

YSS Federal Housing Grant article continued...

This 3 year grant will provide housing assistance for survivors of human trafficking in Iowa. This project will begin October 1st and provide safe housing options for survivors of human trafficking. The ages served will range from 18-24. YSS plans to provide services to human trafficking survivors through 6 apartment units rented to a survivor for 12 months at no cost to the survivor. All units will be in undisclosed locations in Story and Boone Counties.

During the 36-month project, YSS will provide housing assistance and have available supportive services for 18 human trafficking survivors. Efforts will focus on placing individuals in a safe, secure housing unit while providing weekly case management services to survivors, including mental health and substance abuse counseling, employment assistance, victim-centered and trauma informed support, and more. The survivor transitional living and support program will be open for referrals starting October 1st. For more information contact Toby O'Berry at toberry@yss.org or 515-233-3141, or to make a referral, contact Hope Metheny at hmetheny@yss.org or 515-233-2250.