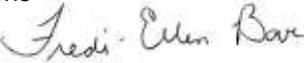


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Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: Closure of Transitions 1 Program for Female Youth who have Experienced Sex Trafficking

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform counties that the residential care center (RCC) program Transitions 1 contracted by the Department with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. to serve female youth who have experienced sex trafficking is closed.

BACKGROUND

Based on a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Department contracted in August 2016 with LSS for a residential treatment program for female youth who have experienced sex trafficking. The program opened for placements in February 2017.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Despite the strong partnership and efforts taken by both parties, the Department of Children and Families and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan have mutually agreed to close the Transitions residential treatment program designed to serve female youth who have experienced sex trafficking.

Due to the program ending, LSS is no longer accepting referrals for placement at Transitions 1. Caseworkers and agencies looking for out-of-home care placements for youth can refer to the DCF Geographic Resource System (GPRS) to find placements that can serve and provide care to youth who have specialized needs. More information is available at:
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/ewisacwis/gprs-guide.pdf>

The Department remains fully committed to supporting programming that serves both female and male youth who have experienced sex trafficking and continues to pursue opportunities to provide support, treatment, and safety to this population.

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