



T-VSTTA

OVC TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Overview

A comprehensive response includes victim-centered services intended to meet the safety, security, and healing needs of human trafficking victims. Assisting victims with achieving self-sufficiency and independence is the ultimate goal. These services can either be provided in-house or through coordination with other providers. All services should be delivered in a trauma-informed and culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

Case Management

Case management ensures victims are supported in accessing services available to them across multiple systems. It also facilitates the provision of these services after conducting an assessment of the client needs, determining program eligibility, and developing an individualized service plan tailored to meet the unique needs of each victim. Case managers can provide an overview of the services available in a specific community and offer realistic expectations to victims. Victims ought to be given options to choose the support they need and want in order to work through the impact of the trauma.

Other Services

A true holistic approach includes other services often needed by victims of human trafficking. While not available in all communities or Tribal Nations, the services listed below are a comprehensive “wish list” to help victims achieve increased self-sufficiency and feel a greater sense of safety and personal well-being.



A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE APPROACH

Physical and Mental Needs

Behavioral health, including substance abuse treatment; mental disorders; spiritual, identity, and recovery support.

Dental care.

Medical care.

Mental health treatment, including group and/or individual counseling.

Safety planning.

Shelter and sustenance, including a variety of emergency and transitional housing options.

Legal and Interpretation

Criminal justice advocacy, including going with victims to court proceedings, helping with victim impact statements, and applying for crime victim compensation.

Interpreter and/or translator services, ensuring privacy to the victim by selecting an interpreter who is not known by the victim.

Legal services may comprise general victim advocacy and explanation of victims' rights and comprehensive legal resources to address the civil issues that may arise as a result of the victimization; services may include immigration, family law, identity theft, labor laws, fraud, and other civil matters.

Skills and Education

Employment and job training assistance.

Life skills training, including managing personal finances, parenting classes, and other programs that help clients achieve self-sufficiency.

Literacy education services, including GED, ESL, or technical training.

Transportation.

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.



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