

RITE NOW @ ROP



Rite of Passage (ROP) was recently awarded nearly \$500,000 by the US Department of Justice for the support of human trafficking survivors. The news that ROP was one of only 73 national non-profit organizations to be selected for the award comes directly after the United Nations' World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, whose stated focus for 2020 is on first responders, counselors, and survivor advocates. Accordingly, ROP's The Embracing Project (TEP) remains the sole provider of drop-in services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) in the entire greater Las Vegas area. Rite of Passage is currently collaborating with Clark County in utilizing this funding for the next three years to expand advocacy services, treatment, case management, community support linkage, crisis triage, and peer mentoring-in addition to independent living support and short-term housing assistance.

Rite of Passage's The Embracing Project has been at the forefront of assisting and advocating for sexually exploited youth in Clark County since its inception, and focuses on providing victim-centered, trauma-informed support services for more than 85% of local court-involved CSEC youth. TEP is already well known in the community for their groundbreaking local awareness initiatives regarding domestic violence and human trafficking. In addition, the award will enable parent company Rite of Passage-a respected national youth care provider with more than 35 years of experience-to further expand its residential care and treatment services to empower an even wider spectrum of at-risk Clark County youth.

Click the link below to view a full report:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/justice-department-announces-housing-assistance-grants-for-human-trafficking-survivors/>
