

NOTICE OF FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY SPECIALIZED HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has noted the issuance of the US Department of Justice, Office of Victims Services grants for specialized services for victims of human trafficking and intends to encourage and support organizations and partners in New Jersey in their applications. Please note this is only for New Jersey providers that intend to apply for this grant. No funding will be provided by DCF however our commitment to projects like these in NJ may assist in your application.

Funding is targeted for direct services that promote victim safety and stability in the short-term aftermath of victimization, leading to the goal of autonomy and economic self-sufficiency. Some key points:

1. Provide specialized service(s) or intervention(s) for victims of human trafficking, either in-house or through community partnerships;
2. Work in collaboration with federal, state, and local law enforcement, local service providers, and community- and faith-based organizations to ensure trafficking victims are identified and referred for appropriate services;

Applicants must include a plan to ensure that case management is provided for all victims of human trafficking enrolled in the OVC-funded program, regardless of where the victim resides. For example, case management should be provided, either in-house or through project partners, for minor victims who may be placed in foster care, a group home, or reside with family;

Our commitment would take the form of a letter of commitment which would state. Should the grant be awarded DCF agrees to fulfill the following:

1. **Collaboration.** DCF will support the *Specialized Human Trafficking Project* as an active and essential partner by: assigning a key department staff member to serve as liaison to the project; informing department employees about the project's research purpose and involving them in its operation; and sharing observations and recommendations about project implementation and improvement.
2. **Case Referrals.** In each of the three years of *Specialized Human Trafficking Project* operation, DCF will refer appropriate cases for specialized project services and participate in project activities.

3. **Staff Training.** DCF will share available slots for appropriate *Human Trafficking* staff training provided by our DCF Training Academy with the provider.

4. **Dissemination.** DCF will participate in and support the provider in sharing the purpose, operation, and findings of the *Specialized Human Trafficking Project* through professional presentations, papers, and electronic means of communication

If you intend to apply for this grant and wish to add our Letter of Commitment please email your request with the name and address of the person who shall receive the commitment to dcfaskrfp@dcf.state.nj.us.