

# ADVISORY BULLETIN

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TO: ALL FUNDED PROGRAMS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: OVS Resource Connect – Annual Resource Review Request

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Dear Colleague:

In early 2021, the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) launched its enhanced Locate-a-Program search engine, [OVS Resource Connect](#). OVS Resource Connect features a concern-based search engine that connects victims of crime with resources provided by OVS-funded Victim Assistance Programs (VAPs).

To date, OVS Resource Connect has nearly 50,000 page views and features more than 450 resources provided by VAPs. As noted when OVS Resource Connect launched, to ensure these resources are up-to-date and accurate, **all OVS-funded VAPs must complete an annual review of their OVS Resource Connect entries.**

Today, OVS is issuing a request for all VAPs to review existing resource entries by **February 7, 2022**. Information on how to access resources and to request a site change for your listing(s) is available via this [program review guidance document](#).

If no changes are needed at this time, no response is required. Should you not respond, OVS will consider that your organization's listing(s) is accurate, up to date and no changes are needed.

If your organization has a resource that is not currently listed, you may complete and submit this [service provider questionnaire](#). Please note, new submissions may take up to 2 weeks to appear on OVS Resource Connect. All new submission requests also need to be received by **February 7, 2022**.

Participation in this annual review is **vital** to maintaining the accuracy of OVS Resource Connect.

On behalf of OVS, thank you for your continued commitment to providing the highest quality services to victims of crime in New York State.



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