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TO: ALL FUNDED PROGRAMS
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SUBJECT: OVS LOCATE-A-PROGRAM SEARCH ENGINE ENHANCEMENT

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Dear Colleague:

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) is proud to share that it is enhancing its Locate-a-Program search engine. This new tool, called **OVS Resource Connect**, will launch in early 2021.

The goal of **OVS Resource Connect** is to connect victims with appropriate resources based on location as well as specific concerns they may have. Our new tool will provide enhanced search functionality and provide more targeted results to connect victims to the resources they need.

In order to accurately match resources and services offered by your organization to crime victims, each OVS-funded Victim Assistance Program (VAP) **must complete** the [OVS Resource Connect Questionnaire](#) by **Monday, November 23, 2020**. By responding, VAPs will have the opportunity to input organizational contact information and highlight potential “concerns” that individual program services may address.

Separate surveys must be completed for each program location and the information collected will feed directly into the new **OVS Resource Connect** platform. Participation in this questionnaire is vital to developing a comprehensive tool for victims of crime across New York State.

[Click here to complete the OVS Resource Connect Questionnaire!](#) A tip sheet is also available [here](#) to help guide you in completing the questionnaire.

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



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