

# OVC Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth

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## Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth

Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth is a demonstration project funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). OVC competitively selected two state-level demonstration sites, Montana, led by the Montana Board of Crime Control, and Virginia, led by the Virginia Department of Social Services, to bring together all of

the relevant systems and professionals to provide early identification, intervention, and treatment for child and youth victims and their families and caregivers. The goal of the state demonstration sites is to work strategically and collaboratively so that prevention and intervention services are determined by the needs of the family, and community and resources are

provided with holistic and coordinated intent. This approach will ensure every child entering these systems is screened for victimization; that children and their families are provided comprehensive and coordinated services to fully address their needs; and that practices and policies are established to sustain this approach long term.

## Montana Board of Crime Control

Montana's Mission is to improve the responses to child and youth victims and their families by providing consistent, coordinated, and collaborative responses that address the presenting issues and the full range of victim's needs.

To accomplish this mission, Montana is addressing the project objectives in the following ways:

**Objective 1:** Our stakeholder network consists of 20 state-level and community-based child serving system of

care representatives. This group provides feedback and guidance to encourage statewide project support and success.

**Objective 2:** Montana will conduct a series of community based focus groups and interviews in Tribal and non-Tribal communities. Data gathered from these events will inform a needs assessment survey that will be distributed statewide for a more complete picture. By gaining the perspectives of both the service providers and the

families that utilize the services we can better understand the gaps, barriers, and needs that should be addressed for more complete and effective care.

**Objective 3:** The analyses and assessments will inform a strategic plan for the implementation of sustainable policy and procedural practices. It is our goal to meet our mission using community based approaches grounded in the needs of Montana's service providers.

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## PARTNERS

### MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

- ◆ DEMONSTRATION SITE

### OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

- ◆ PROVIDES VISION, PROJECT DIRECTION, FUNDING, AND SITE SUPPORT

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

- ◆ PROVIDES TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATION AND PROVISION

### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

- ◆ PROVIDES OVERSIGHT OF PROJECT EVALUATION, TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, AND RESEARCH

### ICF INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ CONDUCTING A NATIONAL STUDY OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

## Want To Be A Pilot Site?!

We are beginning the search for sites to pilot the Montana Youth Prior Victimization and Trauma Screening Instrument in 2017. The pilot sites will help further the development of the instrument by providing the project team with information about the ease of use and the burden on those administering it, the appropriateness of the items on the instrument for identifying prior victimization and trauma, the intrusion on the youth and family, and the proper threshold scores to merit the need for in-depth assessment and referral for treatment.

Pilot community requirements include:

- ◆ Willingness to pilot the screening tool
- ◆ Adopted or are willing to adopt the consented referral system
- ◆ Have or are willing to build a community-based multi-disciplinary team
- ◆ Trauma informed or are willing to participate in trauma training

If you are interested in having the LSOC team present to your community leaders and service providers about the project please contact the Project Director, Nikki Camp.

## Upcoming:

During the next six months, the LSOC team will be working to complete phase one activities and move the project into phase two. This includes:

- ◆ Analyze Statewide Service Provider Needs Assessment Survey.
- ◆ Create a workgroup to assist in constructing a trauma informed, universal screening tool.
- ◆ Begin to gather data from the families of child and youth that have experience victimization, trauma, or have multi-systemic needs. This will be done either by survey and by interview.
- ◆ Begin a review of existing policy and procedure related to child and youth care in Montana. This review will inform feasible implementation and sustainable practices.
- ◆ Begin work with project partners to develop an implementation strategy.

## The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

The NCJFCJ's role as technical assistance provider is to work extensively with the demonstration sites to assist with establishing the network, designing and implementing the needs assessment, and developing the strategy.

As the technical assistance and training provider for the Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth Project, the NCJFCJ will provide technical assistance and training to improve state responses to child and youth victims, their families, and caregivers by:

Assisting the demonstration sites in developing a comprehensive network of stakeholders who, through multidisciplinary partnerships, balanced approaches, and data-driven strategies, strengthen participating states' ability to identify, intervene, and provide effective services to child and youth victims—in a coordinated manner, no matter the system they enter.

Provide participating states with tools, resources, and innovative assistance to engage multidisciplinary partners to conduct a statewide needs assessment.

Work with participating states to develop an implementation strategy based on the gap analysis/needs assessment. The strategy must include a systematic method to screen for victimization across systems/entities; establish protocols and procedures to ensure children and families receive appropriate services; outline plans to address service gaps and deliver staff training statewide; and contain plans to sustain these approaches beyond the grant period.

Develop materials that can assist other states in replication of