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### **OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AWARDS \$143.7 MILLION IN CHILD PROTECTION GRANTS**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs today announced awards totaling more than \$143.7 million in grant funding to enhance state, local and tribal jurisdictions’ capabilities to reduce crime and victimization, protect children and promote public safety. Unless otherwise noted, all awards listed below were made by OJP’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

#### ***Missing and Exploited Children (\$48.2 million)***

More than \$33.5 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.

Grant funds totaling \$4.4 million was 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 \$1.5 million dedicated to improve capacity within American Indian and Alaska Native communities to respond to endangered, missing and abducted children and to integrate activities consistent with the Ashlynn 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.

Another \$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. The organizations are Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin (\$1.15 million); the SEARCH Group, Inc., (\$1.15 million) and Purdue University (\$195,874).

Finally, an award of \$1.8 million was provided to Fox Valley Technical College to develop and distribute training and technical assistance for missing and exploited children's programs. With this supplemental award Fox Valley Technical College will conduct training in the following areas:

- Multi-Disciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking
- Conducting Child Abuse Investigations
- Technology-Facilitated Crimes Against Children
- Child Sex Trafficking: From Suspicion to Disclosure
- Introduction to Child Sex Trafficking
- Responding to an Unexplained Child Death
- Following the Evidence in Child Exploitation Investigations
- Creating a Community Action Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse
- Child Sex Trafficking Forensic Interviews
- Proactive Investigation of Child Sex Trafficking

### ***Internet Crimes Against Children (\$36.1 million)***

More than \$29.7 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 nearly 1,700 suspected child predators during a nationwide operation April through May 2019 following investigation of more than 18,500 complaints of technology-facilitated crimes against children. Additional ICAC-related awards include:

- \$4 million in support of a National ICAC Training Program, including \$2 million to Fox Valley Technical College to provide core training programs for ICAC investigators; \$650,000 to SEARCH Group, Inc., an additional \$500,000 to Fox Valley Technical College, and \$350,000 to the National White Collar Crime Center to provide specialized training on tools and technology; and \$500,000 to the Innocent Justice Foundation to provide officer wellness programs and services.
- \$1.86 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.
- \$200,000 each to three jurisdictions under the ICAC – Forensic Hiring Capacity Program for Wounded Veterans: the Nebraska State Patrol; Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Virginia; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

### ***Victims of Child Trafficking (\$29.9 million)***

More than \$29.9 million was awarded to fund various programs in support of treating child and youth human trafficking victims, including funding victim services. Thirty-two awards totaling more than \$15.4 million were made under OJP's Office for Victims of Crime's *Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Program*. This program enhances the quality and quantity

of services available to assist child victims of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, through high-quality services that are developmentally appropriate and tailored for the individual needs of young trafficking victims.

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Alaska	Covenant House Alaska	\$500,000
California	Covenant House California	\$333,354
California	San Diego Youth Services	\$500,000
California	Family Assistance Program	\$500,000
California	Volunteers of America of Los Angeles	\$500,000
California	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	\$499,998
California	New Directions for Youth, Inc.	\$500,000
Connecticut	Youth Continuum	\$493,224
D.C.	FAIR Girls	\$490,749
Florida	U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking	\$492,912
Georgia	Wellspring Living, Inc.	\$499,998
Georgia	Georgia Care Connection Office, Inc.	\$499,972
Illinois	Heartland Human Care Services	\$500,000
Illinois	Chicago Children's Advocacy Center	\$350,935
Indiana	Indiana Youth Services Association	\$500,000
Kansas	Wichita Children's Home	\$500,000
Louisiana	Empower 225	\$497,546
Maine	Preble Street	\$500,000
Massachusetts	YWCA of Western Massachusetts	\$499,992
Massachusetts	The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.	\$434,939
Minnesota	Regents of the University of Minnesota	\$500,000
Minnesota	The Link	\$590,847
New Jersey	Center for Family Services, Inc.	\$500,000
New York	Sanctuary for Families, Inc.	\$500,000
New York	The Salvation Army	\$493,798
North Dakota	Mountain Plains Youth Services, Inc.	\$500,000
Oklahoma	Youth Services of Tulsa, Inc.	\$447,694
South Carolina	Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Inc.	\$499,105
Texas	ChildSafe	\$444,010
Utah	Asian Association of Utah dba Refugee Immigrant Center	\$533,204
Virginia	Office of the Attorney General of Virginia	\$354,621
Washington	Cocoon House	\$500,000

Another \$5.6 million was made across four awards through OVC's *Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Program*. These awards help improve outcomes for children and youth who are victims of human trafficking by integrating human trafficking policy and programming at the state or tribal level, while also enhancing multidisciplinary statewide approaches to serving trafficked youth. Recipients include:

- The Minnesota Department of Health (\$1,499,999)
- The University of Maryland, Baltimore (\$1,178,492)
- The Oregon Department of Justice (\$1,500,000)
- The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (\$1,499,976)

OVC also awarded \$500,000 for related training and technical assistance to the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina.

OJJDP awarded \$3.5 million to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children under an interagency agreement with OJP’s Office for Victims of Crime. This agreement funds a 36-month project by the Center to assist with the review of CyberTipline reports related to child sex trafficking, respond to report information regarding the location of missing children at high risk of or involved in trafficking, and provide training and technical assistance to individuals and law enforcement agencies in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and treatment of cases involving child sex trafficking victims. These funds will also ensure the highest level of informed response and care to reduce the potential for re-victimization is provided to survivors, as well as provide needed resources to assist families, child welfare agencies, first responders, prosecutors, private industry and victim specialists to identify and recover child sex victims.

More than \$4 million was awarded to nine organizations in seven states to support prevention and intervention efforts, including mentoring and specialized services, that target youth at risk of or victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. The awards are provided through OJJDP’s *Specialized Services and Mentoring for Child and Youth Victims of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Program*. Recipients include:

<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Alaska	Covenant House Alaska	\$450,000
California	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland	\$450,000
California	Community Solutions for Children, Families and Individuals	\$446,684
Florida	Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$450,000
Massachusetts	Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps, Inc.	\$450,000
Minnesota	Young Men’s Christian Association of the Greater Twin Cities	\$446,685
New York	EAC, Inc.	\$450,000
New York	Fund for the City of New York	\$446,684
Texas	Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso	\$441,401

Finally, \$750,000 was awarded to Youth Collaboratory to provide training and technical assistance to project sites funded under this program.

***Victims of Child Abuse (\$22 million)***

More than \$22 million was awarded under OJJDP’s Victims of Child Abuse grant programs. These funds were awarded to enable national, regional and local organizations to continue supporting local children’s advocacy centers, multidisciplinary teams and child abuse professionals who respond to children’s maltreatment across the United States. Awards include:

- More than \$10.8 million was awarded to the National Children’s Alliance to fund local child advocacy centers, state chapters and multidisciplinary teams that provide coordinated investigations and comprehensive responses to child abuse.
- \$5 million was awarded to fund four regional children’s advocacy centers to help communities respond to child abuse through providing training and technical assistance. Each of the following regional centers received \$1.25 million: National Children’s Advocacy Center (southern region); Philadelphia Children’s Alliance (northeast region); Rady Children’s Hospital (western region); and Children’s Health Care (midwest region).
- \$2.4 million to the Zero Abuse Project in Minnesota will support the VOCA

Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors program.

- \$2 million to the National Children’s Alliance will support existing or new local, state and multidisciplinary children’s advocacy centers to provide services for child pornography victims.
- \$1 million to the National Children’s Alliance will be used to help address cases of child abuse on U.S. military installations.
- An award of \$800,000 to the National Children’s Advocacy Center to further develop and implement a model training and technical assistance program for child abuse professionals and to improve the judicial system’s handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

***Youth Violence and Victimization in Schools (\$7.1 million)***

Nine awards totaling more than \$7.1 million were made under OJJDP’s *Comprehensive School-based Approach to Youth Violence and Victimization Program*. These grants provide funding to help communities prevent and reduce the incidence of school and community violence through accountability efforts for offenders, address victimization and trauma, and improve school safety and climate. Recipients include:

<b>Project Sites</b>		
<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
California	Lompoc Unified School District	\$775,000
California	El Rancho Unified School District	\$775,000
Florida	The School Board of Broward County	\$775,000
New Hampshire	Laconia School District	\$775,000
Pennsylvania	Archway Charter School of Chester	\$775,000
South Carolina	Lancaster County Partners for Youth	\$775,000
Texas	Austin Independent School District	\$775,000
Washington	Spokane School District	\$775,000
<b>Training and Technical Assistance</b>		
<b>Awardee State</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
New York	Local Initiatives Support Corporation	\$907,594

OJJDP also awarded \$300,000 to the Rural Alaska Community Action Program under the *Alaska Native Youth Training and Technical Assistance Project*. This program continues to enable comprehensive and culturally relevant training and technical assistance to help Alaska Native communities create, expand and sustain programs and services for youth.

Additional information about Fiscal Year 2019 grant awards made by the Office of Justice Programs can be found online at the [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation’s capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).