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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
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Dear Colleague:

As we mentioned at the Advisory Council meeting, the U. S. Justice Department, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) is revising its VOCA assistance performance measures. The data they will be collecting from OVS and VAPs is much more detailed than that currently required. While OVC anticipates implementing this report in January of 2015, they may require that the data collection period begin October 1, 2014.

OVS will provide critical feedback to OVC on our concerns about the data reporting requirements associated with these new performance measures both during the vetting sessions available to State VOCA Administrators and in writing. Much of the onus for collecting and reporting this data will fall on sub-recipients. Therefore, we think it is vital that we get your feedback so that we can convey any concerns or comments you might have to OVC.

To submit your comments please use the attached draft Performance Measures for VOCA Victim Assistance document to reference your comments. All comments should be in bullet format and specifically reference the section number, page number and question number you are commenting on. For example:

- Section III, page 3, Outcome Question #1, this question would require that we do pre and post testing of the victims we serve; often we see victims one-time only and it is not feasible to collect this information for all the victims we serve.

Please send your comments to Kim Spoonhower at [OVSGrants@ovs.ny.gov](mailto:OVSGrants@ovs.ny.gov) by October 24, 2014. We will compile the comments, add OVS' concerns and share the information with both OVC and NAVAA.

On behalf of the Office, we look forward to working with you in our continued effort to provide the highest quality services to innocent victims of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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