC, Division of Victim Services and SAVIN, in partnership with the Equifax Training Team, will host a SAVIN/VINE training at the Mississippi Department of Education Auditorium at 359 North West Street in Jackson.

Two sessions will be offered. A morning session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Up to 100 participants, including state and local law enforcement, service providers, victim advocates, and college campuses are expected to attend the two sessions.

In addition to the training, MDOC is also facilitating a victim impact event at the Issaquena County Correctional Facility on Thursday, April 23. Victim advocate Lisa Mann will share her personal story of loss and resilience after losing both her father and cousin to violence. Mann, who now serves as a counselor for sexual assault and homicide victims, will speak to inmates at the facility about the effects of crime on victims and families.

“This event will provide a unique opportunity for an intimate and meaningful dialogue between victims and incarcerated individuals,” Victim Services Director Gwendolynn Santos said.

While the SAVIN/VINE training is open to registered participants, the victim impact event at the Issaquena County Correctional Facility will be closed to the public due to the sensitive nature of the discussion.

To register for the morning session: <https://cvent.me/rYxy2>

To register for the afternoon session: <https://cvent.me/Eyyz8P>

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