



Attorney General Doug Peterson

# News Release

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The Nebraska Attorney General's Office is pleased to announce being awarded a \$600,000 grant by the Office of Justice Programs from the U.S. Department of Justice. The purpose of the award is to support the development and enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces that will implement victim-centered, collaborative, and ongoing approaches to addressing trafficking.

The Attorney General's Office is collaborating with the Salvation Army, who will be overseeing services related to victims of trafficking. The combined grants total \$1.5 million over a three year period of time.

The grant specifically elaborates the areas as: identifying victims of all types of human trafficking, investigating and prosecuting sex trafficking and labor trafficking cases and addressing the needs of victims through the provision of a comprehensive array of services.

AG Peterson said, "Our office is pleased to receive this grant which will serve as an extension of the work we have begun on combatting human trafficking in our state."

Stephen Patrick O'Meara, who joined the Nebraska Attorney General's Office as the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator/Child Protection Training Coordinator in May of this year, will work in coordination with the Salvation Army to implement the project in Nebraska.

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