

FAQ's

1. **Question:** Will the live check-ins be recorded?

Answer: Yes. They will then be available on PCCD's YouTube Page.

2. **Question:** When is the August Check In?

Answer: It is scheduled for Thursday August 17th from 1:00pm – 2:30 pm.

3. **Question:** What about Stalking Protocols?

Answer: Please feel free to incorporate your stalking guidelines into the Domestic Violence Protocol.

4. **Question:** There's a lot of confusion about use of the templates. Are all the counties supposed to be using the actual templates for uniformity for the actual finalized protocols? Are we plugging our own specific information into the templates? Or are the templates just some sort of workbook for us to use and then we copy and paste the info from the templates into our own existing protocol forms? Some of us tried experimenting with the templates and were unable to use them as live working documents.

Answer: The Protocol Guide is designed as a template to help in drafting or editing Protocols. If you choose to use the Guide as designed, you should start on page 4 and follow the blue highlighted sections. These sections are designed to be replaced with county specific information that is discussed at STOP Team meetings. Throughout the document, these sections in **[brackets and highlighted with a blue background]** are intended to be addressed by individual STOP teams. These sections include examples and/or prompts, as well as links to resources (links are italicized and underlined) to encourage conversation and assist in drafting. Applicable example language may be adopted verbatim. Once highlighted sections are edited or discussed by the Team, remove the blue background. Completed protocols should have no blue sections remaining. The second and third pages of each Protocol Guide are important to read to understand this method and the design of the document.

If you do not want to use the Guide as designed, I suggest you read through our Protocol Guide and identify elements that are missing from your existing Protocols. Then you can incorporate these missing elements into your existing Protocols using the guide.

The Protocols are not “live” documents unless you would like to make them so by using OneDrive or a similar application for remote collaboration. That may be a strategy you choose to implement so everyone on the STOP Team can make edits on their own as they review the document.

5. **Question:** Why is CAC to be part of membership when OVW is very specific about STOP focus on adult vics only?

Answer: We have had multiple conversations with OVW about this very issue. Depending on what particular OVW Solicitation you were working under, there may have been some type of specific prohibition. However, for these general grants 11 and up as direct victims of SA is OK.

6. **Question:** Would we also have a section focused on PREA considerations as well?

Answer: Considerations for Incarcerated Victims and Survivors is covered under Section C, Special Considerations.

7. **Question:** Would we also have a section focused on transgender considerations as well?

Answer: Section C covers special populations and you are welcome to add whichever special populations are a priority to your team there.

8. **Question:** When does the final protocol guideline need to be completed and adopted.

Answer: January 2025