

New Grantee Orientation: Performance Reporting

Performance, Assessment, Research, and Evaluation (PARE) Unit
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Agenda

- Describe the purposes of performance reporting
- Clarify OVW's approach to performance reporting
- Explore guiding principles of performance reporting
- Review what we have learned about performance reporting
- Introduction to the VAWA IMPACT Tool



Performance, Assessment, Research, and Evaluation Unit

The PARE Unit works to build the evidence base for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-funded programs, provide research and data to inform program and policy decisions, and equip people in the field with information and tools to help them align their work with effective strategies for serving survivors and holding offenders accountable.

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OVW Uses Performance Reporting Data to:

- Fulfill Congressional reporting requirements
- Monitor awards
- Testify before Congress
- Respond to data requests
- Evaluate and justify funding needs
- Identify areas of remaining need
- Identify trends and promising practices
- Answer policy questions
- **Listen to our grantees and be responsive to the field**



**Thank you for all you do to
coordinate quality data collection
and share your work with OVW.**



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Guiding Principles of OVW Performance Reporting



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Performance Reporting

OVW grant recipients should collect and must report complete performance data on their OVW-funded projects. In addition, recipients must maintain victim privacy and confidentiality and comply with civil rights regulations when they are collecting and reporting performance data. Recipients should ensure that victims and all participants in OVW-funded programming understand how the data they share will be used and who will have access to it. Data should be collected only to the extent that it does not compromise the program's ability to provide victim-centered, appropriate, equitable, and accessible services.



Guiding Principles

- Victim-centered and Trauma-informed
- Informed, Confidential, and Secure
- Meaningful and Useful
- Appropriate, Accessible, and Equitable



Victim Centered and Trauma Informed

Recipients should collect data about victims served, services provided, and other activities completed with OVV funds to the extent that it **does not interfere with providing victim-centered, trauma-informed services.**



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Informed, Confidential, and Secure

When victims or participants share their data or participate in services, they should be **informed about how, when, and by whom their data will be used and how their data will be stored.**

The participant should also understand the **nature of data privacy, confidentiality, or privilege responsibilities vested in the recipient** and how information could be accessed or disclosed.



Meaningful and Useful

OVW uses reports to monitor an award and report to Congress

Using Narrative fields is a good way to provide more detail to OVW.

While aligning data collection with OVW reporting requirements, **recipients should consider which data are meaningful, useful, and appropriate for the communities served.**

Balanced alongside meeting OVW requirements, recipients should avoid asking additional questions of victims and participants that do not directly relate to service provision and safety.

Fulfilling OVW reporting requirements should not mean placing an undue burden on participants.



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Appropriate, Accessible, and Equitable

Victims should never be required to share demographic information as a condition for receiving OVW-funded services.

Screening tools, intake forms, and other data collection mechanisms should be available in languages and formats to ensure meaningful access in communities served.



What have we learned from performance reporting?



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Law enforcement agencies need Grantee Perspectives to have better connection to and coordination with communities and community-based resources because the current lack of coordination discourages victim participation in the criminal justice system and engenders distrust of law enforcement agencies by both victims and community-based resources.

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*-International Association of Chiefs of Police,
Virginia*



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We see that there is a lot of work to Grantee Perspective W be done to increase the participation of culturally specific and racially and ethnically diverse communities. There is an evident gap of knowledge and understanding of the importance of developing strategies that foster equitable and meaningful collaborations which may improve how programs are planned, implemented, and evaluated.

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-Esperanza United, Minnesota



Areas of Remaining Need

- Scarcity of safe and affordable housing.
- How to build strong partnerships and CCRs.
- Dearth of legal services that leaves survivors and their children vulnerable to ongoing abuse.
- Lack of offender accountability.
- Survivors not having enough money to meet their and their children's basic needs.
- Need to expand victim-centered, trauma-informed training



VIOLENCE
AGAINST
WOMEN ACT

MEASURING
EFFECTIVENESS
INITIATIVE

Questions?



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VAWA IMPACT Tool

Logistics of Performance Reporting



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