



T-VSTTA

OVC TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICE PROVIDERS *DEVELOPING A LOCAL NETWORK*

Overview

Service providers offer critical support to victims of human trafficking. By engaging with one another, human trafficking service provider (HTSP) networks broaden and elevate the services available to victims of all forms of human trafficking. HTSP networks—

- Increase efficiencies to provide complementary victim services.
- Build capacity by linking clients to services not available from the host organization.
- Provide a source of referrals from other victim service providers.
- Offer opportunities for collaboration in training, advocacy, and fundraising.

Networks come in all sizes, ranging greatly in their operations and level of participation. Building a local network can increase information sharing and offer the most complete set of services to all victims of human trafficking.

National, State, Tribal, and Community Networks

National networks, such as [Freedom Network USA](#) and the [National Center for Victims of Crime](#), connect state coalitions and direct service organizations. These nationwide connections facilitate ongoing information about human trafficking victims, services, trends, challenges, and issues. State, regional, and Tribal networks complement national networks. State and Tribal networks often provide advocacy and training, share information, make client referrals, and advocate on policy issues.

Community HTSP networks often provide general information on an organization like location and primary service population. HTSP networks may also include a description of an organization's service offerings or contact information for answering intake criteria and requirement questions. HTSP networks can facilitate member collaboration and coordination of services to encourage access to needed services, provide advocacy and training, and engage in activities to support local networks.

The Victim Assistance Network in Washington, D.C.

The [Victim Assistance Network](#) in Washington, D.C. is a local collaboration of victim service providers and includes multi-disciplinary membership and victimization specific services. Networked members include mental health providers, legal services, medical health providers, and specialists in the delivery of specific victim services such as human trafficking. The Victim Assistance Network ensures efficient, victim-centered, and best-practices informed continuum of victim services in the District of Columbia.

Building a Local Network

To build a local HTSP network, contact community, state, regional, and national organizations. Below are suggestions of where and how to get started—

- Join a national HTSP network to stay current on service trends and best practices.
- Search online for state-specific or regional task forces, victim assistance networks, councils, coalitions, or organizations to access state resources and local networks.
- Contact local providers that may be identified from national and state HTSP listings.
- Use data from local law enforcement, non-governmental organizations, and the state Attorney General's Office to identify service providers and service offerings.
- Conduct outreach to start information sharing and create network member guidelines, management structure, and operations.

Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance (T-VSTTA) is a capacity-building program providing tailored, hands-on training and technical assistance to victim service providers in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. With over 100 years of combined experience in victim services, the T-VSTTA team meets you where you are, working together to build on the resilience within your community.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) funds the T-VSTTA program, which is available at no cost for grantees and potential grantees.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Email or call to request training and technical assistance. A member of the T-VSTTA team will respond promptly.

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