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FACT SHEET

OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AWARDS \$35 MILLION TO HELP CHILDREN IMPACTED BY OPIOIDS

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Jeff Sessions today announced \$35 million in funding to support law enforcement agencies in combating the illegal manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine, heroin, and prescription opioids, and another \$35 million to establish new programs to provide services to children victims of the opioid crisis.

That additional \$35 million – awarded in <u>Fiscal Year 2018</u> under the Office of Justice Program's Office for Victims of Crime's *Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims* – includes awards to 41 sites and a technical assistance provider totaling \$29.8 million to help youth impacted by the opioids crisis. This program expands services to children and youth who are victimized as a result of the opioid crisis.

The \$35 million to help children victims of the opioid crisis also includes about \$4.8 million in transferred funds to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to support partnership between victim service providers and first responders who encounter an overdose where children are present.

In 2017, more than 72,000 Americans lost their lives to drug overdoses, an increase from 64,000 overdose deaths in 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The majority of these deaths can be attributed to opioids, including illicit fentanyl and its analogues.

FY 2018 awardees include:

Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims			
Awardee State:	Awardee:	Amount Awarded:	
Alaska	State of Alaska Department of Administration	\$600,661	
Alaska	Cook Inlet Tribal Council Inc.	\$750,000	
Arizona	Childhelp, Inc.	\$466,167	
California	Antelope Valley Partners for Health	\$749,801	
California	Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation	\$738,470	
Colorado	Illuminate Colorado	\$749,491	
Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe	\$713,669	
Illinois	Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.	\$742,380	
Kentucky	Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$666,176	

Louisiana	City of New Orleans Health Department	\$749,124
Maine	Penquis C.A.P., Inc.	\$632,037
Maryland	Cecil County, Maryland	\$639,720
Massachusetts	City of Worcester	\$744,668
Massachusetts	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$541,300
Massachusetts	Wayside Youth and Family Support Network	\$481,428
Michigan	Gratiot County Child Advocacy Association	\$300,000
Montana	Safe Care, LLC	\$441,530
Montana	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	\$750,000
Nevada	Foundation for Positively Kids, Inc.	\$746,937
Nevada	The Children's Cabinet, Inc.	\$749,763
Nevada	Washoe County Human Services Agency	\$745,564
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Department of Justice	\$749,886
New Hampshire	Trustees of Dartmouth College	\$436,119
New Jersey	Center for Family Services, Inc.	\$750,000
New Mexico	Youth Heartline	\$660,000
New Mexico	Capacity Builders, Inc.	\$749,937
New York	Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc.	\$750,000
North Carolina	Gaston County	\$708,279
Ohio	Ohio State Legal Services Association	\$750,000
Oklahoma	Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc.	\$750,000
Pennsylvania	Northeast Treatment Centers, Inc.	\$749,891
Pennsylvania	Turning Points for Children	\$745,511
Rhode Island	Family Service of Rhode Island	\$750,000
Rhode Island	Comprehensive Community Action Program	\$750,000
Texas	San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	\$750,000
West Virginia	Child Protect of Mercer County, Inc.	\$750,000
West Virginia	Legal Aid of West Virginia	\$549,726
West Virginia	Marshall University Research Corporation	\$750,000
West Virginia	Monogalia County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	\$313,078
Wisconsin	Buffalo County	\$478,413
Wisconsin	Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper	\$750,000
	Michigan, Inc.	

Of the more than \$29.8 million awarded, nearly \$2.5 million will be awarded to JBS International, Inc., to provide training and technical assistance to the grantees under the *Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims* grant program.

The Office of Justice Programs, led by Principal Deputy Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. More information about OJP and its components can be found at: www.ojp.gov.

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