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### PRESS RELEASE

#### DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND NEWS AWARDED \$500K GRANT FOR MONARCH JUSTICE CENTER

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NEWS - Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services and the Napa County District Attorney's Office were selected to receive a competitive grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) to provide funding to improve criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims at the Monarch Justice Center in downtown Napa.

Napa County residents experiencing family violence or sexual assault will now have the option of going to the Monarch Justice Center, a one stop-service center, for help. The four-year grant award of \$500,000 will allow the center to hire a program director to make a positive impact in the lives of victims by increasing access and coordination with multiple agencies under one roof. District Attorney Allison Haley and NEWS Executive Director Tracy Lamb along with others on the advisory board have been working together for years to make the program sustainable and serve vulnerable victims of crimes. "We're excited for this opportunity from OVW to hire a program director to help us grow and expand our capacity," said NEWS Executive Director Tracy Lamb.

District Attorney Allison Haley stated "the need for a single, coordinated center to serve our traumatized community members has never been made clearer than during this pandemic. Monarch provides both physical and emotional safety to our most vulnerable all while enabling access to our robust community of service providers. It is our intention that our efforts amplify their voices, honor their lived experience and nurture their efforts to heal and thrive."

Partners of the Monarch Justice Center include the Napa County District Attorney's Office, NEWS, Aldea, Letting Emotions Out Program, Bay Area Legal Aid, Comprehensive Services for Older Adults, Courage Center, and Napa Police Department. The Monarch Justice Center is located in the City of Napa at 1546 1<sup>st</sup> Street in the Allen Ewig Building. Visit [www.monarchjusticecenter.org](http://www.monarchjusticecenter.org) for more information.

Any questions regarding this press release may be directed to Victim Services Manager Yuen Chiang.