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Responses from California Human Trafficking Service Providers on the Impact of CAL OES Funding

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In 2014, the California State Legislature took an important first step in improving access to comprehensive services by approving a \$10 million, one-time funding request for organizations providing comprehensive direct services to victims of trafficking. In 2015, the California State Legislature established a Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund, to which it allocated another \$10 million one-time award. Through this funding allocation, California Governor Jerry Brown’s Office of Emergency Services (“Cal OES”) solicited funding proposals from human trafficking service providers for an allocation of funds for a 24-month grant period, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017. The top 11 scoring applications were funded for FY 2015-2016.

In Fall 2016, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) sent out a survey to the Cal OES human trafficking grant recipients inquiring about the impact of the new funding. The questions asked to service providers were as follows:

1. Location of services/service area
2. How did receiving the Cal OES funding impact your program?
3. What would the impact be on your program and the services you offer if this funding were terminated?
4. Can you provide us with one or two case examples (brief stories) of clients you have served through this funding?
5. Is there any additional information you would like to provide?

The following organizations provided answers to this survey, which are compiled in this document:

Organization	Location/Primary County Served
North County Lifeline	San Diego County
Stanislaus Family Justice Center Foundation	Stanislaus County
Stand Up Placer, Inc.	Placer County
Community Service Programs, Inc.	Orange County
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST)	Los Angeles County
WEAVE, Inc.	Sacramento County
Opening Doors, Inc.	Sacramento County
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission	Central Valley California, including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced and Tulare Counties
Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting and Servicing Sexually Exploited Youth, Inc. (MISSSEY)	Alameda County
Bay Area Healthy Living Support and Communication Platform (Bayheal)	San Francisco Bay Area

Service Provider: North County Lifeline, Inc.

Serves human trafficking survivors in: San Diego County

Impact of Cal OES funding:

“Receiving funding from Cal OES has enabled us to better collaborate with other victim services agencies within the county by identifying service providers within each of the regions that could be responsive to victims in that area, ensuring that all areas of the county are covered. Historically, victim services agencies throughout the county were often duplicating services or not engaging in active collaboration, which meant additional barriers for victim-survivors attempting to navigate our system of care. Cal OES funding has assisted us in increasing collaboration through multi-disciplinary team meetings with experts from various areas of expertise (legal, housing, survivor-led services, etc.) to better meet the immediate and long-term needs of victims-survivors. It has also helped us to increase our capacity for receiving/responding to hotline calls and participating in first response to victims to engage them in services. Through multi-disciplinary team meetings, experts from various areas of expertise are able to come together to consult on cases, discuss what’s working well within our system of care and what is not, and establish expectations among providers for providing quality care to victim-survivors. It also provides increased opportunities for training and professional development to ensure that all agencies within the collaborative are committed to trauma-informed, quality care.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“Collaboration may be significantly reduced among partnering agencies as the multi-disciplinary team meetings are a component of our project design and mandated to participating collaborative partners. There would be less capacity for hotline staff and first responders; subsequently, immediate response and victim engagement would suffer due to lack of support staff. Additionally, less time would be permitted on limited staff budgets to establish a county standard of care, as there may be less motivation by victim services agencies to participate in training opportunities and collaborative meetings.”

On the need for increased funding:

“Within San Diego County, there is a significant need for additional emergency housing, as there are few beds available to victims of trafficking. Subsequently, agencies are often forced to utilize hotels for shelter until housing can be secured which can take up to several days. Hotels present additional safety risk to victims and being turned away from emergency housing due to no vacancy or being turned away because they do not provide housing to trafficking victims leaves victims feeling hopeless and desperate and is not consistent with a trauma-informed philosophy. There is also a need for funding for 24 hour response to law enforcement and to the hotline calls. While we do have staff ready to deploy for 24 hour response, additional funding would ensure less chance of burn out for staff and reduce staff turnover.”

Survivor stories from San Diego County (names changed to protect privacy):

“Ana is a 27 year old international victim of domestic servitude. She was referred to us through a partnering agency. Ana was initially sold by her family for arranged marriage to a man in the United States. Once in the United States she was held captive by her husband and forced to work long hours cooking, cleaning and caring for the household. The household included another woman from another country that voluntarily married Ana’s husband and found herself subject to beatings and forced to participate in the same household duties as Ana. Both Ana and the other woman reported their situation to law enforcement and were rescued. Since Ana has come into services with North County Lifeline, intensive case management services have assisted her in obtaining transitional housing that is specific to female victims of human trafficking. North County Lifeline Case Manager has worked with

the survivor to obtain public benefits, is working toward obtaining her Visa and has been connected to a therapist for mental health services.

Jennifer is a 13 year old CSEC victim that was referred to North County Lifeline by an out of county child welfare services program for sexual molestation, sex trafficking and involvement in child pornography. She was placed in San Diego County with foster parents in an effort to ensure her safety from perpetrators in her home town. Currently, North County Lifeline case managers are working with Jennifer and her foster parents to assist with the transition into their home through helping Jennifer acclimate to her new family and home and assisting the parents with psychoeducation and parenting strategies. Case managers are assisting with linking Jennifer with counseling services and engaging in active collaboration with the out of county child welfare services.”

Service Provider: Stanislaus Family Justice Center

Serves human trafficking survivors in: Stanislaus County, as well as providing mobile assistance

Impact of Cal OES funding:

“This funding will provide victims with transportation, shelter, food, and other necessities. In addition, the funding supports staff and allows us to educate the community about human trafficking. Without this funding, we would be back at square one, trying to seek donations from the community to provide necessities for the victims.”

Survivor story from Stanislaus County:

“One victim, Connie, was married and had one daughter, but had separated and was living in Nevada. Her husband convinced her to come to Modesto to get back together. Upon arriving in Modesto, he started abusing her and manipulated her into a relationship with his cousin her sold her for sex. She was not aware that she was a trafficking victim. The specialized services grant for human trafficking victims allowed her to receive legal assistance for a restraining order, child custody and a pending divorce. She also received services, including shelter at a rehabilitation center for women who are addicted to drugs and their children, and receives intensive counseling and transportation at that center. At her court hearing, she will utilize the video conferencing system at the Family Justice Center.”

Service Provider: Stand Up Placer

Serves human trafficking survivors in: Placer County

Impact of Cal OES Funding:

“Stand Up Placer has served survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault since 1974. We also served survivors of human trafficking, but in a limited capacity, due to funding constraints. By receiving the [Cal OES] HV funding in April 2016, we were able to expand our existing programming and implement human trafficking-specific services to meet their unique needs. In order to provide extensive, trauma-informed, HV-specific services, our agency also hired additional staff, all of whom had prior experience working with human trafficking survivors. The funding has also allowed us to increase our outreach services, educating the community, spreading awareness and informing survivors of our available services.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“Losing the HV funding would drastically inhibit our ability to serve human trafficking survivors in Placer and surrounding counties. We are the only human trafficking specific service provider in our county. Since April of this year, we have already served 4x as many clients (over 40) than we assisted in all of 2015, before receiving the funds. Our agency has been able to provide over 3,000 services to survivors in need that we would be unable to serve otherwise. While the services we provided prior to receiving the grant are important, we have created an entire program around this population’s unique needs that we would have to eliminate upon losing the HV funding. Without the HV funding, we would not have the resources to serve nearly as many clients, meet their unique needs, employ experienced staff for HT, or conduct as much outreach in the community and to survivors directly.”

Survivor stories from Placer County (names changed to protect privacy):

1. “The HV funding has allowed us to routinely go on-scene with law enforcement while they conduct undercover sting operations to combat human trafficking. Staff was on-scene with law enforcement when a 17-year-old survivor, Alex, was recovered. Being on-scene provided our staff the opportunity to instantly establish rapport with her. Staff ensured that Alex was treated fairly and received trauma-informed care by all involved parties. After she was detained in our Juvenile Detention Facility, staff went up to see her. Staff continued to meet with Alex, providing her with emotional support, crisis intervention and advocacy services. Staff accompanied Alex to juvenile court and continued to provide her with services throughout the court process. The court ultimately decided to transfer her back to her county of residence, as she had been missing since April of 2016. Staff followed up with Alex even after she was transferred to a different Juvenile Detention Facility and provided her the contact information for local agencies providing similar services as ours. Alex continues to keep in contact with our staff.

Staff also uses these opportunities while being on-scene with law enforcement to provide training to LE. In this particular situation, staff explained that while the victim was combative and uncooperative, she was still a victim. Staff explained the intense psychological manipulation and coercion that takes place in these boyfriend-pimp relationships. It was important for us to explain that she was still a victim, even though she said that she did not have a pimp and that the guy who dropped her off was her boyfriend.

2. Alyssa came into our Sexual Exploitation Resource Center with her case manager to see what it was like. She had heard about the Center from one of her friends. Alyssa has been sex trafficked since the age of 11, when she ran away from home due to the abuse and neglect that she was experiencing. She is now 18. After arriving, she told staff that she had not eaten a warm meal in days and disclosed only having a few items of clothing. Alyssa picked out a meal and assisted staff with preparing it. She then selected some articles of clothing and undergarments for herself. Staff then sat down and had a conversation with Alyssa to get to know her better. Due to her kind and trusting nature and being that she is legally blind and developmentally delayed, she is even more vulnerable to being exploited. Alyssa's case worker was concerned that she was going to move back down south to live with her "boyfriend." Staff listened to the client and developed a rapport with her. Through conversations with Alyssa, staff learned that her glasses were both broken and the wrong prescription, that she had several branding cut marks that she would like covered up with a tattoo and that she had not been to a dentist in years. After Alyssa left, staff began working to meet her needs, including getting her new glasses, working with a local tattoo parlor to do some pro-bono ink for her and connecting with a local dentist office that agreed to clean/fix this client's teeth. Due to the relationship that staff was able to build with Alyssa, she has remained in contact with staff, continually comes into the resource center and has stayed in the area in a safe placement, as opposed to going back down south to be with her boyfriend (pimp). Our agency continues to meet Alyssa's needs and has enrolled her in therapy with our HT specialist, so that she can process the trauma she has endured, learn how to identify unhealthy relationships and begin to heal.

3. Ellen was referred to Stand Up Placer by one of our community partners. This client had escaped from her trafficker after experiencing physical and sexual abuse at the hand of her traffickers and the people she was forced to have sex with. She found the courage to escape her situation, but was left with a lack of resources, leaving her vulnerable to being exploited again. Ellen called our Crisis Line number to inquire about services and decided to pre-screen for our Safe House program. She entered our Safe House program within two days. During her stay, she accessed several of our other programs. She received weekly case management to establish goals, individual therapy, attended the domestic violence support groups, was assisted with food, clothing and transportation needs on multiple occasions and received advocacy services throughout her stay. While in Safe House, this client applied for our Rapid Re-housing program and was accepted. She was able to find the perfect apartment, but unfortunately, as a result of her trafficker ruining her credit, the property management was requiring her to pay a double deposit, of which she did not have all of the required funds for. After advocating on this client's behalf with CA Victim Compensation, this client was granted additional funds in order to cover the double deposit. While in this program, Stand Up Placer staff has continued to provide her services and wrap-around care. She meets with a case manager on a weekly basis, has attended our financial coaching class, domestic violence support groups and individual therapy sessions. By utilizing our programs and leaning on our agency for support, this client was able to find employment and re-enroll in school. Each month she heals a little more and becomes more self-sufficient."

Service provider: Community Service Programs, Inc.

Serves human trafficking victims in: Orange County

Impact of Cal OES Funding:

“We are able to dedicate and focus on the long term victims residing in Orange County, as well as providing wrap around services focused on trauma care support for victims involved with the criminal justice system. We are able to provide comprehensive victim services to victims of all forms of human trafficking: adults/minors, sex/labor, foreign nationals/US citizens. Without the Cal OES funding, we would have had to lay off a Victim Advocate, bringing the advocate team from 3 people to 2 people. Thanks to the Cal OES funding, we were able to not only avoid a lay off, but we were able to add to our advocate team. This was imperative, as the program provided services to 225 victims in calendar year 2015, meaning a caseload of 75 people per Advocate. Human Trafficking survivors often come to us with complex traumas, are transient, and have little to no support systems. The advocates on the team spend enormous amount of time with each client and 75 clients per advocate is way too high to provide the best quality of services. Equally as important, the program is 24-hours. This means that all 3 of the advocate (now 4 thanks to the Cal OES funding) are required to take an on-call shift one week out of each month. This creates an enormous amount of stress on the advocates time and mental health as we try to balance 24-hour response with only 4 people. We have been creative and work with a collaborative partner (included in the Cal OES funding as a subcontractor to us) and they take a shift each month to help relieve the burden on staff.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“A lost in funding would impact the ability to provide the wrap around comprehensive services that are in place for the human trafficking population. If the funding concludes after this funding cycle, we would once again be faced with layoffs of Victim Advocates. CSP is always proactive about seeking additional funding, but running a robust program such as human trafficking with a year to year funding plan is incredibly precarious! In Orange County, the proactive law enforcement investigative team is growing, and they anticipate creating 2 teams instead of the current 1. This means that the identified victims in Orange County could double. CSP needs a plan to grow our capacity, not be in a position where there will be less funding. This is a critical time in Orange County. Law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office have now joined the community to combat human trafficking and the victim serving providers need to be able to provide the services we have been claiming to be able to provide. The momentum is in our favor to identify more and more victims; it is imperative that we begin building our program to meet the anticipated growing need.”

Survivor story from Orange County (name changed to protect privacy):

“Ashley is a mother of five who was trying to make a living to feed her children. In desperation, she took to the streets, trying to exchange sex for money. After only a short time of trying this, Ashley was approached by a stranger, who told Ashley that she could help her get off the streets and make a better living. Ashley believed that this woman could help and finally agreed to wait for her at the pre-determined location. Unbeknownst to Ashley, the stranger was a bottom working with a pimp. As Ashley waited, alone the trafficker grabbed her off the street and locked her in a Motel for four days. Ashley was not able to escape nor call 911. She was forced into acts of commercial sex and all the money obtained was taken by the traffickers. In addition to the forced exploitation, Ashley was physically, sexually, and emotionally abused by the trafficker and the bottom. Ashley was identified by police in a "sting." The specialized service grant for human trafficking victims allowed Ashley

accompaniment to her law enforcement interview, where she was linked up to a victim advocate who walked her through the criminal justice system. Ashley received emergency shelter, intensive case management and court accompaniment to successfully lock one of her traffickers away. The trafficker was recently convicted and sentenced to 14 years to life.

Alicia was identified by law enforcement as a human trafficking victim as part of a homicide investigation in another county. The detective immediately referred her to a victim service provider, who contacted CSP when Alicia stated that she was staying with family in Orange County. Her traffickers are currently in custody and have been charged with murder, torture, human trafficking and other felony charges. CSP has provided Alicia with comprehensive services, including:

- obtaining a CA ID card and birth certificate
- transportation
- mental health services
- submitting a VCP application
- financial assistance for items not covered through VCP for daughter's memorial service
- court accompaniment and assistance with dismissal of prior prostitution charges
- ongoing emotional support

Alicia has an amazing support system made up of family, friends, service providers and community partners. Her next goal is to get her GED and get a job. She has demonstrated great resiliency and strength thus far, and is on her way to becoming self-sufficient.”

Service Provider: Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)

Serves human trafficking survivors in: Los Angeles County

Impact of Cal OES funding:

“For almost two years CAST ran a wait list for services of up to 96 trafficking survivors. After the funding received from CAL OES, CAST was able to fund two new case manager positions and an Attorney position. In October 2016, for the first time ever, CAST was able to clear its waitlist of survivors. This was due in part to the new CAL OES funding.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“As one of the largest service providers in the country for trafficking victims, CAST knows first-hand how difficult it is to raise comprehensive long-term funding for survivors of modern day slavery. Currently all of its federal grants to serve trafficking victims operate at a loss for CAST. CAST struggles daily to raise private funds to support these survivors. The CAL OES funding put in place the first funding source in the nation that recognizes the full cost of serving human trafficking survivors long-term and CAST believes that maintaining this funding structure is not only essential for California, but should serve as a model for the nation.”

Survivor stories from Los Angeles County (names changed to protect privacy):

1. Sarah is a double amputee. She was homeless and was offered protection by a stranger who took away her wheelchair then locked her inside a room for three days and sold her for sex. The specialized services grant for human trafficking victims allowed Sarah to receive legal counsel and accompaniment to her law enforcement interview, where her attorney helped the police understand she was not just a victim of sexual assault, but also sex trafficking. She also received emergency shelter and intensive case management.
2. Danny came to the United States when he was 36. Danny witnessed his stepfather’s murder by the mayor in the Philippines. He became part of a victim witness program in the Philippines because he cooperated with the police. The investigator on the case received death threats and his human rights lawyer was assassinated. Danny came to the United States to find work and escape danger.

Danny came to the United States through an agency which promised him 40 hours a week of work and a lot of money in tips with a reputable job working at the Hyatt. The placement fee was high \$3,250 and Danny had to borrow money for the plane ticket. When Danny arrived in the United States everything was different than promised. He was not allowed to leave his apartment. He also was threatened with immigration and deportation if he tried to leave. Danny only escaped from his trafficking through a friend’s assistance who help him find a different job in California. He contacted CAST for services because he met a former client of CAST. CAST assisted Danny in reporting to law enforcement and receiving a T-visa for himself and his family members.

Service Provider: WEAVE, Inc.

Serves human trafficking survivors in: Sacramento County

Impact of Cal OES funding:

“There has been a substantial growth in operations in response to human trafficking. This grant has allowed for collaboration, outreach, workshops and training of staff, as well as support to clients with bus passes, toiletries and hair products, journals and self-care tips and practical strategies for harm reduction for safety planning.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“Termination of funding would greatly impact the services we offer and hinder the growth of operations and the clients we serve. Because of this funding, we are gaining more referrals due to outreach and can provide more supportive programs and initiate more effective ways to benefit this growing population.”

Survivor story from Sacramento County:

“I received a referral for a client who was escaping trafficking after 40 years. I began working with her and knew there would be challenges in that she had been exposed to so many tragic things for so many years. My first initial contact with her, she explained that she had escaped from her trafficker in another city and came to Sacramento with only a bag and the clothes on her back. She stated that she had nowhere to go, but she just knew that she could not return back to her exploiter or that life. We first began explore different shelters. I was able to coordinate with my manager to get her Hotel stay for four days. After that I was able to advocate for her to get into the Salvation Army for a 30 day stay, but after just a few days, the environment and the atmosphere of the location became very triggering for her. At this time I decided to reach out to our Safehouse and see if they had space. I collaborated with the SH Lead to see if there were components of her situation that would qualify her, and she found it was. They conducted a screening with the client, and she was accepted into the SH.

When the client first arrived at the SH, she called me in tears. She was amazed at how beautiful, relaxing, and peaceful it was. She expressed to me that it had been a very long time since she had experienced being able to just lay her head in a safe place, and not having to do any of things she had been forced to do for so many years. This client has been very successful with looking for employment, getting permanent housing assistance, and finding spiritual ways to cope. She is a true success after so many years of trauma. This funding has allowed us to successfully support her goals and life skills to a more sustainable way of living. She has received shelter, legal services, extensive case management, bus vouchers and counseling. She is beyond a success; she is empowered and courageous beyond measure.”

Service Provider: Opening Doors, Inc.

Serves human trafficking survivors in: Sacramento County and six neighboring counties

Impact of Cal OES Funding:

- It allows us to provide services to nationals or green card holder as we were restricted to foreign born under our current federal funders
- It has extended our length of services from 9 months on average to up to two years
- We are able to support clients beyond 8 months with comprehensive case management if public benefits stopped after 8 months
- Client are able to receive legal services in different areas of the law including T or U visa applications, free of charge
- We were able to hire a FT case manager, contract with a licensed marriage and family therapist and provide appropriate emergency and transitional housing for our clients. Our FT case managers are able to devote the time needed to provide a very intensive level of case management during the emergency phase of our program.

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

- We would not be able to continue to fully meet the complex needs of clients we are serving. Our program is very comprehensive, which is only possible through this grant.
- We will no longer able to provide services to non-U.S. citizens or green card holders
- We will not be able to support clients after 9 months of services, which is critical as it takes usually 9 to 12 months for T visa and 2 years for U Visa to be granted
- Legal services will no longer be free, which are critical to victims

Survivor story from Sacramento County (name changed to protect privacy):

Amy was grief stricken after a personal loss. She met a man that payed attention to her and listened to what she had been through. A short time later, he took her to a different city and forced her to sell sex from a motel. After 4 days, she was able to get away and ask for help. The comprehensive services we offer allowed her to get counseling, accompaniment to legal appointments, support through a trial, and case management. This level of support has helped Amy start to move past the trauma of being trafficked.

Service Provider: Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission

Serves human trafficking victims in: Central Valley California, including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, and Tulare Counties

Impact of Cal OES Funding:

“During the first six months of implementation of the Cal OES funding, Fresno EOC Central Valley Against Human Trafficking (Fresno EOC CVAHT) and sub-awardees collectively provided comprehensive services to 191 primary and secondary victims of trafficking. Of those, 125 were identified as victims of sex-trafficking, 61 were identified as victims of forced labor, and 5 were identified as victims of both sex trafficking and forced labor. In addition to U.S. citizens, foreign national survivors originated from countries including: Belize, China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Indonesia, Laos, Mexico, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand. 31 clients were provided temporary safe shelter, 132 were provided with crisis counseling and/or ongoing in-person counseling services, and 22 individual legal services were provided. The funding has greatly increased capacity to provide comprehensive services including, legal advocacy, case management and shelter to victims identified through outreach, training and collaborative efforts through federal funding. Prior to Cal OES funding, Fresno EOC CVAHT was at maximum capacity and challenged to meet existing needs. Funding has enabled the hiring of an additional 7 case managers/advocates, two on-call trauma response staff, supervision and administrative support in the six counties in which the program operates.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“Since 2009, the project has grown to be the lead Anti- Human Trafficking Project in the region and the only service provider to offer comprehensive assistance to foreign national victims in addition to domestic victims. The funding ensures that victims and survivors of trafficking have access to services in each of the 6-counties served. Additionally, it targets rural communities by providing transportation and on-site advocacy that otherwise creates a significant barrier. A loss of funding would deny survivors in the process of reintegration and newly identified victims of trafficking, access to needed much needed support.”

Survivor stories from Central Valley California (name changed to protect privacy):

“Isabel (a minor) was pursued and groomed by a man more than twice her age. He promised her a better life rescuing her from an unstable family which involved alcoholic grandparents, sexual abuse and absent parents. While she felt unsure and pressured into the “marriage,” in her home country, this was common. Months later, Isabel found herself trapped in his home, forced to clean and cook for two families and provide sex without questions. She was not allowed to leave the property without being monitored and was verbally and physically assaulted. Later she discovered that the marriage was fraudulent. Eventually she gained the courage to flee the situation and made a long journey to the United States, where she was identified by our project as a victim of trafficking. Through Cal OES funding she is now receiving counseling, supportive services, case management, and legal advocacy, is free from her trafficker and beginning a new life.

Mario recently came to the United States as a seasonal worker on a temporary H2-A Visa. He never expected to be treated by his employer as less than human. He underwent constant verbal and psychological abuse by his trafficker, was denied access to basic health care, was given only a sack of flour and water to make tortillas on the work site, all where he was forced to both live and work long

hours without very little pay. His employer threatened to ensure he would never receive another work visa to enter the US if he fled. His trafficker eventually drove him to a rural area when his services were no longer needed and left him stranded. The trafficker never expected Mario would seek help. Through Cal OES funding Mario is receiving support as he establishes a new life for himself in the Central Valley, seeks residency through the provisions of a T-Visa and reunification with his family.”

Service Provider: MISSEY, Inc.

Serves human trafficking victims in: San Francisco Bay Area, including Alameda and San Francisco county agencies.

Impact of Cal OES Funding:

“We have 9 partners who received these funds, including MISSEY. A few are still in the implementation phase of service delivery. MISSEY has begun serving commercially sexually exploited transitional age youth since April, with 2 Case Managers able to serve a total of 15 survivors at a time. Huckleberry House has been able to provide therapy to survivors, DreamCatchers has provided shelter and basic needs services, Bay Area Legal Aid has served several youth on multiple open cases and Bay Area Youth Center has housed 2 survivors in studio apartments that serve as transitional housing. This grant has also allowed partners to think about enhanced collaboration efforts and education for all providers on human trafficking and best practices for serving survivors.”

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“Nine agencies would lose funding that addresses a critical group of survivors of commercial sexual exploitation who often don't have the opportunity to receive services. Additionally, for those programs that span both survivors under the age of 18 and over, a loss in funding would mean a loss in resources for a large number of youth and young adults in one of the highest human trafficking areas in the nation.”

Survivor stories from San Francisco Bay Area:

“At MISSEY, one of the case managers who is fully funded under the grant has been working with clients since April. She states that some of the successes she has witnessed due to programming include multiple clients who have found stable employment since receiving services, access to mental health services, and connection to educational support. One participant who has an intellectual disability has recently graduated from an employment internship and is currently attending community college.

Another participant who has experienced active exploitation during her time at MISSEY has been connected to shelter and additional case management services that take place in the evening through DreamCatchers, to help her stabilize and reach safety. When she first began working with the collaborative, she was still under the control of an exploiter who took her to Florida. With the help of the group's collective efforts, the young person was able to be flown back to California and is now in stable housing with a member of her extended family and continues to receive services through MISSEY and DreamCatchers.

Serving transitional age youth who are survivors of commercial sexual exploitation is a relatively new service that MISSEY provides. This past year a young person who was 18 at the time, came to MISSEY seeking support. She began by accessing our drop in center but came into the center high on meth time after time. Her behavior and health status were not appropriate for the environment and not safe for other clients. It became apparent that this young person needed specialized services to address her substance overuse. She was provided with a case manager supported by the funding from CalOES and connected to a detox facility each time that she came into the center. While much time passed in which she remained challenged by her substance overuse, her case manager began to wrap supportive services around her to meet the many needs she articulated and demonstrated having. She has been

connected to stable housing, accessed substance overuse treatment services, connected with an additional case manager through our CalOES partnerships who can respond to her needs in the evening, taken on an internship with a local shelter and is working with a legal team on open cases she was involved in. Her MISSEY case manager advocates on her behalf in court to present the continued success that this young person has been experiencing. Additionally, she has connected back with her family and is able to visit with her baby sister who she cares about deeply. From her start in services at MISSEY when she didn't think she would see her 19th birthday, to turning 19 with increased safety, stability and goals for her future, this young woman has accomplished a great deal.”

Service Provider: Bay Area Healthy Living Support and Communication Platform (Bayheal)

Serves human trafficking victims in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Impact of Cal OES Funding:

“We are the Bay Area Healthy Living Support and Communication Platform (Bayheal). We are not-for-profit organization based in San Francisco. Generally speaking, funding targeting victims of sex trafficking and torture enables them to be provided with interventions while they also undergo assimilation and integration into a receiving community. We have identified and worked with 7 victims of trafficking and torture. Two are now living with HIV(Jane (not real names) is female and James is male); two continue to receive counselling; two are Transgender, and one has received counseling and physiotherapy since 2012.

Impact if Cal OES funding was terminated:

“African, Atlantic and Indian Ocean Islands-born immigrant victims of trafficking and torture (especially sex trafficking) are faced with a number of situations including stigma and this makes them afraid to come out. However, with funding targeting these kinds of victims it is possible to address their needs and provide spaces within which they are able to heal. Therefore, this kind of funding is crucial for rehabilitation. Please visit: www.bayheal.org.”

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