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# PMR Update Communication

Recently, the E-grants system was updated to make it easier for grantees to submit Project Modification Requests (PMRs).  One of the specific changes that impacts OVS-funded programs, is the addition of the Personnel PMR (Name Change Only).

With the addition of the Personnel (Name Change Only) PMR, OVS will no longer require the submission of the quarterly personnel spreadsheet beginning with the quarterly reports due in July 2022.  Therefore, when there is a change in staffing of an approved position with less than a 10% budgetary change of the entire personnel budget category, the Personnel (Name Change Only) PMR must be filed. Subgrantees should file the modification at the time the change in staffing occurs and not in conjunction with quarterly reporting. A signature pages is not required for a Personnel PMR.

**NOTE:** If the personnel change has a budgetary change that is 10% or higher than the entire personnel budget, then a Full PMR will need to be completed.

If you have any questions concerning the new PMR process, please contact the OVS Program Staff assigned to your grant(s).

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# VOCA Changes To Fiscal Year (FY) Reporting

Beginning on October 1, 2022, the VOCA reporting year will be shifted to align with the federal fiscal year **(October 1st to September 30th**).  PCCD has been operating on the state fiscal year of July 1st – June 30th for VOCA reporting purposes. This change is occurring due to federal reporting requirements and will allow for the annual VOCA anecdotal information to be submitted at the end of the federal fiscal year.

This reporting change will take effect with the reporting period of 7/1/22 to 9/30/22 being a transition quarter and October 1, 2022 starting the beginning of a new fiscal year reporting period.

**Transition to Federal Fiscal Year (Transition Quarter)**

Beginning July 1, 2022, the reporting year will shift to the federal fiscal year of October 1st to September 30th reporting time frame.  This “transition quarter” will allow for agencies to include July 1st – September 30th VOCA report data as the last reporting period for the year. Data will be counted as follows:

* **July to September 2022 Reporting Period will count New and Continuing with the Fiscal Year Start Date of 10/1/21.**
  + VOCA funding recipientsare being asked to make this counting and tracking change beginning 7/1/22 and be able to report these numbers for the July 1st, 2022 – September 30th, 2022 VOCA reports that are due to PCCD via EGrants on **10/15/22**
  + If a program is unable to accommodate this change for the July 1st, 2022 – September 30th, 2022 quarter due to data tracking system limitations and needs to report this quarter using the previous method of a fiscal year start date of 7/1/2022, no issue will be made with regards to NEW and CONTINUING victims served.
  + VOCA funding recipients are required to begin tracking all victims served as “New” for the October 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022 (1st quarter) reporting period to align with the use of the 2022/2023 Federal Fiscal Year of October 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2023.

**No Changes for Previously Submitted VOCA Reports**

The quarterly reports up to and including the April 1st to June 30th, 2022 reporting period will not need to be resubmitted or changed to align with the new federal fiscal year reporting period.

**Reporting Timeframes for 2022**

The following table illustrates the reporting requirement timeframes for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year.

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| **Reporting Period** | **Fiscal Year Start Date** | **New and Continuing** | **Quarter** | **VOCA Report Due Date** |
| January to March 2022 | 7/1/21 | New and Continuing | Quarter 3 | April 15, 2022 |
| April to June 2022 | 7/1/21 | New and Continuing | Quarter 4 | July 15, 2022 |
| ***July to September 2022*** | ***10/1/21*** | ***New and Continuing*** | ***Quarter 4*** | ***October 15, 2022*** |
| October to December | 10/1/22 | Everyone New | Quarter 1 | January 15, 2023 |

**ETO Case Management Users Impact**

* No required changes needed by ETO Case Management Users.
* The VOCA Reports have their reporting year start date in the report prompt screen.  The Fiscal Year Start Date will begin to default to 10/1/21 at the end of August.
* This change does not impact the PCADV and PCAR reports that are on a State Fiscal Year (SFY)

**ETO Aggregate Users Impact**

* VOCA recipients who use their own data tracking methods and case management systems must update their tracking and reporting methods to correspond with new reporting time frame.
* A grace period for the July – September reporting cycle will be given to those agencies that are unable to adjust their reporting method prior to July 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Seigler at [jseigler@pa.gov](mailto:jseigler@pa.gov) or at 717-265-8745.

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# Attention VOJO Programs – VOJO Lapsing Funds – Please Don’t Forget To Use Your VOJO Funding By June 30, 2022!

Recipients of 2021 VOJO (VJ), denoted on your Award Letter as:

2021 VJ Award Amount      $ XX.xx

2021 VJ Project Period        7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

This is a reminder that *VOJO funds not expended or obligated from this funding source by June 30, 2022 will lapse.*

Any outstanding obligations as of 6/30/2022, should be reported in the Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations column on the fiscal report for the period ending 6/30/2022.

An interim fiscal report will need to be submitted once the reported Outstanding Subgrantee Obligations are paid.  A remark must be included noting the reported expenditures were attributable to the period 7/1/2021-6/30/2022.

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# Attention All RASA/VOJO Programs- Quarterly Reports Due Wednesday, July 20th!

Quarterly Program Reports for the 2021-2022 RASA/VOJO Funding Cycle will cover the time period from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 and should be submitted in E-grants by no later than Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

**Image result for Green Check Mark Clip Art. Size: 96 x 95. Source: cliparts.coNEW this Quarter!**

* April 1st through June 30th represents Quarter 2 in the RASA/VOJO funding cycle. When calculating victims served for the quarter, please separate NEW and CONTINUING victims.
* TheE-grants system was recently updated to make it easier for grantees to submit Project Modification Requests (PMRs).  One of the specific changes that impacts OVS-funded programs, is the addition of the Personnel PMR (Name Change Only).  With the addition of the Personnel (Name Change Only) PMR, OVS will no longer require the submission of the quarterly personnel spreadsheet.

**Image result for Green Check Mark Clip Art. Size: 96 x 95. Source: cliparts.coReport Reminders:**

Please select “No” when asked to make the report a Final Program Report.

You do not need to enter anything in the “Briefly List Activities Conducted During This Period” Section on the main page of the report.  You may simply enter “Not Applicable” in this section on the main page of the report and save it.

**It is very important to submit your program report in Egrants by the due date of July 20, 2022**.  PCCD applies a risk level to each sub-grantee.  One of the factors that impacts an agency’s risk level is delinquent quarterly reports.  RASA and VOJO Reports submitted later than July 20, 2022 may adversely impact the agency’s risk level.  If, for any reason, you are unable to enter your report data and submit the report by the due date, please contact our office to let us know so we may instruct you on how to proceed in order to avoid your report being delinquent.

**Image result for Green Check Mark Clip Art. Size: 96 x 95. Source: cliparts.coPCCD Contact Information:**

If you should have any questions or need assistance completing your quarterly program reports, please contact Heather Cureau at [hcureau@pa.gov](mailto:hcureau@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8712, or Maria Katulis at [Mkatulis@pa.gov](mailto:Mkatulis@pa.gov) or (717) 265-8741.

Quarterly fiscal reports for RASA and VOJO grants will also be due in Egrants by July 20, 2022.  If you have any fiscal report questions, please contact the fiscal staff person listed on your grant for assistance.

If you need technical assistance with Egrants, you may contact the Egrants Support Line at (717) 787-5887 or [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).

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# Victim Advocacy Assistance – School District Of Philadelphia

PCCD’s Office of Safe Schools Advocate (OSSA) recently opened a 3-year, $375,000 solicitation to support students and their families who are victims of violence within the School District of Philadelphia. This grant will be considered a cooperative agreement, with PCCD being very involved with the grantee related to provision of advocacy supports. The successful applicant will work closely with the Safe School Advocate to provide the following services: a.) Provide assistance and support to the OSSA, and providing information on support services offered by the district attorney’s victim-witness provider and through local community-based victim service agencies; b.) Support the parent or guardian and/or the student victim through the SDP disciplinary process; and c.) Assist the parent or guardian of the victim in providing input to the school district and the appropriate juvenile or criminal justice authority to ensure the victim's safety on school property when the perpetrator of an act of violence is returning to school after placement under a consent decree, adjudication of delinquency, or conviction of a criminal offense.

If interested, please see the full announcement on PCCD’s Egrants system [here](https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Funding/Pages/Active-Funding-Announcements.aspx) under the Victim Advocacy Assistance – SD of Philadelphia title.  Applications are due July 15, 2022.

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# Strategies For Effective Collaboration: Firearms

This resource highlights key aspects for effective communication and collaboration among federal, state and local partners to address incidents involving firearms. It also highlights two examples of effective strategies, one from the Eastern District of Michigan and one from the District of South Carolina.

Please click [here](https://psntta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/PSN-TTA_Strategies-for-Effective-Collaboration-Firearms_FINAL.pdf) to access.

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# National Intimate Partner And Sexual Violence Survey

From the first release of 2010 data, The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention has become our nation’s pre-eminent data on the prevalence and impact of sexual violence. The field relies heavily on NISVS. The release of the new report on sexual violence based on data collected in 2016 and 2017 confirms what advocates know: the problem of sexual violence is widespread, devastating, and disproportionally impacts the young and vulnerable.

Please click [here](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs/nisvsReportonSexualViolence.pdf) to access.

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# National Strategy Center On Engaging Men To End Gender-Based Violence

This groundbreaking new initiative is built on our long experience working with men and boys and aims to inspire men to help stop violence and abuse. The new website offers principles and considerations for initiatives that engage men, resources and tools for men’s programming, contemporary research, and much more.

Please click [here](https://engagingmen.futureswithoutviolence.org/) to read.

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# How Do You Want Your Kids To Remember You?

Futures Without Violence has created a powerful new workbook for fathers who have harmed their partners and families and want to change.  This workbook is designed to help motivate fathers to change by making them aware of the effects of violence on children. It offers practical exercises that fathers can do on their own, or with support, to begin the difficult journey of transformation and healing.

Please click [here](https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/FathersWorkbook) to read.

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# Financial Exploitation Prevention Resources

The new financial exploitation resource webpage, features information for older adults, caregivers and other aging professionals on warning signs, preventive measures, and an expandable menu of resources on key topics such as banking and finance, legal services and dementia. Soon to come are short educational videos from experts explaining financial exploitation topics in everyday terms.

The webpage is the first in a line of resources being developed in accordance with recommendations issued by the Financial Exploitation of Older Adults Task Force, which was formed as the result of a study on the issue commissioned by Governor Wolf’s Executive Order on Vulnerable Populations. The task force included state agencies, aging, legal, financial, law enforcement, healthcare stakeholders and subject matter experts to discuss the issue of financial exploitation and focus on a multi-disciplinary approach to its prevention.

Please click [here](https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/financial_exploitation/Pages/default.aspx) to access.

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# Characteristics And Trends Of Youth Victims Of Suicide And Homicide, 2020

The Office Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Preventive (OJJDP) Data Snapshot draws on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Fatal Injury Reports to document the characteristics and trends of youth victims of suicide and homicide.

Please click [here](https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/library/publications/characteristics-and-trends-youth-victims-suicide-and-homicide-2020?utm_campaign=OJP_Digests&utm_content=June&utm_medium=email) to access.

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# Combatting Hate Crimes On College And University Campuses

The Clery Center has a resource to help institutions: develop protocols for hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents, identify factors that would classify an incident as a hate crime, and also develop dialogue to use when communicating in the aftermath of an incident.

Please click [here](https://clery.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/Combating_Hate_Crimes_Essential_Considerations.pdf) to read.

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# Understanding And Characterizing Labor Trafficking Among U.S. Citizen Victims

Campaigns to curb human trafficking, whether labor or sex, cannot be successful without fully understanding the totality of the issue. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ)-supported researchers surveyed 240 respondents, from three disparate geographic locations, using a snowball sampling strategy setting out to understand how U.S. citizens experience labor trafficking victimization.

Please click [here](https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/understanding-and-characterizing-labor-trafficking-among-us-citizen-victims?utm_campaign=OJP_Digests&utm_content=June&utm_medium=email) to read.

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# White House Task Force To Fight Online Harassment

The White House is starting a task force focused on the prevention of online abuse.

Please click [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfmXL7IFBrQ) to watch Vice-President Harris launching the new White House Task force and [here](https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-merrick-b-garland-delivers-remarks-launch-white-house-task-force-address) to read Attorney General Garland’s remarks.

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# Online Elder Abuse Training

Do you work with or serve older adults in your job? Or perhaps you connect with older adults in your community or your own family? Do you know how often they are abused, neglected, and financially exploited every year in Pennsylvania?

What if you could help recognize, prevent, and even save an older adult from these devastating situations?

The Department of Aging's Elder Abuse Awareness web-based training course can provide you with the knowledge and resources to take action.

Please click [here](https://www.pda-lms.org/online-resources/#r20841) to access.

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# Homicide & Drug Delivery Resulting In Death Cases And The Role Of The Victim Advocate

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| **Course Information** |
| This extremely important training will be an introduction to the various types of Homicide cases, including Drug Delivery Resulting in Death cases and provide a foundation on how to be a successful advocate for the victims' families. Topics covered will include:   * Different types and gradings of Homicides; * The various penalties; * The Hows and Whys of Plea Agreements; * Successful communication with the families; * Social media how it relates to victims' family and friends; * A section specific to Drug Delivery Resulting in Death cases.   **Presenters**  **Stephen R. Zawisky, Esq.** Chief Deputy District Attorney Dauphin County DA's Office  **Tonya Lupinacci, Esq.** Assistant Professor of Criminology at Immaculata University Consultant at Saint Joseph's University's Center for Addiction and Recovery Education Former Assistant District Attorney with the Montgomery County DA's Office |
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# Intersections Of Secondary Traumatic Stress With Racism, Historical Trauma and Other Systems of Oppression

**Thursday, June 30 from 2 pm to 4 pm**

This two-hour webinar will focus on how secondary traumatic stress (STS) intersects with issues related to identity and oppression. Participants will increase their understanding of how racial inequality, historical trauma and other systems of oppression can exacerbate the impact of STS on direct service providers.

Please click [here](https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/events/intersections-secondary-traumatic-stress-racism-historical-trauma-and-other-systems?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=events&ut) to register.

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# 2nd Annual Virtual Human Trafficking Summit

The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security is hosting its 2nd Annual Human Trafficking **Virtual** Summit on **Thursday, August 18, 2022, from 9:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m**.

This year’s focus is on runaways and human trafficking as it ties to domestic violent extremism and terrorism.

This **free**, **virtual summit** is intended for law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, juvenile probation and victim advocates, educators, hospital administrations and staff, and those in public health and healthcare.

Please click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-virtual-human-trafficking-summit-tickets-366755905787) to register.

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# Victims Compensation Assistance Program Online Trainings

The following trainings will be held on July 7, 2022.

* Basic Compensation – 9:00am. – 11:00 a.m.

The following trainings will be held on July 18, 2022.

* Counseling Expenses Clinic - 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
* Loss of Earnings Clinic – 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All trainings count towards 1 hour of the required RASA/VOCA/VOJO training hours, except Basic Compensation which counts towards 2 and DAVE training which counts towards 2.25.

Please click [here](https://pccd.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=pccd&service=6) to register.

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# A Woman’s Place

Please click [here](https://awomansplace.org/get-involved/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Nationalities Service Center – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=27e48a4b-a610-4fda-9822-2ed5e4765278&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US&selectedMenuKey=CareerCenter) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Sexual Assault Resource Counseling Center (SARCC) - Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://sarccheals.org/careers/) to see current employment opportunities.

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# Schuylkill Hope Center – Employment Opportunities

Please click [here](https://schopecenter.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/job-opportunities/) to see current employment opportunities.

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The next OVS Newsletter will be published on Wednesday, **July 13, 2022**.  If you would like any training events, fundraisers, or notable news published in this newsletter, please submit them to Lea Dorsey at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov)  by Wednesday, **July 6, 2022**.

You have signed up to receive the OVS Newsletter from the Office of Victims' Services.  This newsletter will be sent to you on a biweekly basis via email.  If your email address changes or you would like to be removed from the OVS Newsletter distribution list, please contact Lea Dorsey at (717) 265-8733 or via email at [ledorsey@pa.gov](mailto:ledorsey@pa.gov).

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**Twitter:** [@PaCrimeCom](https://twitter.com/PaCrimeComm)m.