Instrument A:

NSVSP instrument for VSPs serving victims as their primary function (Primary VSPs)

Dear XX:

Thank you for agreeing to assist us in testing the National Survey of Victim Service Providers (NSVSP) survey instrument. This packet contains a paper copy of the questionnaire. We have already arranged a time to conduct a 60 minute interview with you about this survey. You do not need to complete the survey before our interview. During our scheduled interview we will go through the survey items with you and ask you how you would go about completing each of the items and your impressions of the item -- for example, how you interpret survey questions, if are any definitions or instructions you find unclear, and the burden you estimate would be involved in answering the questions. Your responses will help us further shape the content and wording of the questionnaire to ensure that the final data collected are valid, useful, and reliable.

Participation in this survey is voluntary, and you may discontinue participation at any time. You may also decline to answer any question you do not feel comfortable answering.

Because we anticipate that your feedback may result in changes to the survey instrument, we ask that you not share this instrument version with colleagues outside your organization.

Thank you again for your participation. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

National Survey of Victim Service Providers (NSVSP) Survey Instructions

The National Survey of Victim Service Providers (NSVSP) will collect data from a sample of VSPs across the country to gather detailed information about VSPs and the victims they serve, including the number and characteristics of victims served, the types of crimes victims experienced, details about types of services provided, and staffing and funding levels.

This survey is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics and Office for Victims of Crime.

Important Definitions

- 1) **CRIME**—An act which if done by a competent adult or juvenile would be a criminal offense.
- 2) ABUSE—Includes physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, or economic actions or threats to control another.
- 2) **VICTIM**—Any person who comes to the attention of your organization because of concerns over past, on-going, or potential future crimes and other abuse(s). This includes victims/survivors who are directly harmed or threated by such crimes and abuse(s), but also their...a) Family or household members, b) Legal representatives, or c) Surviving family members, if deceased
- 3) **SERVICE**—Efforts that...a) Assist victims with their safety and security; b) Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice or other legal process; c) Assist victims in recovering from victimization and stabilizing their lives; or d) Respond to other needs of victims

General Instructions (Including who should complete this survey)

Your organization is receiving this survey because it has been identified as providing at least some services or assistance to victims of crime or abuse. If your organization or a program within your organization does not provide services to victims of crime or abuse, you will be able to report this near the beginning of this survey.

• This survey is best completed by someone with knowledge about the available services for victims of crime or abuse, number and characteristics of victims served, and staffing and funding for victim services within your organization. Some organizations have specific programs or staff dedicated to working with victims of crime or abuse. In these instances, the survey is best completed by someone with direct knowledge of these programs or activities.

Confidentiality Assurances

The information you provide will be used to generate aggregate statistics on the provision of victim services. Your organization will not be identified in any statistical reports produced by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and any information identifying your organization by name will be removed from the public-use data file.

Burden Statement

On average, it will take 45 minutes to complete this survey, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This study is voluntary; you may discontinue participation at any time and decline to answer any questions.

Send comments regarding any aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531. <u>Although this survey is voluntary, we urgently need and appreciate your cooperation to make the results comprehensive, accurate, and timely.</u>

VICTIMS SERVED

Throughout this survey, please think about the component of your organization that serves victims of crime and abuse
and about the victims who received services during the past <calendar fiscal=""> year. If your organization served crime</calendar>
victims through a specific program, think about that program when answering the remaining questions.

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Number of victims
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Sexual Orientation	Number of victims
☐ If sexual orientation was not tracked → Skip to 3d.	
Straight	
Lesbian	
Gay	
Bisexual	
Other	
Not reported	
Age	Number of victims
☐ If age was not tracked → skip to 4.	
0-11	
12-17	
18-24	
25-59	
60+	
0-11	
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Gender

Transgender.....

Not reported.....

Number of

victims

Initial crime type for which victim sought services	Number of victims served
Child sexual abuse	
DUI/DWI crashes	
Domestic/dating violence	
Elder abuse	
Fraud/ID theft	
Human trafficking (labor)	
Human trafficking (sex)	
Rape/sexual assault	
Stalking	
Survivors of homicide victims	
Other	
Not Reported	

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

The questions in this section pertain to the types of services your organization provided to victims of crime or abuse in the past calendar/fiscal year.

5. Did your organization provide the following direct services during the past calendar/fiscal year?

ype of Direct Service Provided	Yes	No
NFORMATION AND REFERRALS		
Service or victimization-related		
Telephone line or program referral		
General information about crime and victimization, prevention, or risk reduction		
Justice-related information		
Notification of legal rights		
Notification of case events or proceedings		
Case status update (investigation, etc., not tied to court proceeding)		
Notification of offender release/status change		
Assistance with reentry and/or terms and conditions of probation for victims with a		
criminal history	<u> </u>	
Assistance with expungement of criminal record for with a criminal history		
INANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES		
Compensation/Monetary		
Assistance in filing for victim compensation	<u> </u>	
Restitution claim assistance	<u> </u>	
Restitution collection assistance		
Emergency financial assistance (includes emergency loans, petty cash, payment for		
items such as food clothing, etc.)		
Material or Financial Advocacy/Support		
Emergency, transitional, or relocation housing (shelter, hotel, safe house, etc.)		
Long-term/stable housing		
Rental assistance		
Assistance meeting other basic needs (e.g., clothing, food, etc.)		
Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution		
Employment or educational counseling/Job training		
Transportation assistance		
Child care assistance		
Public benefits assistance (TANF/Welfare, housing, social services, etc.)		
Assistance with return of personal property/effects		
Assistance with obtaining or replacing documents (e.g., birth certificate, Driver's		
license, SSN card, identification card)		
MOTIONAL SUPPORT AND SAFETY		
Safety Conduct or coordinate risk assessments		
Conflict resolution, mediation, negotiation	+	
Crime/Violence de-escalation support (e.g., calming the victim, family members, or	+	
witnesses down on scene or during intervention, preventing retaliation)		

Immediate or emergency cofety planning		\neg
Immediate or emergency safety planning	1	-
Safety planning Treatment or support sources		
Treatment or support services		
Hotline, helpline, or crisis line intervention or counseling		
Support groups		
Peer, family, or group counseling		
Individual counseling		
Therapy other than counseling (e.g. traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)		
Social/recreational activities for victims/witnesses		
Substance abuse services (prevention or treatment)		
MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE		
Medical/hospital/clinic treatment		
Conduct forensic exams or collection of evidence		
Conduct HIV/STD testing		
Treatment of injuries		
Health advocacy services		
Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam		
Victim advocacy/accompaniment during medical care		
LEGAL AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS ASSISTANCE		
Legal/victim rights implementation or enforcement assistance		
Civil legal services (including with family law issues such as custody, visitation, or		
support)		
Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment		
Criminal legal services		
Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment		
Victim/witness preparation		\Box
Law enforcement interview accompaniment /advocacy		
Victim impact statement assistance		
Crime victim compensation legal assistance (including filing and appealing claims)		
Immigration Assistance (including Continued Presence, U and T visas, etc.)		
OTHER SERVICES		
On-scene coordinated response		
Supervised child visitation		
Language services (including interpretation and translation services)		
Culturally or ethnically specific services (not including language services)		
Education classes for survivors regarding victimization dynamics		\dashv

6. In addition to any other services you offer, do you have <u>specialized programming or outreach</u> for any of the following populations? Check all that apply. These are broad categories which may not reflect the detailed focus of some organizations. Please do your best to fit your organization within the general categories provided.

Populations	Yes	No
Child victims		
Adolescent/teen victims		

Elder victims		
Female victims, generally		_
Female victims of color		_
Male victims, generally		_
Male victims of color		_
Indigenous victims, including tribal		_
Immigrant/refugee/limited English proficiency victims		_
LGBTQ victims		_
Victims with disabilities		_
Deaf or hard-of-hearing victims		_
Formerly incarcerated victims		_
Currently incarcerated victims		_
Other Specify:		
 7. What were the top three most common types of direct victim services your org calendar/fiscal year? Check 3: (Show list based on how respondent answered ite.) 8. Does your organization provide comprehensive case management? (i.e., working basis to identify their specific needs, linking them to those services, advocating them navigate different services and systems, etc.) Yes No 	ms in #5. ng with vi for them	ctims on an individual with programs, helping
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10.	Do staπ in	your orga	anization	travei to	provide	services:

Service	Yes	No
On site of the victimization		
In victims' homes		
In police departments		
In hospitals or community-based health clinics		

Court-related settings (e.g., DA office, public defender's office)	
In prison or jail	
a. If no, does your organization offer online, phone, or texting services to victims in prison or jail? Yes or No	
11. In the past year, what percent of victims received continuous services for:	
Less than 1 month	%
1 to 2 months	<u></u> %
3 to 6 months	%
More than 6 months	%
	100%
12. Are staff available 24 hours a day to respond to victims in crisis?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
13. Does your agency have a written referral source list?	
☐ Yes ☐ No (→ Skip to 14)	
13a. If yes, is the referral list updated at least one time per year?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
14. In the past year, how many different entities did your organization/program in order to provide victims with services?	n have a working relationship with
15. In the past year, has your organization's referral network:	
 □ Decreased □ Stayed about the same □ Increased □ Don't know 	
16. Does your organization have a policy to vet the agencies where you refer vio	ctims?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	

17. Thinking about the victims served by your organization in past calendar/fiscal year, how many victims were:
☐ If referrals were not tracked → Skip to 18. Self-referred (i.e. victim connected directly or through family/friends)
Referred from another organization or program
7a. What 3 types of organizations did you receive the most referrals from in the past calendar/fiscal year? Check all that apply.
 ☐ Corrections ((i.e., probation, parole, or correctional facility staff) ☐ Court ☐ Law enforcement agency (e.g., police or sheriff's department)
 □ Prosecutor's office □ Legal services agency □ Educational institution/organization
 □ Faith-based organization □ Healthcare/mental healthcare provider □ State victim service agency
 □ Community-based victim service provider/organization □ Other, specify
 18. Are there services that are not available or challenging for your community to provide? ☐ Yes ☐ No (→ Skip to 20)
19. What are the top 3 service gaps in your community? CHECK 3: (Note: Let participant know on the online survey they would check options from the list of services above; show the list of services again)
19a. For each of the top 3 service gaps, which of the following best captures why this is a service gap in the community:
 These services do not exist in our area; Services exist but wait lists are long;
Victims we serve tend not to be eligible for these services;Other, specify
20. Does your organization measure client outcomes or the impact of your service?
 ☐ Yes ☐ No (→ Skip to 21)

20a. W	hich of the following approaches do you use?: (check all that apply)
	Pre/post tests of clients Client satisfaction survey Client exit survey External program evaluation Follow-up surveys or interviews of clients (e.g., 3 months after services) Other
21. Ho	w does your organization/agency keep track of client and/or service data?
	An internal database (e.g. Microsoft Access) An internal spreadsheet (e.g. Microsoft Excel) Data management software program (e.g. Alice) Web-based data management (e.g. InfoNet) Paper systems or paper tracking Other
22. Do	es your organization use an electronic case management system (CMS) for individual cases?
	Yes No (→ Skip to 23)
22a. P	lease indicate whether your CMS includes any of the following features (Check all that apply.)
	Ability to output the data needed for grant reporting Double-entry recognition (such as entering the victim's name, or crime type, or something in more than one place). Ability to export data to Excel or other spreadsheet program? Compatibility with at least some other organizational software (e.g., accounting software, Project management software and/or outlook or other email/calendar system) Mobile-friendly Ability to enter or review CMS data from their smart phone

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position. Include contractual workers in your counts.			
Job classification	Full-Time Staff (35 hour or more/week)	Part-Time Staff (Less than 35 hours/week)	Active Volunteers
Executive/Managerial Positions (e.g., Director, CFO, program director, outreach coordinator, etc.; Do not include volunteer board members in your counts)			
Administrative Positions (e.g., IT, bookkeeping, secretarial, facilities, other support, etc.)			
Direct Service Positions (e.g., counselor, advocate, attorney, etc.)			
Total			
beginning of the past <calendar fiscal="" year="">? Count each perposition. Include contractual workers in your counts.</calendar>	son only once. Er	iter '0' if there we	ere no staff in tha
Full-time staff (35 hours or more/week			_
Part-time staff (Less than 35 hours/week)			_
Full-time staff (35 hours or more/week			
Part-time staff (Less than 35 hours/week)	······	_	
25. How many <u>direct service positions were vacated in the past</u> • Enter '0' if there were no staff released from that position. Incl		=	· •
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Enter '0' if there were no staff released from that position. Incl	ude contractual	workers in your c	-
Full-time staff (35 hours or more/week	ude contractual	workers in your c	ounts. — 'fiscal year>)?

Part-time staff (Less than 35 hours/week).....

Highest Executive or Management Position

☐ Greater than 64

Please think about the person in the highest executive or management position at your organization (e.g., Director of your organization) when answering Questions 27-35. Remember all information you provide will be used to generate aggregate statistics, and your organizations name will not be linked to the information you provide.

27.	What is this person's current position title?
28.	What month and year did this person begin working at your organization?
	Month Year
	☐ Check box if information not available
29.	How many years of relevant job experience does this person currently have (including experience gained through your organization and though previous employment)?
	☐ Check box if information not available
30.	What is the highest level of education attained by this person?
	☐ Less than a high school degree
	☐ High school or equivalent degree
	☐ Some college
	☐ College degree
	☐ Some post graduate
	☐ Graduate degree (e.g., M.A., M.S., J.D.)
	□ Unknown
31.	What is the age of this person?
	☐ Less than 18
	□ 18-24
	□ 25-34
	□ 35-44
	□ 45-54
	□ 55-64

32. Is this person employed full time (i.e., 35 hours or more per week) or paweek)?	art time (i.e., less than 35 hours per
☐ Full time ☐ Part time	
33. Still thinking about the person in the highest executive or management proportion of time did that person spend performing each of the follow acceptable. Enter '0' if the employee did not serve the listed function.	
Job Function	% of Executive's time
Administrative functions (including budget and grant management, report writing/paperwork, etc.),	%
Supervisory functions (including staff or volunteer management, staff or volunteer training and development, program coordination, etc.)	%
Direct Service functions (including assistance-related activities and any contact with victims, whether face-to-face, telephone, or on-line chat)	%
Outreach functions (including community activities, community awareness, etc.)	··%
Fundraising and grant writing	%
Research/program evaluation	%
Other functions	%
(specify)	
TOTAL	
34. What is the current salary of this person?	
☐ <\$30,000 per year	
□ \$30,000-\$49,999 per year	
□ \$50,000-79,999 per year	
□ \$80,000-\$99,999 per year	
□ \$100,000-\$149,999 per year	
☐ Greater than \$150,000 per year	
☐ Check box if information is not available	
35. Does this employee receive or were they offered health insurance bene	fits?
 Yes No (→ Skip to 35b) 	

Estimates are

Benefit type	Yes	No	Unknown
Ten days or more paid sick leave?			
Ten days or more paid vacation days?			
Pension/retirement contribution?			
Tuition reimbursement?			
Most Recent Direct Service Position Hire			
36. What is this employee's current position	n title?		
37. What month and year did this employee	e begin w	orking at y	our organiza
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Month Year Check box if information not available Read Section 2. Sectio	ence does previous e e employee	this emplo employment	oyee currently
Month Year Check box if information not available Research How many years of relevant job experies through your organization and though partial Check box if information not available as a part-time of the control of	ence does previous e employee	this emplo employments: ?	oyee current

☐ Less than a high school degree	
☐ High school or equivalent degree	
☐ Some college	
☐ College degree	
☐ Some post graduate	
☐ Graduate degree (e.g., M.A., M.S., J.D.)	
☐ Unknown	
that employee spend performing each of the following job functions in if the employee did not serve the listed function. Job Function	% of selected direct service
	employee's time
Direct Service Activities (including assistance-related activities and any contact with victims, whether face-to-face, telephone, or on-line chat)	%
Administrative functions (including budget and grant management, report writing/paperwork, etc.),	%
Supervisory functions (including staff or volunteer management, staff or volunteer training and development, program coordination, etc.)	%
Outreach functions (including community activities, community awareness, etc.)	%
Fundraising and grant writing	%
Research/program evaluation	%
Other functions	
	%

40. What is the highest level of education attained by this employee?

100%

42. What is the current salary of most recer	nt direct s	ervice pers	on you hired?		
☐ <\$30,000 per year					
□ \$30,000-\$49,999 per year					
□ \$50,000-79,999 per year					
■ \$80,000-\$99,999 per year					
☐ \$100,000-\$149,999 per year					
☐ Greater than \$150,000 per year					
43. Does this direct service person receive of	or were th	ey offered	health insura	nce benefits?	
☐ Yes					
☐ No ((→Skip to 44)					
43a. Do these health benefits include ment.	al baalth l	honofits?			
43a. Do tilese ileantii bellents iliciude illent	ai ileaitii i	benents:			
☐ Yes					
☐ No					
43b. Does this direct service person receive	or were t	hev offere	d any of the fo	llowing additional benefits?	
		_		noving additional policino.	
Benefit type	Yes	No	Unknown		
Ten days or more paid sick leave?					
Ten days or more paid vacation days?					
Pension/retirement contribution?					
Tuition reimbursement?					
44. Still thinking about the last direct service	e person y	you hired,	did you requir	e this employee to have a minimum	
number of hours of pre-service training		•	, .	. ,	
☐ Yes					
□ No (→ Skip to 45)					
☐ Unknown (→ Skip to 45)					
44a. How many hours of pre-service trainin	g were re	quired?			
I	hours				
45. Did you require this employee to compl	ete a spec	cified numl	per of hours of	training within the first calendar ye	ar
of service at your organization?					

☐ Yes

Ш	No (→ Skip to 46)
	Unknown (→ Skip to 46)
45a.	How many hours of training were required in the first year of service?
	hours
	Do you require this employee to have a minimum number of hours of ongoing professional development during each calendar year of service at your organization?
	Yes
	No (→ Skip to 47)
	Unknown (→ Skip to 47)
46a.	How many hours of professional development are required each year?
	hours

All Active Volunteers

47. Now thinking about the job functions performed by your organization's work force, for each function, what proportion of the work was carried out by active volunteers (as opposed to paid employees)? Estimates are acceptable. Enter '0' if the function was <u>not</u> performed by volunteers and 100% if the function was <u>only</u> performed by volunteers.

Job Function	% of work performed by volunteers
Administrative functions (including budget and grant management, report writing/paperwork, etc.),	%
Direct Service Activities (including assistance-related activities and any contact with victims, whether face-to-face, telephone, or on-line chat)	%
Administrative functions (including budget and grant management, report writing/paperwork, etc.),	%
Supervisory functions (including staff or volunteer management, staff or volunteer training and development, program coordination, etc.)	%
Outreach functions (including community activities, community awareness, etc.)	%
Fundraising and grant writing	%
Research and program evaluation	%
Other functions	%
(specify)	

End of Survey Questions