Overview of the DCTAT Data for VOCA Grantees

Victims of Child Abuse (VOCA) is a grant program funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). VOCA grantees conduct a wide variety of services to enhance coordination among agencies and professionals that respond to child abuse through training and technical assistance and information services. VOCA grantees have been reporting in the DCTAT since the January–June 2008 reporting period in the Discretionary module. This report provides a quick summary of the grantees' data for the July–December 2015 reporting period.

Overall Program Information

Table 1 represents the grantee-selected program categories by states. Program category is a grouping method that corresponds to the activities approved in each OJJDP application. Grantees choose a program category for the life of the award; they cannot change it without OJJDP approval.

All VOCA grantees used funding for system improvement, and one grantee also used funding for research and development. System improvement activities focus on enhancing/improving existing justice system approaches and services to reduce child victimization through training, increasing resources, implementing policy change, and similar activities. Research and development includes conducting research studies, developing products or services of value to the juvenile justice field, evaluating programs, and similar activities.

Table 1. Grantee-Selected Program Categories

State	System Improvement	Research and Development
AL	✓	
CO	✓	
DC	✓	
MN	✓	
PA	✓	
VA	✓	✓

Table 2. Total VOCA Funded Amount by State

State	N	Total Amount
AL	9	$10,738,399
CO	7	7,308,944
DC	10	59,531,820
MN	7	7,308,944
PA	7	7,308,944
VA	3	4,459,649

Table 2 shows the total grant amounts awarded to VOCA grantees organized by state. The number of awards and total funded amounts in the table include data from reporting periods January–June 2008 to July–December 2015.

Based on the data collected, the most grants awarded were in Washington, DC (n = 10), followed by Alabama (n = 9). In addition, all VOCA grant programs are run by nonprofit community-based organizations.

Examination of Program Information for July–December 2015

Five VOCA grants were active during the July–December 2015 reporting period, and grantees were 100 percent compliant on their DCTAT reporting requirement. One award was not operational[1] during the reporting period.

Table 3. Status of Active Grants Reporting

Data Reporting Period	Status				
	Not Started	In Progress	Complete	Total Awards	Percent
July–December 2015	0	0	5	5	100
Total	0	0	5	5	100

VOCA funding supports four Regional Children's Advocacy Centers (RCAC) that develop multidisciplinary teams, local children's advocacy center programs, and state chapter organizations. These centers are accredited members of the National Children's Alliance and support training opportunities for service providers and professionals

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[1] Not operational means no grant activity occurred during the period, and funds were not expended. A DCTAT report is required even if there was no grant activity during the reporting period.

responding to child abuse victims. The RCAC agencies provide training and technical assistance to these groups to assess community readiness, increase the number of communities utilizing the children's advocacy center model, and develop and strengthen state chapter organizations of children's advocacy centers.

Table 4 represents the performance measures VOCA grantees reported on in the DCTAT for the July–December 2015 reporting period. The majority of the reported data are on training and system improvement.

Table 4. Performance Measures Data: July–December 2015

Performance Indicator	Data
Number and percent of programs/initiatives employing evidence-based programs or practices	1,143
Total number of programs/initiatives	1,349
Number of system-level initiatives implemented	14
Number of system-planning activities conducted	39
Number of systems that have established interagency planning bodies	5
Number of system-level recommendations that have been implemented	25
Number of Memoranda of Understanding developed	13
Number of people trained during the reporting period	6,605
Number of program staff or other relevant youth-serving professionals trained	2,272
Number of hours of training program staff or other relevant youth-serving professionals	402
Number of onsite training sessions provided	12
Number of planning or training events held during the reporting period	109
Number of training requests received	109
Number of technical assistance deliveries	293
Number of technical assistance requests received	1,006
Number of technical assistance events held	1,006