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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
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Dear Governor Hogan, Speaker Busch and President Miller:

As required by Chapter 91 of 2015, please find enclosed the report of the Workgroup to Study the Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking.

The despicable crime of human trafficking strikes at the heart of our communities. I applaud your leadership in efforts to combat this evil crime, and thank Governor Hogan for appointing me as Chair of the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking.

Over the past two months, the Workgroup has worked tirelessly to develop a set of recommendations that strive to restore survivors of human trafficking and help bring traffickers to justice. The Workgroup consisted of a dedicated group of anti-human trafficking advocates with a diverse range of knowledge and expertise who tackled many complex issues, guided by the goal of better serving youth victims of human trafficking.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support.

Sincerely,

  
John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State

Chair, Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking

## Executive Summary

Chapter 91 of 2015 established the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking and tasked the Workgroup with studying legal protections and the provision of services for youth victims of human trafficking. The Workgroup's 23 members met five times over the course of two months to discuss and develop recommendations to restore victims and bring traffickers to justice.

As a result of those conversations, the Workgroup developed the following recommendations:

- 1) Provide immunity for youth age 17 and under who are charged with prostitution or prostitution related charges with immediate referral to services.**
- 2) Establish statewide protocols for dealing with missing or runaway children.**
- 3) The Department of Juvenile Services should expand the use of its risk assessment tool to all community and detention locations within the State, provided services are available to support identified victims.**
- 4) Require human trafficking awareness training for all entry level law enforcement, followed up by mandated in-service training.**
- 5) Identify and apply for appropriate federal funding streams to support funding priorities.**
- 6) Separate solicitation for prostitution out of § 11-306 of the Criminal Law Article and increase fine for solicitation for prostitution.**
- 7) Amend § 19-103 of the Business Regulation Article to include adult entertainment establishments as entities required to post National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information signs.**
- 8) Strengthen protections for those human trafficking victims solicited on the Internet**
- 9) Expand the definition of child abuse to include sex trafficking.**
- 10) Form a work group of appropriate state agencies and non-governmental organizations to design and implement a three year plan to develop a victim-centered, statewide response for youth victims of human trafficking.**

Maryland's position between several East Coast metropolitan areas and the presence of major interstate highways through the State has made Maryland a hot spot as both a pass through and destination for human traffickers. In 2014, the Victims Services Committee of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force found "396 survivors of human trafficking" in Maryland, 124 of whom were trafficked as children (175 did not report age).<sup>1</sup>

Across the nation, states are grappling with how to best serve victims of human trafficking, particularly youth victims. A growing numbers of states are treating youth victims of human trafficking as victims, rather than juvenile delinquents. Traditionally dealt with through the criminal justice system, youth victims of human trafficking are now being diverted to access services and resources in the community.

To study this issue, the Maryland General Assembly passed, and Governor Hogan signed into law, Chapter 91 of 2015 to establish the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking. The legislation tasked the Workgroup with studying legal protections and the provision of services for youth victims of human trafficking.

The Workgroup's charge, as stated in the legislation, was to:

- compile existing information on and identify the needs of youth victims of human trafficking and identify the public and private sector programs and resources currently available to meet those needs;
- identify gaps in public and private sector programs and resources currently available to meet the needs of youth victims of human trafficking;
- collect and compile data on the number of youth victims of human trafficking in the state, including the number of youth victims in each jurisdiction of the state;
- evaluate current Maryland safe harbor policies and legal protections for youth victims of human trafficking; and
- make recommendations regarding:
  - legislation and policy initiatives to address the provision of services and legal protections for youth victims of human trafficking in the State;
  - the collection of data to identify youth victims of human trafficking in the State;
  - funding requirements and budgetary priorities to address the needs of human trafficking in the State; and
  - any other relevant issues or considerations identified by the Workgroup.

Workgroup members gathered five times between September 17, 2015, and November 16, 2015, across the State of Maryland not only to deliberate on recommendations, but also to hear testimony from regional stakeholders with expertise or personal experiences. Meetings were held in Annapolis, Silver Spring, Easton, Hagerstown and Largo.

To accomplish its work, the Workgroup divided into three subcommittees with separate areas of study based on the requirements of the legislation: (1) Compile existing information on needs and identifying resources; (2) Identify gaps in public and private sector programs and resources; (3) Evaluate current safe harbor policies and legal protection for youth victims of human

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mdhumantrafficking.org/reports/>

trafficking. Subcommittees met to develop recommendations and then reported back to full Workgroup for deliberation.

### Workgroup members

- Secretary of State John C. Wobensmith, Chairman
- Senator Susan Lee
- Delegate Marice Morales
- Andrea Garvey, Maryland Department of Human Resources
- Doug Mohler, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
- Michael Ford, Maryland State Department of Education
- Christi Megna, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Lt. Matthew Kail, Maryland State Police
- Melanie Shapiro, Office of the Public Defender Juvenile Division
- Asha Reynolds, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Patricia Arriaza, Governor's Office for Children
- Thomas Stack, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
- Steve Kroll, Esquire, Maryland State's Attorneys' Association
- Detective David Blackburn, Baltimore County Police Department
- Melissa Snow, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Amanda Rodriguez, TurnAround, Inc.
- Mona Long, Maryland State Education Association
- Amelia Rubenstein, Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
- Cpl. Chris Heid, Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
- Christine Raino, Shared Hope International
- Benjamin Moser, Ayuda
- Nicole Lee, Survivor
- Tina Frundt, Survivor

### Workgroup observations

Through testimony, research and discussion, Workgroup members examined the following areas outlined by the legislation.

#### **(1) Compile existing information on and identify the needs of youth victims of human trafficking and identify the public and private-sector programs and resources currently available to meet those needs**

Children traumatized by sex trafficking need and deserve a prompt and streamlined response that provides informed, culturally-appropriate and trauma-informed crisis assistance, emergency response, immediate coverage of basic needs, assessment and placement into care.

The provision of specialized services for survivors of child sex trafficking is limited to a handful of metropolitan locations across the State. This causes fragmented services and revictimization for survivors. Promising practices in Maryland have revealed that aligning a victim services advocate with the child immediately upon identification can assist with long-term success including reduction of flight risk, increased rapport, increased success with investigation and

prosecution and appropriate access to services for victims. Where possible, these practices should be replicated.

In Maryland, non-governmental organizations currently serve child victims of sex trafficking in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County and Prince George's County. There is an organization located in Washington, DC that serves children from Montgomery County. The Department of Human Resources has identified the following two 24-7 programs equipped with diagnostic centers and residential programs throughout the state to receive trafficking victims: (1) Arrow Project and (2) The Children's Home. Both of these programs have been working with victims of human sex trafficking in their diagnostic units and group home program. There are several Child Advocacy Centers in Maryland that work with Child Protective Services to provide short term care and to refer to service providers.

Because recovery from the victimization of sex trafficking is not a quick fix, long term care options, although they can be costly, must be available for victims of sex trafficking and their families.

The 2015 Resource Directory, compiled by the Victims Services Committee of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, lists the organizations and agencies actively involved in either victim services or public awareness activities to address human trafficking in Maryland. It is publicly available on the Maryland Community Services Locator at [www.MDSCL.org](http://www.MDSCL.org). See Appendix A.

## **(2) Identify gaps in public and private-sector programs and resources currently available to meet the needs of youth victims of human trafficking**

Most of the services available for youth victims of human trafficking in Maryland are located in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas. Very few services are available on the Eastern Shore and in Western Maryland. A lack of available bed space continues to be a problem in Maryland, and there are currently no beds in Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

The Workgroup identified as a gap the issue of confidentiality when exchanging information about juveniles who may be victims of human trafficking.

## **(3) Collect and compile data on the number of youth victims of human trafficking in the State, including the number of youth victims in each jurisdiction of the State**

There are no current methods available to accurately, consistently and uniformly collect data on youth victims of human trafficking across Maryland. Multiple agencies in the State track the number of victims they come in contact with, but there is no central repository for such information. Additionally, the numerous entities identify and define human trafficking differently, resulting in data disparities. For example, a law enforcement unit from a particular jurisdiction reported only one youth human trafficking victim in that jurisdiction from 2013 to present, but Children's Protective Services in the same location reported 15 cases.

Additionally, law enforcement in each jurisdiction has distinct way of collecting data and reporting it to the Maryland State Police. On January 1, 2013, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program began collecting data regarding human trafficking as mandated by the federal William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008. Now, law enforcement agencies participating in the Program can submit offense and arrest data for human

trafficking in two new categories—commercial sex acts and involuntary servitude. The Program defines human trafficking/commercial sex acts as “inducing a person by force, fraud, or coercion to participate in commercial sex acts, or in which the person induced to perform such act(s) has not attained 18 years of age.” Human trafficking/involuntary servitude is defined as “the obtaining of a person(s) through recruitment, harboring, transportation, or provision, and subjecting such persons by force, fraud, or coercion into involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery (not to include commercial sex acts).” In addition to adding these offenses, the UCR Program made distinctions between assisting or promoting prostitution, purchasing prostitution, and prostitution as required by the Act.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014, the Maryland Statewide Uniform Crime Reporting Program was unable to accept the new information on human trafficking. Maryland needed to make necessary changes to the old system to accommodate the new additions to the reporting guidelines. On January 1, 2015, the Maryland Statewide Uniform Crime Reporting Program started collecting human trafficking data.

Additionally, the Maryland State Department of Education has started a Human Trafficking Awareness Pilot which will collect data of those youth to be considered involved in trafficking. These numbers could prove vital to Maryland’s efforts of determining where, when, and how traffickers are targeting children and could also increase law enforcements response to preventing future incidents.

#### **(4) Evaluate current State safe harbor policies and legal protections for youth of human trafficking**

In Maryland, there is no legal immunity for a child found to be involved in prostitution or prostitution related activities. Although a person under the age of 18 who has been induced to perform a commercial sex act is a victim of a severe form of human trafficking under federal law, such individuals can still be arrested and entered into the criminal justice system by Maryland authorities. In several jurisdictions, it is a common practice not to charge minors with prostitution or prostitution related offenses. Ultimately, it is up to the discretion of the officer whether or not to charge a minor.

Maryland Chapter 357 of 2015 provides that in a prosecution for a charge relating to prostitution under §11-306 of the Criminal Law Article, it is an affirmative defense of duress if the defendant committed the act as a result of being a victim of an act committed by another person in violation of the prohibition against human trafficking under federal law or §11-303 of the Criminal Law Article. A defendant is prohibited from asserting the affirmative defense unless the defendant notifies the State’s Attorney of the defendant’s intention to assert the defense at least 10 days prior to trial.

### **Recommendations**

The Workgroup was tasked with making recommendations regarding (1) legislation and policy initiatives to address the provision of services and legal protections for youth victims of human trafficking in the State; (2) the collection of data to identify youth victims of human trafficking in the State; (3) funding requirements and budgetary priorities to address the needs of youth victims

of human trafficking in the State; (4) any other relevant issues or considerations identified by the Workgroup.

**1) Provide immunity for youth age 17 and younger who are charged with prostitution or prostitution related charges with immediate referral to services**

States that have enacted safe harbor laws have done so in a variety of ways. Currently, all states that have made immunity part of their safe harbor legislation have made the age for immunity no higher than age 17.

The Workgroup engaged in a robust conversation on immunity for youth victims of sex trafficking throughout the meetings. Several members of the Workgroup were opposed to any type of immunity, citing concerns of a revolving door if there are no consequences for repeat offenders. Most members of the Workgroup supported immunity of some type for children 17 and younger. There were a couple of members of the workgroup that supported immunity up to the age of 25 or 26, citing research on brain development and the fact that some children do not age out of foster care until age 21.

Despite a difference of opinion on age, an overwhelming majority of Workgroup members agreed that all children must be referred to services upon identification.

Below are a few select states and their safe harbor policy:

**Immunity with services**

Connecticut (2010)

- Full immunity under 16
- Subject to full prosecution over 16
- Steer victims under 16 to services through State child welfare agency, Department of Children & Families
- Affirmative defense, regardless of age, for prostitution activities if coerced

**Services but no immunity**

Florida (2013)

- Treat children as dependent – in need of services
- Goal to reunite with families, if possible
- Sexually exploited included in definition of “child who is found to be dependent”
- Law enforcement takes child into custody and delivers to child welfare agency. Not protected from prosecution
- Safe house provided in secure, residential facility with provided services

**Immunity with placement**

Illinois (2010)

- Immunity from prosecution if under 18
- Placed in temporary custody
- Law enforcement officer to make immediate report to child welfare to begin investigation

Nebraska (2013)



- Immunity from prosecution under 18 for prostitution
- Law enforcement officer takes minor into custody
- Report to Health & Human Services
- Affirmative defense, regardless of age, if victim of human trafficking (sex or labor)

### **Immunity – services not automatic**

#### Minnesota (2011)

- Full immunity from prosecution if under 18
- No Wrong Door Implementation – provide services to sexually exploited youth
- Services include regional navigators, housing, training, etc.

#### Tennessee (2011)

- Full immunity from prosecution under 18 for prostitution
- Immunity extends to 18 year-old for adult or juvenile charges
- Minor released to guardian/parent and given Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline number
- Affirmative defense, regardless of age, if victim of human trafficking for prostitution offense

### **2) Establish statewide protocols for dealing with missing or runaway children**

There is a direct link between runaway children and vulnerability of being targeted by human traffickers. One in six endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in 2014 were likely sex trafficking victims. Data collected by the Maryland Center for Missing and Unidentified Persons for repeat runaway children, specifically children that ran away three or four times from July to September, found a total of 94 children were reported, with a total of more than 400 incidents of children running away. The youngest runaway was 12 years old and the oldest was 19 years old. There are approximately 12,000 reports of runaway children every year in Maryland. Focusing on repeat runaways could potentially lead to identifying additional youth victims of human trafficking.

To address this problem, law enforcement should put into place a procedure to have all chronic runaways (defined as three or more incidents) and children missing for more than 30 days screened for trafficking upon their return. Additionally, the sworn strength of the Maryland State Police should be increased by two additional troopers assigned to the Child Recovery Unit.

### **3) The Department of Juvenile Services should expand the use of its risk assessment tool to all community and detention locations within the State, provided services are available to support identified victims**

The Department of Juvenile Services officially implemented its Human Sex Trafficking risk assessment pilot program at Thomas J. S. Waxter Children’s Center in March 2012. The Human Sex Trafficking risk assessment tool was then implemented at the Noyes Children’s Center in December 2012. As of February 27, 2015, Juvenile Services had 2,219 juvenile admissions to these two designated female detention facilities. Of these 2,219 admissions, 73 youth ranging

from 14 to 19 years of age were confirmed as victims of human sex trafficking. All of the confirmed victims were referred to TurnAround, Inc., a domestic violence and sexual assault center in the Baltimore area, for individual and group services.

In March of 2014, the Department of Juvenile Services began screening all male admissions at the Charles H. Hickey School in Baltimore County and in November of 2015 at the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center. The Department has partnered with the TurnAround to provide services to any identified victim of human sex trafficking who is admitted to the Hickey School or the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center. Additionally, to ensure that possible victims are identified in the community, case management staff is required by Department policy to screen youth supervised in the community who present a concern for possible trafficking victimization. The Department is coordinating with victim service providers to account for the additional referrals as more youth are identified.

The Department of Juvenile Services should expand the use of its risk assessment tool to all community and detention locations within the State, provided that services are available to support identified victims.

**4) Require human trafficking awareness training for all entry level law enforcement, followed up by mandated in-service training**

Currently law enforcement training on human trafficking is fragmented across the State. Some police departments require officers to have human trafficking awareness training while some departments have no requirements at all. Basic curriculum for law enforcement training has already been developed by the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force. The Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission is responsible for enforcing training standards to all law enforcement officers in the State and should require human trafficking awareness training for all entry level law enforcement as well as require in-service training to ensure that all law enforcement officers in Maryland will be aware of human trafficking and know how to spot potential victims. There needs to be additional human trafficking training for first line supervisors, especially Patrol Sergeants, as well as management and executive officers. The first line supervisors are the key in any law enforcement agency as to proper reporting, documentation, and follow up of human trafficking incidents. This training should also include the new human trafficking Uniform Crime Reporting Program as to the proper classification and reporting of human trafficking that started in Maryland as of January 1, 2015.

There should be advanced human trafficking training for all Maryland School Resource Officers. It is also recommended that all educators (administrators, counselors, classroom teachers, para-professionals, bus drivers, security guards, health room staff, etc.) receive human trafficking awareness training. This shall include all public and private schools in Maryland. This would strengthen statewide prevention efforts and would help in producing more accurate numbers of potential trafficking incidents.

**5) Identify and apply for appropriate federal funding streams to support funding priorities**

In order to best provide services to youth victims of human trafficking, as well as appropriate training for law enforcement, Maryland should identify and apply for appropriate federal funding

opportunities to support anti-human trafficking initiatives to include law enforcement training, provision of victims services, and the work of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force.

**6) Separate solicitation for prostitution out of § 11-306 of the Criminal Law Article and increase fine for solicitation for prostitution**

Although the sexual solicitation of a minor is already a felony (§ 3-324 of the Criminal Law Article; penalty not to exceed 10 years, or a fine not to exceed \$25,000, or both), it is recommended that the fines be increased for solicitation for prostitution of adults (§ 11-306 of the Criminal Law Article; penalty not to exceed one year or a fine not to exceed \$500 or both). In order to target the proposed fine increase to solicitation, it is also recommended that § 11-306 of the Criminal Law Article be rewritten to remove “procure or solicit or offer to procure or solicit for prostitution or assignation” and make it an independent charge with a fine not to exceed \$1,000. Fines collected for these violations should be placed into a victim services fund for the provision of services to victims of human trafficking.

**7) Amend § 19-103 of the Business Regulation Article to include adult entertainment establishments as entities required to post National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information signs**

Effective October 1, 2012, bus stations and truck stops within Maryland are required by § 19-103 of the Business Regulation Article to post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information in restrooms. To increase reach and visibility of this information in high target areas, adult entertainment establishments should also be required to post information about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline. For example, Virginia state law requires any employer who operates an adult entertainment facility to post notice of the existence of a human trafficking hotline at the same location where other employee notices required by state or federal law are posted. Failure to do so carries a civil penalty of \$500. Across the country, 30 states require or encourage a human trafficking hotline number to be posted or promoted within the state. The locations where a hotline number must be posted vary by state.

**8) Strengthen protections for those human trafficking victims solicited on the Internet**

In recent years the Internet has become an increasingly popular place for traffickers to conduct their business. Traffickers surf social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter looking for potential victims to recruit. Currently, Sexual Solicitation of a Minor contains a provision that deals with using the internet or computer to solicit a minor (§ 3-234 of the Criminal Law Article).

There are several approaches to strengthening penalties for those that use the Internet to solicit victims.

In Washington State, Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A.40.100(4)(a) mandates a \$10,000 fee for “a person who is either convicted or given a deferred prosecution or who has entered into a statutory or nonstatutory diversion agreement as a result of an arrest for a violation of a trafficking crime . . . .” Pursuant to Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9.68A.106 (Additional fee assessment – Internet advertisement), traffickers convicted of an offense under Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9.68A.101 (Promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor—Penalty), will also be assessed a fine of \$5,000 “when the court finds that an internet advertisement in which the victim

of the crime was described or depicted was instrumental in facilitating the commission of the crime.” Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9.68A.106 defines an “internet advertisement” as, “[A] statement in electronic media that would be understood by a reasonable person to be an implicit or explicit offer for sexual contact or sexual intercourse, both as defined in chapter 9A.44 RCW, in exchange for something of value.” This year, Washington enacted Senate Bill 5215 to establish an account to fund task forces combating internet-facilitated crimes against children. S.B. 5215, 64th Leg., Reg. Sess. (Wash. 2015) (effective July 24, 2015).

Another approach, known as Alicia’s Law, has passed in a number of states making internet crimes against children investigations a priority. This legislation secures funding for Internet Crimes Against Children task forces through fines placed on criminal charges. In several states, special funds have been established through the fines. States that have enacted Alicia’s Law include:

**Kentucky** (2015) - Alicia's Law increases money flowing into the Kentucky State Police's Internet Crimes Against Children task force. The additional money will come from a \$10 court fee on all felonies and misdemeanors.

**Arizona** (2015) - Alicia's Law directs \$5 million of leftover state lottery funds to locate and prosecute people participating in the sexual exploitation of children.

**Hawaii** (2013) - Alicia's Law establishes an Internet Crimes Against Children fee for each felony or misdemeanor conviction, specifies order of priority for collection of fees, and creates an Internet Crimes Against Children special fund.

**Idaho** (2013) - Alicia's Law passed in Idaho giving \$2 million to the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children for stopping child exploitation and rescuing children, with \$1.6 million in ongoing funding.

**Texas** (2011) - Secures \$3 million in state funding to Internet Crimes Against Children task forces over the next two years. Alicia's Law also provides Internet Crimes Against Children officers special subpoena power to quickly obtain the suspects' information from Internet Service Providers.

**Virginia** (2008) – Virginia created new fines on felonies and misdemeanors to create a permanent, dedicated revenue source for Internet Crimes Against Children task forces.

**Tennessee** (2008) - Tennessee became the second state to appropriate funding to its Internet Crimes Against Children task force.

**California** (2007) - California became the first state to provide funding to its Internet Crimes Against Children task force. This early campaign led directly to the design of the Alicia's Law campaign.

#### **9) Expand the definition of child abuse to include sex trafficking**

Define sexual abuse to include sex trafficking regardless of whether the sexual abuse was committed by a parent, or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or

responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member. Currently, in order to investigate an allegation of alleged child sexual abuse with law enforcement and provide services to all alleged victim, a local department of social services must have evidence that the alleged perpetrator was the victim's parent, family or household member or caretaker. In sex trafficking cases, the relationship between the victim and trafficker is not usually that clear. In compliance with Federal law, the statutory amendment redefining child sexual abuse to include sex trafficking, regardless of the identity and role of the trafficker, would permit local departments to respond immediately to trafficking allegations, work with law enforcement, and provide services to victims.

**10) Form a work group of appropriate state agencies and non-governmental organizations to design and implement a three year plan to develop a victim-centered, statewide response for youth victims of human trafficking**

A full continuum of care is necessary in order to provide options to meet each survivor where they are in their placement needs. Maryland will implement a three year plan to develop a full continuum of care for survivors of human trafficking.

In developing this plan, the group shall consider the feasibility of various service provision methods including, but not limited to, the following items:

- i. Access to a diagnostic center based on their identification as a survivor of human trafficking
- ii. The establishment of a specialized therapeutic group home for survivors of child sex trafficking
- iii. The establishment of Therapeutic Foster Care families for child/youth survivors of human trafficking
- iv. Identification and generation of new funding resources to support existing community-based non-governmental organizations and to develop new long-term community-based victim service providers for survivors of human trafficking
- v. The establishment and implementation of a credentialing process for direct care providers and programs approved to treat survivors of sex trafficking
- vi. Potential use of Child Advocacy Centers as an entry point into services provided to victims of child sex trafficking
- vii. Establishment of regional navigators in multiples areas of the State to ensure that all victims receive the proper short term and long term service
- viii. Establishment of a statewide human trafficking position to oversee regional navigators, coordinate state wide training efforts, implement policies related to human trafficking and coordinate with the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
- ix. Identification of additional community organizations to assist the Department of Juvenile services after they have identified youth victims of human trafficking during their screening process

The proposed group should sunset after four years.

## 2015 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

The Victim Services Subcommittee of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) has compiled a comprehensive resource directory to assist state agencies, providers, and members of the public in serving victims of trafficking. This resource is available on the Maryland Community Services Locator website at [http://www.mdcsl.org/avjsc/csl\\_locators.asp](http://www.mdcsl.org/avjsc/csl_locators.asp) and on the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention's (GOCCP) website at <http://goccp.maryland.gov/victim/humantrafficking.php>.

The following directory is a list of organizations and agencies that are actively involved in either victim services or public awareness activities to address human trafficking in Maryland.

### *Araminta Freedom Initiative*

Name: Alicia McDowell, Executive Director

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Araminta's mission is to awaken, equip, and mobilize the Church and the community to end human trafficking of children in Maryland. To accomplish our mission, Araminta focuses on the following areas:

1. Prevention and Intervention Education Seminars: The seminars equip adults with the knowledge to recognize and respond to potential trafficking in the youth they serve. These seminars are done in community organizations and the school system.
2. Services for Survivors for Child Sex Trafficking: Araminta provides a mentor program for survivors, runs a list-serve of needs for survivors and provides volunteers for advocacy services.

Church and Community Awareness and Volunteer Mobilization: After being awakened to the issue of human trafficking through our awareness programs and opportunities, individuals may volunteer in anti-trafficking measures through the Awaken, Equip, Mobilize volunteer training program. Volunteers who successfully complete training can serve in many volunteer opportunities with the organization and partner agencies. Araminta also has several resources for church communities to engage their congregants, including our AWAKEN bible study course.

### *Ayuda*

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Ayuda is the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area's leading provider of multilingual legal and social assistance for low-income immigrants in the areas of human trafficking, immigration,

domestic violence, and family law. Ayuda's human trafficking program offers comprehensive case management and legal representation to any foreign-born persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex who reside in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Ayuda assists trafficking survivors to secure basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, access to medical and mental health services, and connecting to community resources.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Legal and social services for human trafficking survivors in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.
2. Immigration consultations (call for days/times/fees if any).
3. Community presentations and trainings for service providers and community members on human trafficking.

***Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.***

Name: Iona R. Rudisill, LGSW / Lead Forensic Interviewer

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Baltimore Child Abuse Center (BCAC) is a private non-profit 501(c)3 children's advocacy center. BCAC is the oldest children's advocacy center in Maryland, and a chartered, accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and the Maryland Children's Alliance. BCAC's mission is to provide all reported victims of child sexual abuse and assault in Baltimore and their non-offending caregivers with a multidisciplinary team response, forensic interviews, medical treatment, family advocacy, and referrals for mental health services in a supportive, child-friendly setting with a goal of preventing future abuse. All interviews are digitally recorded. BCAC operates an onsite medical clinic staffed by a pediatrician board certified in General Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics, who performs forensic medical exams for the children interviewed at BCAC. After-hours on-call forensic interviewers are available to provide services at area hospitals for acute cases of sexual abuse and assault, as well as for other investigations involving children. In 2011, BCAC began conducting forensic interviews and providing treatment referrals for child victims of sexual trafficking in collaboration with TurnAround's Anti-Trafficking Unit.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Forensic interviews by trained licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, or psychologist for children 17 years old and younger and upon request for adults.
2. After-hours, on-call services for acute sexual abuse and assault cases, as well as sexual trafficking cases in which forensic interviewers will respond to BCAC or an appropriate hospital to conduct the interview.

3. Medical examinations for non-acute cases.
4. Family advocate support services as needed, including making referrals and assisting with connection to mental health services for the child and family.
5. Mental health services including crisis counseling and treatment groups.
6. Community outreach including training and prevention.

### ***Catholic Charities of Baltimore, Esperanza Center Immigration Legal Services***

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The Esperanza Center, a program of Catholic Charities of Baltimore, provides comprehensive services to immigrants in the Baltimore region, including English as a Second Language, computer literacy and citizenship classes; primary medical care and dental services, and information and resource referrals. In addition to general immigration legal services at discounted fees, our Immigration Legal Services program provides free legal consults and representation to survivors of serious crimes, including sex and labor trafficking, as well as domestic violence and unaccompanied minors. These legal services involve humanitarian immigration remedies for U Visa, T Visa, and VAWA. Our office in Baltimore City serves all residents of the State of Maryland.

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The University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW) under the auspices of the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) and in collaboration with other vital collaborating partners, has received funding from the Children's Bureau to build internal capacity for addressing the issue of sex trafficking within the child welfare population. Initially we intend to implement the use of a screening tool which will be in alignment with current intake protocols for minors in our State. Drawing on past successes and lessons learned from local social services agencies and other partners, this initiative will spearhead efforts to develop a cohesive training plan that will be used by DHR in statewide staff educational opportunities. UMSSW will build upon relationships with DHR, the Maryland Human



Trafficking Task Force, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as well as a statewide coalition of victim services providers to review past work and coordinate a more cohesive training response going forward. The 60-month project will build infrastructure capacity between state and local child welfare agencies and victim services providers to ensure that children and adolescents who have been trafficked or are at-risk for being trafficked have access to an array of comprehensive, high-quality services. UMSSW will serve as the lead agency responsible for project management and the evaluation.

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The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) is an agency within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services that provides financial assistance in the aftermath of criminal victimization. CICB has a victim services coordinator to assist victims with the process or with additional resources when appropriate. Compensation may be provided to any crime victim suffering physical or certain psychological injuries resulting from a criminal act perpetrated in the state of Maryland and reported to the authorities. Application must be made within three years from the date of the victimization. For qualifying claimants, compensation may be provided for medical or dental expenses, lost wages, loss of support, counseling, disability, or crime scene clean-up. Statutory monetary caps apply. Certain documentation may be required.

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FAIR Girls (formerly FAIR Fund) prevents the exploitation of youth worldwide with empowerment and education. Through prevention education, compassionate care, and survivor inclusive advocacy, FAIR Girls creates opportunities for youth to become confident, happy, and healthy. FAIR stands for Free, Aware, Inspired, Restored – this is our ultimate hope for youth who participate in this program. FAIR Girls programs and services include:

1. Prevention Education. Tell Your Friends (TYF) is a four module, multimedia prevention education curriculum taught in middle and high school classrooms, after-school programs, youth shelters, and group homes. Using video, drawing, and song, the curriculum is an interactive, age-appropriate curriculum that defines human trafficking, identifies risk factors that teen girls and boys face in reference to human trafficking, discusses healthy and unhealthy relationships, draws links between intimate partner violence and human trafficking, and provides students with a citywide resource guide that may be used to contact FAIR Girls and community-based partners.
2. Direct Services. FAIR Girls provides crisis intervention, court advocacy, and comprehensive case management services to domestic and foreign-born sex and labor trafficked youth, who have been identified as a female between the age of 10 and 24.
3. Vida Home. FAIR Girls provides transitional housing for female survivors of human trafficking, ages 18 to 24. Survivors can stay up to 90 days, and are connected with intensive case management, therapeutic services, and life-skills workshops.

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The mission of the Office for Victim Assistance (OVA) is to ensure victims of crimes investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are afforded the opportunity to receive services and notifications as required by the law which will improve their ability to cope with the impact of the crime. Assistance is provided by the FBI's Victim Specialist, who can refer victims to other types of programs and services, such as emergency housing, counseling, medical assistance, support groups, and credit counseling.

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Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) investigates allegations of human trafficking of both foreign and United States born victims and works closely with other federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to further these investigations. HSI also maintains attaché offices in forty-seven countries which can be utilized to assist in the investigation of transnational criminal organizations involved in human trafficking. HSI recognizes that severe consequences of human trafficking continue even after the perpetrators have been arrested and held accountable. HSI's Victim Assistance Program helps coordinate services to help human trafficking victims, such as crisis intervention, counseling, and emotional support both during and after the investigative process.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Criminal investigations.
2. Victim advocacy/crises intervention/assistance.
3. Law enforcement certification and continued presence, when appropriate.
4. Human trafficking outreach and training for investigators and the community.
5. Human trafficking publications.

***International Rescue Committee***

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The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is an international non-profit organization working in forty-two countries offering help and hope to refugees and others uprooted by conflict and oppression. IRC also helps resettle refugees admitted into the United States through its Maryland offices in Baltimore and Silver Spring. IRC also assists foreign national victims of trafficking, asylees, Cuban and Haitian parolees, and special visa immigrant holders achieve self-sufficiency.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

<b>MDCSL is the first FREE, statewide interactive online directory developed to help people find nearly 9,000 services, including:</b>		
Adult Education Conflict Resolution/ Mediation Disability Services Family Assistance Food Assistance Programs Health Services	HIV/AIDS Resources Housing Programs Human Trafficking Programs Job Readiness/Employment Legal Assistance Mental Health Services	Public Internet Access Sites Public Schools Senior Citizen Resources Substance Abuse Services Support Groups Victim Services

1. IRC's services to foreign national victims of trafficking include comprehensive case management, employment services, referrals for health screenings, and federal program (food stamps and medical assistance).
2. IRC also works in partnership with Baltimore City Community College and Montgomery College to provide job training courses and English classes.

### ***Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault***

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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's (MCASA) mission is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and work to hold offenders accountable. MCASA works on the following areas that connect with anti-trafficking efforts in Maryland: public policy, education, community outreach, technical assistance, and legal services (see Sexual Assault Legal Institute).

### ***Maryland Community Services Locator***

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The Maryland Community Services Locator ([www.mdcsl.org](http://www.mdcsl.org)) was developed with funding from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) by the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) at the University of Maryland, College Park. It is a free tool for connecting people to the community services they need. The locator includes contact information, maps, directions, and other details for approximately 9,000 social service, health service and criminal justice programs across the State of Maryland. Victim services can be searched on the site and include listings for all known human trafficking programs available to Maryland residents.

### ***Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center***

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The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center is a non-profit organization that provides an array of services for clients, from referrals to legal representation, free of charges.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Legal services.
2. Court accompaniment.
3. Referrals.
4. Therapy services.
5. Assistance with crime victims' rights.
6. Identity theft counseling.

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The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Mental Hygiene Administration oversees the Public Mental Health System (PMHS) by planning, setting policy, and allocating resources. To ensure Marylanders receive appropriate treatment, the Administration provides mental health services in the community through core service agencies, and through state institutions. Through a partnership with the Victims Services Committee, referrals for mental health treatment will be prioritized and coverage for individuals will be provided as uninsured until they are able to access Medicaid. Those referred will be eligible for services in the PMHS based on meeting medical necessity.

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The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) has partnered with TurnAround, Inc. to implement a screening tool to flag youth within detention who are at high-risk for sex trafficking or currently being exploited. Survivors of sex trafficking within DJS are connected to specialized services provided by TurnAround within detention. Additionally, an individualized and ongoing service plan is established for youth who return to the community including case management, shelter, groups, safety planning, advocacy, and therapy.

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Maryland Legal Aid is a statewide, non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal services to low-income residents of Maryland from 13 offices, serving every county in the state and Baltimore City. Maryland Legal Aid primarily provides information, advice, and representation in the areas of family, consumer, housing, and government benefits law (e.g., social security, medical assistance, food stamps, unemployment, and disability), as well as employment and education law. Maryland Legal Aid also represents children in the foster care system in 12 jurisdictions throughout the state and maintains a migrant farmworker project which represents workers in Maryland and Delaware, an elder law project, foreclosure prevention project, and legal hotline. Due to current federal funding restrictions, Maryland Legal Aid cannot represent undocumented individuals unless they are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking. All clients are required to go through an intake process to determine if they are eligible for services.

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The Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office makes it a priority to combat human trafficking. The U.S. Attorney's Office's goal is to work with state, federal, and private agencies to discover and rescue victims of human trafficking while identifying and prosecuting offenders.

MHTTF was formed in 2007 by the Attorney General of Maryland, the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, and is chaired by five committees. The task force aims to create a heightened law enforcement and victim service presence in the community. MHTTF law enforcement efforts include establishing roving operations to identify victims and traffickers, deputizing local law enforcement to assist in federal human trafficking investigations, and providing training for law enforcement officers. MHTTF also seeks to deter human trafficking through outreach to persons who might be victimized by traffickers.

### ***National Center for Missing and Exploited Children***

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Established in 1984, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) is the leading non-profit organization in the U.S. working with law enforcement, families, and the professionals who serve them on issues related to missing and sexually exploited children. As part of its Congressional authorization, NCMEC has created a unique public and private partnership to build a coordinated, national response to the problem of missing and sexually exploited children, establish a missing children hotline and serve as the national clearinghouse for information related to these issues.

NCMEC plays a vital role in the Innocence Lost National Initiative by being a clearinghouse for information obtained from the public and Electronic Service Providers about children being exploited through sex trafficking; providing analytical and technical assistance services to law enforcement investigating these cases; and dedicating case management support for missing children victimized through sex trafficking. NCMEC operates the CyberTipline, which receives leads and tips regarding suspected crimes of sexual exploitation committed against children. This includes exploitation of a child by traffickers, children being sold for sex online, and other forms of child sexual exploitation. Child Sex Trafficking Team analysts working on these reports support law enforcement agencies that are working to identify and recover children in the United States who have been victimized through sex trafficking. Case management teams within NCMEC's Critical and Runaway Unit provide technical assistance to law enforcement and provide support to the missing child's family.

To report a missing child or request assistance with a case involving child sex trafficking please call 1.800.THE.LOST or if you have information regarding possible online child sexual exploitation, please make a report at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

### ***National Human Trafficking Resource Center – Polaris Project***

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The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) works to improve the national response to protect victims of human trafficking in the United States. NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls, texts, and emails, from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. The NHTRC takes reports of potential cases of human trafficking, connects callers with anti-trafficking resources in their area, and provides training, technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. Contact the NHTRC to report a tip; to connect with anti-trafficking resources in your area; or to request training and technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. The NHTRC is operated by Polaris Project and funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and other supporters.

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Safe House of Hope’s mission is to help victims of sex trafficking become an active part of a healthy community through education and training, and to provide support for the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of these victims. Safe House of Hope operates a drop-in center that provides victims with the space to be connected with resources, services, and basic needs. Medical care is provided by Healthcare for the Homeless. Safe House of Hope conducts street outreach in Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, The Block, and other Baltimore City and Baltimore County locations several times a week and provides a 24/7 Talk/Help Line to help clients connect.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Trauma therapy and small group workshops.
2. Drop-in space for women to interact with other women who have had similar problems and trauma.
3. Provide a healthy breakfast and/or lunch, and take a bagged lunch home for clients.
4. Provide free clothing, hygiene products, coats, and household items.
5. GED and work training.
6. Client advocates work in groups and in one-on-one settings to meet the clients’ current needs and strive to empower them to make and attain new goals.
7. Free medical care at drop-in on Thursdays (call first to insure HCH is in).
8. Housing and set-up help.
9. 24/7 Response Team.
10. Trafficking Education & Prevention Classes on- and off-site.
11. Prevention school education classes and prevention parenting classes.
12. A four-bedroom apartment used for Emergency Housing.

***Salvation Army of Central Maryland***

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The Salvation Army Central Maryland Command offers homeless shelter and feeding programs, boys and girls clubs, emergency assistance for food, eviction prevention, and energy assistance.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Emergency Food (410.783.2920)
2. Toys, clothing for children at Christmas (410.783.2920)
3. Available counseling conducted by “Pastoral Care of Salvation Army” (410.783.2920 ext. 1295)

## ***Sexual Assault Legal Institute***

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The Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) provides direct legal services for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and legal training and technical assistance for rape crisis centers and other professionals working with survivors. SALI is a statewide program and serves both children and adults. It is part of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA).

### ***Resources Available From Organization/Agency For Victims***

1. Legal services for survivors for any legal issue related to the sexual assault/abuse, including peace orders/protective orders, immigration (including U and T Visas), employment, education, civil rights, family law, crime victim rights, and other matters.
2. Training and technical assistance for programs working with survivors, including presentations on civil legal needs of sexual assault survivors, sexual crimes and victim rights in the criminal justice system, and legal issues for sexual crimes victims who are under 18.
3. Input into MCASA's public policy advocacy, including advocating before the Maryland General Assembly.

## ***Tahirih Justice Center***

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The Tahirih Justice Center works to protect immigrant women and girls from gender-based violence through legal services, advocacy, and public education programs. With an office located in Baltimore City, they provide free immigration legal services to women and girls who are foreign-born survivors of sex and labor trafficking and who reside throughout the state of Maryland. Tahirih is a subcontractor of the United States Committee on Immigrants and Refugees (USCRI) and able to assist pre-certified and certified victims on human trafficking with comprehensive case management and referral services.

## ***The Family Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute, HOPE Clinic***

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The Family Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute: Healing, Overcoming, Protecting, and Empowering (HOPE) Clinic provides treatment services for adolescents with trauma exposures which may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, community violence, sex trafficking, abandonment and/or neglect and are engaging in high risk behaviors primarily including; Substance Use, Non-Suicidal Self-Injury, and Elopement.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. Mental health evaluation.
2. Treatment services.

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The Women's Law Center was established in 1971 to promote justice and fairness for women. It advocates for the protection and expansion of women's legal rights through legal assistance to individuals and strategic initiatives to achieve systemic change.

*Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. The Trafficking Victims Post-Conviction Advocacy Project (TVPCAP) provides legal representation to survivors of sex trafficking seeking to vacate prostitution convictions arising from having been trafficked. The project is staffed by an Equal Justice Works fellow and services are available without regard for age, biological sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status. (*Contact: Jessica Emerson, Esquire via email at [admin@wlcmd.org](mailto:admin@wlcmd.org)*).
2. The Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI) assists foreign-born victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in obtaining legal status in the United States. (*Contact: Suzanne Bailey, Esquire / Project Director at 410.396.3294 or via email at: [sbailey@wlcmd.org](mailto:sbailey@wlcmd.org) and Denise Lopez Robinson, Legal Advocate at 410.396.3294 or via email at: [drobinson@wlcmd.org](mailto:drobenson@wlcmd.org)*).
3. The Protective Order Advocacy and Representation Project (POARP) assist victims in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Carroll County to obtain civil orders of protection against their abuser.
4. The Family Law Hotline provides basic information about Maryland family law to help callers understand their rights and legal options. The hotline is staffed by an attorney, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (1.800.845.8550)
5. The Employment Law Hotline answers questions from women and men about a wide range of employment law issues, including unpaid wages, sexual harassment, pay equity, etc. The Women's Law Center is especially interested in helping callers with problems that predominately impact women. The Hotline is staffed every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and the first Thursday of every month from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. (1-877-422-9500).

## ***TurnAround, Inc. – Anti-Trafficking Program***

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TurnAround's Anti-Trafficking Program is dedicated to empowering survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation with the tools and specialized services necessary to achieve healing and self-sufficiency. TurnAround provides trauma-informed comprehensive services from emergency response to ongoing support to survivors.

### *Resources Available From Organization/Agency for Victims*

1. 24/7 emergency and crisis response.
2. Intensive and ongoing case management.
3. Victim advocacy program.
4. Peer support groups.
5. Drop-in center support and services.
6. Individual, group, and family trauma-informed therapy.