

MEMORANDUM

To: All Tribal Governments Program Grantees
From: The Office on Violence Against Women
Date: March 2020
Subject: Updates to the Tribal Governments Semi-annual Progress Report

Purpose

This memo is to inform grantees of changes made to OVW's Semi-annual Progress Report for the Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program.

Background

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2013 made enhancements to some OVW grant programs and revised or clarified certain definitions and grant conditions that cut across programs. OVW has revised the Tribal Governments Program Semi-annual Progress Report to reflect the changes made by VAWA 2013 and to improve the quality and utility of the data the form collects.

Changes made to the Tribal Government Semi-annual Progress Report

The 2013 VAWA reauthorization added sex trafficking to the four crimes (sexual assault, domestic violence/dating violence, and stalking) that Tribal Governments grantees can address using their OVW funds. **Sex trafficking** is defined as a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age, and/or the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor of services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Sex trafficking categories have been added to the following questions:

- Question 7. Percentage of funds used
- Question 12. Training content areas
- Question 16. Topics of education events
- Question 19. Protocols and policies developed, revised, or implemented
- Question 24. Purpose of data collection and/or communications systems
- Question 26. Number of victims served, partially served, not served
- Question 32. Victim relationship to offender
- Question 46. Law enforcement activities
- Question 50a. Number of cases received, accepted, or declined
- Question 50b. Reasons for declining cases
- Question 51. Disposition of cases
- Question 56. Disposition of criminal cases
- Question 63. Number of offenders

Section/Question	Description of Change
Section B: Purpose Areas	
Question 9. Statutory purpose areas	<p>New purpose area regarding services for youth victims and children exposed to violence</p> <p>New purpose area for developing and promoting legislation, policies, and best practices</p>
Section C: Function Areas	
Question 11. People trained	<p>"Tribal" and "Non-tribal" professionals trained columns have been combined into one column</p> <p>Removal of "Military command staff" and "Multidisciplinary" categories</p>
Question 12. Training content areas	<p>Addition of "Sexual assault evidence kits" category to the Justice System subsection</p> <p>Addition of "are D/deaf or hard of hearing", "are in correctional settings", and "are sex trafficked" categories to the Underserved subsection</p> <p>Addition of "Trafficking taskforce" category to the Community Response subsection</p>
Question 14. Education events	Replaced "Outreach activities" question with new "Education events" question
Question 19. Protocol and/or policies	<p>Replaced Supervised Visitation and Exchange subsection with new "Supervised visitation" and "Supervised exchange" categories in the victim services subsection</p> <p>Addition of "Homicide prevention (lethality assessment)" to Victim Services and Law Enforcement subsections</p>
Question 20. Legislation and policies	NEW QUESTION – Report activities related to the development or promotion of State, local, or tribal legislation and policies
Question 22. Product or code development	<p>Removal of "Number used or distributed" column</p> <p>"Training curricula" and "Training materials" have been combined into one "Training curricula and materials" category</p>
Question 25. System improvement	Addition of "Fatality review" and "Language access plans" categories
Section D: Services to Victims/Survivors and Families	
Question 27. New victims/survivors	NEW QUESTION - Report the number of victims/survivors who began receiving services during the current reporting period
Question 28. Additional victimization	NEW QUESTION - Report additional types of victimizations victims/survivors received services for

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Question 29. Secondary victims served	Replaces services provided to children question. Secondary victims are people who were indirectly affected domestic/sexual violence (i.e., children, siblings, spouses, etc.) Report the number of secondary victims who received Tribal Government Program-funded services
Question 30. Reasons partially served or not served	Revised table to have two columns of check boxes – one for not served and one for partially served
Question 31. Demographics	RACE: Addition of “Some other race, ethnicity, or origin” category GENDER: Addition of “Transgender or gender nonconforming” category AGE: "13-17" category changed to "11-17" OTHER DEMOGRAPHICS: Addition of “Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ) individuals”, and “People who are D/deaf or hard of hearing”
REMOVED – Shelter/Transitional Housing Assistance subsection	Grantees no longer need to report housing units or housing assistance; the number of victims, dependents, and total bed nights should be reported in question 33b –Shelter services
Question 35. Legal issues	"Pending" and "New" cases have been combined into one "Number of victims/survivors" category
Section D2. Supervised Visitation	This section has been heavily edited; if your Tribal Governments Program funds are used to support supervised visitation and safe exchange activities, please review this section and the accompanying instructions carefully
Section E: Criminal Justice System	
Question 46. Law enforcement activities	The "Referrals of federal firearms charges to federal prosecutors" category has been removed; grantees can now report those referrals under "Cases referred to federal law enforcement or prosecutors (<i>Including federal firearms charges.</i>)"
Section E3. Courts	Removal of “Number of criminal cases” question (previously question 43)
Question 58. Dispositions of violations	"Partial revocation of probation" and "Probation revoked/incarcerated" have been combined into one "Partial or full revocation of probation" category
Question 63. Number of offenders	"Number of continuing offenders" and "Number of new offenders" have been combined into one "Number of offenders" category
Question 64. Monitoring activities	Addition of “Electronic monitoring (GPS, radio frequency)” category

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Question 65. Dispositions of violations	"Partial revocation of probation" and "Probation revoked/incarcerated" have been combined into one "Partial or Full revocation of probation" category
Question 68. Offenders in BIP program	"Number of continuing offenders in BIP program" and "Number of new offenders in BIP program" have been combined into one "Number of offenders in BIP program" category

For more information

The VAWA MEI website (<https://www.vawamei.org/>) provides information, data summaries, forms and instructions, technical assistance, and other resources related to OVW grant reporting.

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