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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Dear Colleague:

The message below is from an OVC-funded project. Attached is background information on this project. The project's goal is to create resources and tools for crime victims in post-conviction cases in which the defendant was found to be factually innocent and exonerated. They would like to identify relevant experiences and resources and have developed a survey for victim service providers. This is not an OVS-related project and your participation is entirely voluntary.

You are invited to participate in a new project, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, with the goal of creating the first-ever resource for serving crime victims in post-conviction cases of factual innocence and exoneration. This is a critical, emerging area of victim services.

The project is led by three organizations in collaboration with OVC: Healing Justice, the National Center for Victims of Crime, and Video/Action. The project was launched in May with a "listening session" with crime survivors and murder victim's family members at the USDOJ. These original victims shared their individual experiences and described how they were left feeling re-victimized after receiving little to no support or information around the exoneration.

Now we want to hear from victim service professionals around the country about any relevant experiences or resources you may have. With that in mind, please take a few minutes to complete this brief questionnaire:

https://healingjustice.formstack.com/forms/experience_with_original_victims

Your participation will benefit the project immensely by:

- Providing key insights, expertise, and wisdom from victim service providers in the field.
- Informing the design of specialized post-conviction resources and tools.
- Ensuring that these resources and tools meet your agency's specific needs and prepare your staff for when these cases arise.

On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

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