

# Media Release

## Victim Assistance Services of Oxford County's *SEAL* Program Awarded the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual OACP Victim's Assistance Committee Award

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The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Ministry of the Attorney General are pleased to announce that Victim Assistance Services of Oxford County's (VASoc) *Students Excited About Learning (SEAL)* Program will receive the 2010 OACP Victim Assistance Committee Award.

This award recognizes and promotes the contributions made by members of Ontario police services for projects that improve the level of service provided to victims of crime. The award may be given to a police service alone or in partnership with community agencies.

VASoc's *SEAL* program helps child victims overcome the trauma of being victimized by crime or living in a criminal environment.

The *SEAL* program is designed for children from elementary school through to the end of secondary school and helps restore their confidence and empower them through learning. The program aims to increase the chances of a child successfully recovering from being directly or indirectly victimized, improve personal confidence, and provide personal support by the caring adults surrounding them.

The award will be presented at the OACP's Annual General Conference and Global Showcase on June 16, 2010. For more information about this and other OACP award winners, please visit [www.oacp.ca](http://www.oacp.ca).

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