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OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AWARDS OVER \$176.2 MILLION IN CHILD PROTECTION GRANTS

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs today announced it has awarded over \$176.2 million in grant funding to enhance state, local and tribal jurisdictions’ capabilities to protect children and respond to juvenile victimization.

OJP’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Office for Victims of Crime awarded grants to over 100 sites, jurisdictions and task forces throughout the U.S. The funds will help communities find missing children, support law enforcement investigations, strengthen assistance programs for minor victims of trafficking, and increase overall public safety through aggressive prosecution of those who seek to abuse or exploit children.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (\$147.7 million)

Missing and Exploited Children (\$47.6 million)

More than \$35.4 million was awarded to the **National Center for Missing & 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 NCMEC for more than 30 years. This grant funds the Center’s operations and provides support, technical assistance and training to help law enforcement locate and recover 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 were 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. The AMBER Alert network is a partnership

among law enforcement, broadcasters, transportation agencies, emergency management agencies, telecommunications centers, public safety agencies and child protection organizations to recover endangered missing and abducted children.

Under the **Missing and Exploited Children Training and Technical Assistance Program**, Fox Valley Technical College was awarded \$1.8 million to build the capacity of state, tribal, and local agencies, and encourage the development and implementation of best practices related to the investigation and prosecution of cases of missing and exploited children. The program provides assistance to prosecutors, state and local law enforcement, child protection personnel, medical providers, and other child-serving professionals to strengthen multidisciplinary responses to cases of missing and exploited children and improve prosecution of perpetrators.

Children Exposed to Violence (\$7.1 million)

OJJDP awarded more than \$7.1 million to seven organizations under the **Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence** initiative to develop support services for children exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities; and to develop, enhance and implement violent crime reduction strategies that focus on violent juvenile offenders. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	Children’s Institute, Inc.	\$1,015,150
Louisiana	Empower 225	\$1,015,150
Maryland	US Dream Academy, Inc.	\$1,015,150
Minnesota	Youthprise	\$1,015,150
New Jersey	County of Cumberland	\$1,015,160
New York	Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services	\$1,015,160
Texas	BCFS Health and Human Services	\$1,015,160

Interventions for Children With Sexual Behavior Problems (\$4.1 million)

Through the **Supporting Effective Interventions for Adolescent Sex Offenders and Children with Sexual Behavior Problems** program, OJJDP awarded over \$3.6 million to eight organizations to provide a continuum of intervention and supervision services for adolescent sex offenders and children with sexual behavior problems, and treatment services for their victims and families. OJJDP awarded \$500,000 to a training and technical assistance provider to support the project sites in developing intervention models. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alabama	The University of Alabama	\$467,168
Colorado	Savio House	\$467,163
Connecticut	Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center	\$467,189
Georgia	Georgia Center for Child Advocacy	\$467,193
Hawaii	Child and Family Service	\$450,000
Indiana	Crown Counseling LLC	\$458,936
New York	St. Anne Institute	\$467,193
Texas	Lena Pope Home, Inc.	\$371,912

Training and Technical Assistance		
Oklahoma	The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	\$500,000

Internet Crimes Against Children (\$34.7 million)

The **Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program** received more than \$28 million. The ICAC Task Force Program consists of 61 task forces, each led by a single law enforcement agency. Every state has at least one task force, with the more populated states having multiple task forces. Each lead agency receives an annual award from OJJDP, and then serves as the primary entity responsible for improving the effectiveness and sustainability of their state or regional task force. This year’s awards go to the 61 existing ICAC task forces for continuation funding. These task forces conduct forensic examinations and investigate and prosecute technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation throughout the U.S. 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.
- \$2 million in additional funds to Fox Valley Technical College under the **ICAC Program Support** grant to support the ICAC task forces by designing, developing, and delivering training and technical assistance services to continue, expand and enhance the ICAC Task Force Program.
- \$200,000 each to three jurisdictions totaling \$600,000 under the **ICAC – Forensic Hiring Capacity Program for Wounded Veterans**: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Connecticut; Wisconsin Department of Justice; and the Broward Sheriff’s Office, Florida.

Victims of Child Abuse (\$39.8 million)

Under the **Victims of Child Abuse Act Support for Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs)** program, OJJDP awarded more than \$18.3 million in continuation funding to the National Children’s Alliance in Washington D.C. This program will provide support to CACs through three funding categories: subgrants to local CACs, state chapters, and multidisciplinary teams (\$15.3 million); subgrants to provide services for victims of child pornography (\$2 million); and efforts to help military installations address cases of child abuse, including subgrants to local CACs (\$1 million).

OJJDP also awarded \$5 million in continuation funding to four organizations via the **VOCA Regional Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC)** program. This program supports regional centers, one situated within each of the four U.S. Census regions, that help to build and establish multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), local programs, and state chapter organizations that respond to child abuse and neglect; and deliver training and technical assistance that strengthen existing MDTs, local CACs, and state chapter organizations. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alabama	National Children’s Advocacy Center	\$1,250,000

California	Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego	\$1,250,000
Minnesota	Children’s Health Care	\$1,250,000
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Children’s Alliance	\$1,250,000

Through the **Victims of Child Abuse Act (VOCA) Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Professionals** program, OJJDP awarded \$2.5 million to the National Children’s Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama. This program promotes improved child interview techniques, thorough investigative methods, interagency coordination and effective presentation of evidence in court. The program will provide training and technical assistance to establish coordinated multidisciplinary programs that address child maltreatment.

OJJDP also awarded more than \$10.8 million in continuation funding to the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association in Washington under the **Court Appointed Special Advocates Membership, Accreditation, and Subgrants Program and Training and Technical Assistance**. This program aims to serve and improve outcomes for children in the dependency system; provide effective advocacy for abused and neglected children, including foster care youth; and build on the training and technical assistance program that OJJDP has developed in collaboration with the National CASA Association.

OJJDP awarded more than \$3.1 million to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Nevada under the **Child Abuse Training for Judicial and Court Personnel** program to improve juvenile justice and dependency systems’ response to child abuse and neglect, as well as child sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. This program provides judicial, legal and social service professionals with training and technical assistance to improve their understanding of child abuse; their ability to prevent placement in foster care when possible; and their ability to reunify families after foster care placement. This funding also supports strategies to coordinate information and services across systems, as well as systematic efforts to reduce the length of time children spend in the system.

Tribal and Alaska VOCA Programs (\$14.3 million):

OJJDP awarded more than \$7.2 million to the National Children’s Alliance to support the **American Indian and Alaska Native Subgrant Program**. This program will support the expansion of new satellite CACs through the provision of subgrants to existing CACs in Alaska, and to tribes (or existing CACs serving tribes) interested in establishing a satellite CAC in the lower 48 states.

Another \$4.8 million was awarded to eight organizations through the **Alaska Children’s Advocacy Center Expansion Initiative for Child Abuse Victims** to support programmatic enhancements for existing Alaska-based CACs to increase the range and quality of services as well as specific infrastructure needs. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Alaska	Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government	\$600,000
Alaska	Catholic Community Service, Inc.	\$600,000
Alaska	Kawerak, Inc.	\$600,000

Alaska	Providence Health & Services – Washington	\$600,000
Alaska	Resource Center for Parents and Children	\$600,000
Alaska	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	\$600,000
Alaska	The Children's Place	\$600,000
Alaska	Tundra Women's Coalition	\$600,000

Under the **Training and Technical Assistance to Expand Children's Advocacy Centers Serving American Indian/Alaska Native Communities** program, OJJDP awarded \$1 million to the University of Montana to improve the capacity of child abuse professionals and promote the effective delivery of the evidence-informed CACs model and the multidisciplinary response to child abuse across American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

OJJDP awarded \$750,000 to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma via the **Tribal Children's Advocacy Center Expansion Initiative for Child Abuse Victims** program to improve the capacity of child abuse professionals and promote the effective delivery of the evidence-informed CAC model and the multidisciplinary response to child abuse in tribal communities.

OJJDP awarded \$500,000 to the **Alaska Children's Alliance** (State Chapter) to enhance and expand the coordinated multidisciplinary investigation and prosecution of child abuse in Alaska through targeted training and technical assistance.

Office for Victims of Crime (\$28.5 million)

The Office for Victims of Crime awarded nearly \$15 million to fund various programs in support of treating child and youth human trafficking victims, including funding victim services.

The **Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking** program awarded over \$4 million to four recipients to integrate human trafficking policy and programming at the state or tribal level. This program will also enhance coordinated, multidisciplinary and statewide approaches, as well as at-risk populations, to improve outcomes for children and youth who are victims of human trafficking. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	\$1,500,000
Ohio	Office of Criminal Justice Services	\$987,926
Kentucky	Kentucky Cabinet for Health Family Services	\$1,000,000
New Mexico	New Mexico Office of the Attorney General	\$801,817

The **Services for Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking** program awarded nearly \$7 million to four organizations to develop, expand, and strengthen assistance programs for minor victims of sex trafficking. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	County of Alameda	\$2,000,000
Florida	Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office	\$1,864,776

New York	Suffolk County Probation	\$1,318,924
Virginia	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice	\$1,684,000

The **Services for Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking** program awarded nearly \$2 million to three organizations to develop, expand, or strengthen victim service programs for victims of labor trafficking whose victimization occurred when they were under the age of 18. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
California	International Rescue Committee	\$666,667
District of Columbia	Ayuda	\$666,667
Ohio	Advocating Opportunity, Inc.	\$664,932

The **Preventing Trafficking of Girls** program awarded almost \$2 million to four organizations, including a technical assistance provider to support prevention and early intervention services, including mentoring and other direct support services for girls who are at risk of or are victims of sex trafficking. Recipients include the following:

State	Awardee	Amount Awarded
Connecticut	Love146, Inc.	\$400,000
Pennsylvania	Gwen's Girls	\$400,000
Florida	World Literacy Crusade of Florida, Inc.	\$400,000
Pennsylvania	Youth Collaboratory, Inc.	\$600,000

Enhancing Community Responses to America's Drug Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims (\$13.5 million)

The **Enhancing Community Responses to America's Drug Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims** program awarded nearly \$12 million to 17 organizations under to support direct services to children and youth who are crime victims as a result of the nation's addiction crisis; and nearly \$1.5 million to one organization to support training and technical assistance for the direct services grantees.

State	Awardee	Amount
American Samoa	Empowering Pacific Island Communities	\$700,000
California	Los Angeles Alcohol and Drug Programs	\$700,000
Florida	Gang Alternative, Inc.	\$700,000
Indiana	Indiana State Department of Health	\$699,999
Kentucky	Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc.	\$700,000
Kentucky	Volunteers of America Mid-States	\$700,000
Maryland	JBS International, Inc.	\$1,499,960
Michigan	Easter Seals, Michigan, Inc.	\$699,997
New Mexico	New Mexico Kids Matter, Inc.	\$675,436

State	Awardee	Amount
New York	BestSelf Behavioral Health	\$700,000
New York	Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk	\$700,000
New York	Richmond County District Attorney	\$700,000
North Carolina	Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence Sexual Assault	\$700,000
North Carolina	Kellin Foundation	\$699,994
New Jersey	Center for Family Services, Inc.	\$700,000
Ohio	Butler County of Ohio	\$700,000
West Virginia	Legal Aide of West Virginia	\$638,975
Wisconsin	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	\$700,000

In addition, OVC will award \$250,000 continuation funding to the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma Tribe to provide services to Tribal children and youth who are victimized as the result of the opioid crisis.

Additional information about FY 2020 grant awards made by OJP 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 and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components is located at www.ojp.gov.

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