ADVISORY BULLETIN

TRANSMITTAL NO. 2023-2

TO: **ALL FUNDED PROGRAMS, ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

FROM: **ELIZABETH CRONIN, ESQ., DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT: **OVS RESOURCE CONNECT – ANNUAL RESOURCE REVIEW**

DATE: **Thursday, January 26, 2023**

Dear Colleague:

OVS requires that all applicants awarded funding under the **2022 Victims Of Crime Act Request for Applications** include their program's public information[1] on OVS Resource Connect.

OVS Resource Connect is a concern-based search engine designed to help victims of crime locate and connect with resources provided by OVS-funded VAPs. OVS Resource Connect launched in early 2021. To date, OVS Resource Connect has had over 140,000 page views averaging nearly 1,500 visitors every month. OVS Resource Connect features more than 450 resources provided by VAPs.

In order to ensure resources are up-to-date and accurate, <u>all OVS-funded VAPs must complete an annual review of their OVS Resource Connect listings</u> by **Friday February 17th, 2023**. Participation in this annual review is required and vital to maintaining the accuracy of OVS Resource Connect.

Not sure if your program is listed?	Find your listing(s) using the Program Review Instructions.
If you need to…	
(1) … make a change to an **existing** resource:	To request a change, use the Program Review Instructions. Please be as detailed as possible.
(2) … add a **new** resource:	To add a new resource, submit the OVS Resource Connect Service Provider Questionnaire.
(3) **… no changes needed**; my listing is accurate:	If your listing is correct, no response is required. **In the event OVS does not receive a response, your resource listing will remain public as is.**

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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[1] OVS does not publish confidential shelter information. If your program is not a shelter and needs to remain confidential, please contact ovsresourceconnect@ovs.ny.gov.