

# MEMORANDUM

To: All Rural Program Grantees

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Subject: Updates to the Rural Semi-annual Progress Report

## Purpose

This memo is to inform grantees of changes made to OVW’s Semi-annual Progress Report for the Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Program.

## Background

The 2013 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) made enhancements to some OVW grant programs and revised or clarified certain definitions and grant conditions that cut across programs. OVW has revised the Rural 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 Rural Semi-annual Progress Report

Section/Question	Description of Change
Section A1: Grant Information	
Question 5. Type of lead agency	Addition of “Legal services organization” category
Section B: Purpose Areas	
Question 11. Purpose areas/strategies	Updated to reflect the changes made by VAWA 2013
Section C1: Training	
Question 14. People trained	Removal of “Military command staff” and “Multidisciplinary” categories
Question 15. Training content areas	Addition of “Homicide prevention ( <i>lethality assessment</i> )” category
Section C3: Coordinated Community Response	
Question 20. Coordinated community response activities	Addition of “DV Homicide Prevention Team” and “Sexual Assault Response Team” columns
Section C4: Policies	
Question 22. Protocol or policies	Addition of “Homicide prevention ( <i>lethality assessment</i> )” category
Section C5: Products	
Question 24. Product development or substantial revision	Removal of “Number used or distributed” column
Section C8: System Improvement	
Question 28. Use of Rural funds for system improvement	Addition of “Fatality review” and “Language access plan” categories

Section D: Victim Services/Legal Services	
Question 30. Number of new victims/survivors served and partially served	NEW QUESTION - Report the number of victims/survivors who began receiving services during the current reporting period
Question 31. Number of victims/survivors served for all types of victimizations	NEW QUESTION - Report additional types of victimizations victims/survivors received services for, including trafficking
Question 33. Reasons victims/survivors seeking services were partially served or were not served	Revised table to have two columns of check boxes – one for not served and one for partially served
Question 34. Demographics	Race: Addition of “Some other race, ethnicity, or origin” category Gender: Addition of “Transgender or gender nonconforming” category Age: Revised age categories Other demographics: Addition of “Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ) individuals” and “People who are D/deaf or hard of hearing” categories
Question 36a. Victim services	Updated to include a new column to report the number of times a service was provided
Legal Services subsection: Questions 40-43	NEW SUBSECTION - includes questions regarding the number of legal issues addressed, the number of victims/survivors receiving assistance with legal issues, and legal outcomes
Section E1: Law Enforcement	
Question 45. Law enforcement activities	Addition of “Lethality assessment” category
Section E3: Courts	
Question: Number of criminal cases	Removal of “Number of criminal cases” question (previously question 49)
Section E4: Probation and Parole	
Question 63. Monitoring activities	Addition of “Electronic monitoring” category

**For more information**

The VAWA MEI website (<http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei/index.htm>) provides information, data summaries, forms and instructions, technical assistance, and other resources related to OVW grant reporting.

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