



TO: California's Anti-Trafficking Leaders

A few years ago, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office (ACDAO) embarked on a first of its kind effort meant to improve outcomes for non-systems involved transition age youth (NSI TAY) who are victims of, or at risk for, human trafficking. Some of the system-level barriers we sought to address for this specific population included:

- Need for improved coordinated responses.
- Lack of adequate housing and supportive services; and
- Absence of meaningful evaluation and outcome measures to drive successful program development and services.

Although our focus was on NSI TAY, the importance of partnering with one another in our communities is powerful and essential when serving all trafficking victims. Whether it be a governmental or community-based organization, each plays an important role in building strength and resiliency in every trafficking survivor. Furthermore, the importance of data collection cannot be overstated. Collecting data, both qualitative and quantitative, that documents the impact of services is critical to support meaningful victim services and funding.

Cal OES, CDSS, and ACDAO are pleased to share the attached ***Evaluation of the Improving Outcomes Pilot Projects: Final Report and Executive Summary***. Please utilize and share these important strategies designed to empower and engage communities in their efforts to support trafficking survivors.

Thank you for the work that you do to improve the lives of Californians.

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