How States Are Bolstering Address Confidentiality Programs

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1990

• Public Records Act exemption

• Each individual agency:
  • reviewed each individual record request;
  • determined need for confidentiality; and
  • redacted each record prior to release.
History

1991

• One agency, OSOS, creates a substitute address for survivors

• State and local agencies use substitute address in public records

• Confidential mail-forwarding

• Voter and marriage protections
Background

Eligibility

• Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking
• Criminal justice employees
• Election officials
• Health care professionals

YTD Enrolled 25,000 (adults and children)

Annual Enrollments 6,000

2002
Susan Laurence Memorial Award
Professional Innovation in Victims Services
Is the ACP still a viable program?

How can we provide protections to participants when purchasing a home while still maintaining the strength of our land records?
2018-2019 Advisory Council

Service Enhancement

- Health Care Authority
- County Auditor
- Advocate
- Participant
- Law Enforcement
- Title Association
- County Clerk
- Social Services
- City Clerk
- Attorney General
- Family Law Attorney
- Banks
Housing Task Force

- Civil Legal Aide
- County Auditors
- Realtors
- Underwriter
- County Assessors
- Home Inspector
- Title Assn
- County Clerk
- Dept of Revenue
- Loan Officers
- City Clerk
- Attorney General
- Recording Offices
- Banks
- Trust Attorneys
Task Force Results

- Revocable living trust
- Online resources
- Public trustee – signs recorded documents (public)
  - Mortgage, deed of trust
  - ACP address – real estate excise tax affidavit
- After closing, the “public” trustee can resign.
Next Steps

- Beta-testing trust model
- Explore OSOS acting as Public Trustee
- Recruit real estate attorneys