

## RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

### TITLE 75. ATTORNEY GENERAL

### CHAPTER 30. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS

Subchapter 3. Sexual Assault Programs for Adult Victims/Survivors of Sexual Violence as a Result of Human Sex Trafficking [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Client Records and Confidentiality [AMENDED]

Subchapter 8. Technology [NEW]

Subchapter 11. Personnel and Volunteers [AMENDED]

Subchapter 15. Client Rights, for Adult Victims of Human Sex Trafficking Programs [AMENDED]

**(a) Purpose of the Proposed Rules:** This chapter sets forth the rules, including standards and criteria, used in certifying sexual assault programs and shelters for adult victims/survivors of sexual violence as a result of human sex trafficking pursuant to 74 O.S. § 18p-6. Amendments are necessary to clarify core services, update protected class categories and create consistency in training requirements for staff and volunteers providing direct services. New standards will require policies and procedures regarding the use of technology. Additional amendments are necessary to update federal laws on confidentiality of client records and update waiver of confidentiality requirements.

**(b) Classes Affected:** All programs for adult victims of human sex trafficking that are currently certified or will make application to become certified by the Attorney General will be affected. These rules set forth the required components of such programs and the standards and criteria which will be used for certification of the programs.

**(c) Persons Benefitted:** All sexual assault victims as a result of human trafficking needing services in the State of Oklahoma as well as the service providers will benefit by a clear understanding of the rules.

**(d) Probable Economic Impact:**

**1. On Affected Classes:** These rules will have no economic impact on affected classes other than resources necessary for programs to meet certification standards and criteria.

**2. On Political Subdivisions:** These rules will not have an economic impact on political subdivisions.

**3. Description of fees and explanation/justification for each of the changes:** The proposed rules do not include any changes to fees incurred by adult human sex trafficking service agencies.

**(e) Probable Costs to the Agency:** All expenses related to the creation of the Victims Services Unit come from appropriations to the Office of the Attorney General or federal grants. Thirteen (13) FTEs are currently dedicated to the Unit. No additional costs will ensue as a result of the amendments.

**(f) Impact on Political Subdivisions:** No cooperation from political subdivisions will be necessary to implement the program.

**(g) Adverse Effect on Small Business:** These rules will have no adverse impact on small business.

**(h) Compliance Costs and Other Less Intrusive Methods:** These methods are the least intrusive methods currently available.

**(i) Effect on Public Health, Safety, and Environment:** These rules do not necessarily have an effect on public health, safety, and environment. Positive effects are expected due to the fact that programs certified by the Attorney General provide direct services which ensure safety to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human sex trafficking.

**(j) Effect of Non-Implementation on Public Health, Safety, and Environment:** Non-implementation of these rules will not necessarily affect public health, safety, and the environment but enhance safety to clients of certified programs per se, but may impact safety of clients in certified adult human sex trafficking programs.

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