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**VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NAMED TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO  
TOP WORKPLACES LIST FOR 2018**

Akron, Ohio – Victim Assistance Program is proud to announce they are one of The Plain Dealer's Northeast Ohio Top Workplaces for 2018. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by research partner Energage, LLC (formerly WorkplaceDynamics), a leading provider of technology-based employee engagement tools. The anonymous survey measured several aspects of workplace culture, including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few.

“Top Workplaces is more than just recognition,” said Doug Claffey, CEO of Energage. “Our research shows organizations that earn the award attract better talent, experience lower turnover, and are better equipped to deliver bottom-line results. Their leaders prioritize and carefully craft a healthy workplace culture that supports employee engagement.”

The award is a great tribute to the entire staff of Victim Assistance Program. In an announcement to employees, Leanne Graham, President & CEO, perfectly sums up the honor, “Being named a Top Workplace is a big deal — only 150 companies made this year’s list. I’m honored, especially because the judges were you! I want to personally thank all of you for making VAP such an amazing place to call ‘work’.”

Victim Assistance Program employees do incredible work in Summit County. The team provides 24-hour crisis intervention to both individuals and groups and responds on-scene to help alleviate victims' emotional concerns and questions. Advocates educate and empower victims through the Summit County justice system and provide victims with resources to help with their physical, emotional, and financial well-being. In addition, through the Summit Victim Assistance Academy, Victim Assistance Program staff provide best practice education to the community and to the professionals who serve victims of crime and trauma throughout the state of Ohio.

“Becoming a Top Workplace isn’t something organizations can buy,” Claffey said. “It’s an achievement organizations have worked for and a distinction that gives them a competitive advantage. It’s a big deal.”

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**About Victim Assistance Program**

The mission of Victim Assistance Program is to empower our community to restore lives impacted by crisis, violence, and tragedy. The purpose of the Agency is to provide 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, and education to victims of crime and trauma and the professional community who serves this population. To learn more about Victim Assistance Program’s services, and ways to get involved, visit [victimassistanceprogram.org](http://victimassistanceprogram.org) or call our 24-hour hotline, 330.376.0040.

**About Energage, LLC**

Headquartered in Exton, Pa., Energage (formerly known as WorkplaceDynamics) is a leading provider of technology-based employee engagement tools that help leaders to unlock potential, inspire performance, and achieve amazing results within their organizations. The research partner behind the Top Workplaces program, Energage has surveyed more than 47,000 organizations representing well over 16 million employees in the United States.

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