**Sample Community Partner Baseline Survey**

**on Law Enforcement Response to Victims**

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. We are committed to responding to the needs of the community and crime victims. We are partnering with **[research institution]** to learn about community victim services providers’ perceptions of law enforcement and enhance our response to crime victims.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Please do not include any identifying information within your responses so we may keep each survey anonymous.

The survey includes questions about your encounters with **[agency name]** personnel, perceptions of law enforcement response, and related services. Please complete the survey based on your professional experience.Please answer as many questions as possible. You may skip questions if you choose. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact **[name]** at **[phone number]** or **[email address]**.

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| **Perceptions - *Please check the category that best describes your view.*** |

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| 1. Law enforcement personnel at **[agency name]** have adequate time and resources to do their jobs  effectively. | | | | |
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| Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |

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| 2. Law enforcement personnel at **[agency name]** are well trained to do their jobs. | | | | |
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| 3. Victims fear or lack trust in law enforcement. | | | | |
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| 4. Victims fear or lack trust in prosecution and court personnel. | | | | |
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| 5. Victims fear or lack trust in community victim services providers. | | | | |
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| 6. Victims fear retaliation from offenders. | | | | |
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| Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 7. There are adequate services available for victims in the community. | | | | |
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| Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
| 8. Victims can easily access services in the community. | | | | |
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| 9. Victims receive adequate information about available victim services. | | | | |
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| 10. Communication is effective between **[agency name]** and victim services providers in the community. | | | | |
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| **Effectiveness - *Please check the category that best describes your view.*** |

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| 11. Victims are protected from offender(s) who cause harm. | | | | |
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| 12. Victims are given information about support services in the community. | | | | |
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| 13. Victims are given useful information about the criminal justice system, victim services, and  community resources. | | | | |
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| 14. Victims are provided accommodations if needed (e.g., interpreter, assistance reading documents,  other accommodations), so they can participate in the criminal justice system. | | | | |
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| 15. Victims receive information about the next steps in the criminal justice process and case status  updates. | | | | |
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| 16. Victims are asked to give input on case-related decisions. | | | | |
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| 17. Justice is served (according to the victim’s definition) and offenders are held accountable. | | | | |
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| Very Effective | Effective | Neutral | Slightly Effective | Not Effective |

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| 18. In your professional role, how often do you interact with **[agency name]** personnel? | | | | |
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| Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Rarely | Never |

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| Comments: |
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| **General Feedback** |

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| 19. Describe your perception of the current victim services offered by **[agency name]**. |
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| 20. Describe how you believe victims would rate the current services offered by **[agency name]**. |
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| 21.Please describe any strengths that help you partner with **[agency name]** to meet victim needs. How  has this partnership been successful? |
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| 22. Please describe any challenges/barriers you or your agency have experienced when partnering with  **[agency name]** to meet victims’ needs. |
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| 23. What practical suggestions do you have for improving victim response by **[agency name]**? |
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***Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The information you provided will be very valuable to us as we work to improve our response to victims of crime. Please remember, this is an anonymous survey, and no member of the agency will see individual responses.***