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OJJDP AWARDS MORE THAN \$104 MILLION TO PROTECT YOUTH, FIND MISSING CHILDREN, AND PROSECUTE CHILD EXPLOITATION

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs today announced awards of more than \$104.2 million in grant funding to enhance state, local and tribal jurisdictions’ capabilities to reduce crime and victimization, protect children and promote public safety. The awards were made by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Missing and Exploited Children (\$42 million)

More than \$28.3 million was awarded to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Center was created to build a coordinated national response to missing and sexually exploited children, establish a missing children hotline and serve as the national clearinghouse for information and resources related to these children. OJJDP has partnered with NCMC for more than 30 years. This grant funds the Center’s operations and provides support, technical assistance and training to assist law enforcement in locating and recovering missing and exploited children.

Another \$6 million was awarded to fund the Center’s National Resource Center and Clearinghouse, part of an interagency agreement between OJJDP and the United States Secret Service. The NRCC directly supports locating missing children, helps prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, and provides training and technical assistance to victims, their families and the professionals who serve them.

An additional \$1.8 million was awarded to Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin, to develop and distribute training and technical assistance for missing and exploited children’s programs, with special emphasis on underserved rural and tribal communities.

Grant funds totaling \$3.4 million was also be awarded to Fox Valley Technical College under the *National AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program* to help the AMBER Alert network improve law enforcement’s response to abducted children and encourage public participation in their recovery. This year’s award reflects \$1 million dedicated to support activities consistent with the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act. The AMBER Alert network is a partnership between law enforcement, broadcasters, transportation agencies, emergency management agencies, telecommunications centers, public safety agencies and child protection organizations to recover missing and abducted children.

Finally, \$2.5 million was awarded to three organizations to increase the technological investigative capacity and associated training of law enforcement to support the development, refinement and advancement of investigative tools, methods and technologies that address child

pornography, exploitation and sex trafficking. Organizations include: Fox Valley Technical College (\$1.25 million); the West Virginia State Police (\$500,000); and the University of Massachusetts Amherst (\$750,000).

Internet Crimes Against Children (\$29.3 million)

More than \$23.3 million will fund the national network of 61 multiagency, multijurisdictional Internet Crimes Against Children task forces. These task forces conduct forensic examinations and investigate and prosecute technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation throughout the United States. The task forces arrested 2,300 suspected child predators during a nationwide operation March through May 2018 following investigation of more than 25,200 complaints of technology-facilitated crimes against children. Additional ICAC-related awards include:

- \$3 million in support of a National ICAC Training Program, including \$1.1 million to Fox Valley Technical College to provide entry level and core training; \$800,000 to SEARCH Group, Inc., and the National White Collar Crime Center to provide digital evidence forensics; \$600,000 to SEARCH Group, Inc., and Fox Valley to provide specialized training on tools and technology; and \$500,000 to the Innocent Justice Foundation to provide officer wellness programs and services.
- \$2 million in additional funds to Fox Valley Technical College to support the ICAC task forces through providing onsite technical assistance, delivering topical webinars and helping them achieve the goals of the National Strategy on Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction.
- \$750,000 to the San Francisco, California-based WestEd to evaluate training for the ICAC Task Force Program.
- \$200,000 each to three jurisdictions under the ICAC – Forensic Hiring Capacity Program for Wounded Veterans: New Mexico Office of the Attorney General, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and the City of San Jose, California.

Victims of Child Abuse (\$20.5 million)

A total of more than \$18.5 million was awarded under OJJDP's Victims of Child Abuse grant programs. These grants support new and current children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams of professionals who respond to children's maltreatment. An award of \$700,000 is provided to the Huntsville, Alabama-based National Children's Advocacy Center under the *VOCA Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Professionals* program. The remaining \$17.8 million was awarded to enable national organizations to continue supporting local children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams across the United States. Of that \$17.8 million:

- Nearly \$9.9 million was awarded to local child advocacy centers, state chapters and multidisciplinary teams that provide coordinated investigations and comprehensive responses to child abuse.
- \$4.8 million will support the VOCA Regional Children's Advocacy Centers program, enabling continued operations at National Children's Advocacy Center (Huntsville, Alabama), Philadelphia Children's Alliance, Rady Children's Hospital (San Diego, California), and Children's Health Care, Inc. (Minneapolis, Minnesota).
- \$1.4 million is designated for operation of a national membership and accreditation

program that ensures national standards are met by children's advocacy centers across the United States.

- \$1 million will be used to help address cases of child abuse on U.S. military installations.
- \$750,000 will support the VOCA Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors program.

In addition, \$2 million provided by the Office for Victims of Crime through the Domestic Trafficking Victims Fund was awarded to offer services for victims of child pornography.

Court Appointed Special Advocates Membership, Accreditation, and Subgrants (\$10.6 million)

Another \$10.62 million is awarded to the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. This program provides advocacy for abused and neglected children – including foster care youth – in dependency hearings and to other child welfare system stakeholders at all levels of government.

Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel (\$1.75 million)

More than \$1.75 million is awarded to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to improve the juvenile justice and dependency systems' response to child abuse, neglect and related cases, including victims of child exploitation and commercial sex trafficking. NCJFCJ will equip judges, attorneys, social workers and other system stakeholders, including health care professionals and lay advocates, with the knowledge necessary to address the needs of children and families involved in the child welfare system. Training and technical assistance will also help judicial officials develop strategies on how to identify minors who are victims of domestic sex trafficking and strengthen leadership within their courts and communities to improve outcomes for sexually trafficked and exploited children.

Additional information about Fiscal Year 2018 grant awards made by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention can be found online at the [OJP Newsroom](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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