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**To:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:31 AM

**Subject:** Important Message from OVW- FY 2015 PREA Worksheet

Hello Everyone!!

Fiscal Year 2015 STOP awards are currently being made, many of you have already received GMS notification regarding your award.

Attached below is the revised PREA Worksheet (excel document) reflecting the three options and the PREA Worksheet Guide (pdf file instructions on how to complete the worksheet).  We will also post these documents on the OVW website.

You should only complete the option on the worksheet that corresponds to how your Governor responded regarding the status of PREA compliance.  The options are as follows:

Option 1    Governor submitted a certification indicating the state/territory was in compliance with PREA.

Option 2    Governor submitted an assurance that the state/territory would use 4.75% of STOP funds to come into compliance with PREA

Option 3    State/territory received the PREA penalty for PREA non-compliance.

Additionally here is a copy of a message I sent to you all in June regarding the redistribution of FY 2014 which impacted FY 2015 and required OVW to make revisions to the worksheet and instructions above.

Once you have completed the option applicable to your state/territory you will need to **print the form, print and sign your name & date, and then scan the form and save it electronically**.  In order to submit the form to OVW for review please initiate and submit a **Program Office Approval Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) in GMS** **and attach the worksheet to the GAN**.  For those states/territories who fall into **Option 2** where 4.75% of STOP funds are being held, OVW Program Mangers will review the form and if everything is acceptable will approve the GAN and then generate a GAN to release the withholding special condition currently attached to your award.

For your reference, I’m also attaching the Fact Sheet on STOP Funds and PREA Reduction/Reallocation.

If you have any questions please contact your OVW Program Manager.

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As a reminder, the FY 2014 Redistribution Allocation is essentially “bonus money” to those states who submitted a PREA  assurance or certification in FY 2014.  PREA requires for those states/territory that didn’t submit either an assurance or certification(FY 2014 allocation was reduced by 4.75%) that their funds be redistributed to those states and territories that did, therefore the Redistribution Allocation chart reflects this “bonus money” amount.  Due to the timing of everything(and many moving pieces) we are unable to do to the redistribution during the same year, which is why FY 2014 funds are being redistributed in FY 2015.

A few more things to keep in mind:

* The FY 2015 Allocation chart that I sent only reflects allocations.  It does not reflect the reduced amount if your state or territory  has not submitted an assurance or certification for FY 2015.  For FY 2015 the deadline for Governors to provide a certification or an assurance to the PREA Office was May 15, 2015.  If you are from a state or territory that has not provided a certification or assurance your FY 2015 STOP award will be reduced by 4.75% (FY 2015 allocation minus 4.75%), another chart to show these amount will not be provided.  Those that fall into this category will see the reduced award amount on their FY 2015 STOP award documents.

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* We are in the process of updating the PREA Worksheet, which is submitted post award.  The form has to be revised so that the “bonus money” received from the redistribution is not subject to the PREA amout for FY 2015 but is part of the automated calulations for the discipline required allocations, administrative costs, etc.   Once the form has been revised a blast message will be sent and the revised form will also be posted on the OVW website.  The revisions to this form primarily impacts those that submitted assurances for FY 2015 which is the majority.

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