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The following message is sent on behalf of Eileen M. Garry, Acting Administrator for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide clarification regarding the policy of submitting Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) data under the federal fiscal year timeframe. States may continue to collect the DMC raw data on a calendar year basis, state fiscal year, or federal fiscal year. The DMC raw data that states collect is used to calculate the Relative Rate Index (RRI). The RRI's raw data is not the sole basis for OJJDP's determination of state's compliance with the DMC requirement. Compliance with DMC in a particular federal fiscal year is based on the DMC Plan submitted as part of the Formula Grants application. States must report on their activities undertaken to address DMC during the relevant federal fiscal year. Those activities may be formulated based on an RRI value calculated using data collected from a 12 month period of time.

Please note that for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018, states will need to submit their compliance plans, compliance data, and supporting documentation for the prior FFY -- October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 -- electronically to OJJDP's online compliance reporting tool, separately from the 2018 Title II application, and no later than February 28, 2018. DMC plans and data are also to be submitted electronically through OJJDP's compliance tool no later than February 28, 2018. We will notify states whether to use the tool's electronic questionnaire (as was done for the 2014 and 2015 data) or to upload the Excel compliance reporting spreadsheet as an attachment (as was done for the 2016 data) at a later date.

I want to thank the states for their support and continued participation in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. We look forward to our ongoing partnership in ensuring that that this nation's youth are treated in a safe, fair, and equitable manner. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Eileen M. Garry
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