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### **HHS Anti-Trafficking in Persons Contacts for Certification and Eligibility Letters**

The HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) issues Certification Letters to trafficking victims who have a T visa, bona fide T visa application or Continued Presence, making them eligible for Federally-funded benefits and services to the same extent as refugees. After receiving notice of a T visa, bona fide T visa application or Continued Presence from the Department of Homeland Security, HHS/ORR contacts the attorney or victim witness coordinator listed on the notification to identify the service provider assisting the victim. To ensure prompt attention to victims awaiting Certification, please contact HHS for Certification Letters for clients who have either a T visa or a notice of a bona fide T visa application or Continued Presence. The following is contact information for ORR staff and the regions for which they issue Certification Letters:

**Sarah Pamperin** [sarah.pamperin@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:sarah.pamperin@acf.hhs.gov) **202-401-4863** Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Connecticut, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Marshall Islands, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Nevada, Oregon, Republic of Palau, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington

**Robin Jones** [robin.jones@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:robin.jones@acf.hhs.gov) **202-205-5842** Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Wisconsin, and Wyoming

**Bridget Maher** [bridget.maher@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:bridget.maher@acf.hhs.gov) **202-205-5901** Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia

**To request an Eligibility Letter for a child trafficking victim, please contact Margaret Paton, Child Protection Specialist, HHS/ORR Anti-trafficking in Persons Office.** Her email is [childtrafficking@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:childtrafficking@acf.hhs.gov) and her phone number is 202-205-4582. The following link has a form individuals can use to request assistance for trafficked children:  
[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/ATIP\\_Request\\_Assistance\\_Child\\_Victims\\_Trafficking.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/ATIP_Request_Assistance_Child_Victims_Trafficking.pdf)