States must submit their compliance data for fiscal year 2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018) and their DMC plans electronically to the OJJDP Compliance Reporting Tool separately from the application no later than February 28, 2019, unless the state has received a written extension of this deadline from the OJJDP Administrator.

Plan for compliance with the disproportionate minority contact (DMC) core requirement applicable to Category 2. Pursuant to the JJDP Act at 34 U.S.C. § 11133(a)(22), states and territories must “address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of minority groups, who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.” DMC exists if a specific minority group’s rate of contact at a particular point in the juvenile justice system is different than the rate of contact for non-Hispanic whites or other minority groups.

States achieve compliance with this core requirement when they address DMC through the following: identification, development of an action plan, and an outcome-based evaluation.

For FY 2019, states are required to provide DMC plans using a three-pronged, research-driven, outcomes-based strategy for their DMC work:

I. Identify statewide data at research-based points of potential disparity. Data collection must occur for at least four of the five points below. At each data point, your state must provide percent of population data using the most recent U.S. Census data.

Data collection points:
1. Arrest
2. Diversion (filing of charges)
3. Pre-trial detention (both secure and nonsecure)
4. Disposition commitments (secure and nonsecure)
5. Adult transfer

Note: States can provide more data collection points but must provide four of the five listed above. Also, this plan does not disallow the use of the Relative Rate Index (RRI) but is not required and should not be used in lieu of the data required above.

II. Develop an Action Plan.

Provide answers to the questions below.

1. What do your DMC numbers tell you about your jurisdiction?
2. What would success in DMC reduction look like for your state?
3. How much do you want to reduce DMC next year?
4. Is that reasonable? If yes, why?
5. What do you need from OJJDP to be successful with your plan?
6. What safeguards will you put in place to ensure that as you work to reduce DMC, you are still protecting the public, holding youth accountable, and equipping youth to live crime-free, productive lives?

III. Outcome-Based Evaluation (not applicable for FY 2019).

Note: In FY 2020, states must address the following questions designed to assist in determining progress toward reductions:

1. What are your new numbers?
2. Did you meet your goal?
3. If yes, what worked? What drove the success?
   If no, what were the barriers? How might you overcome those next year?
   What partners do you need?
4. How can OJJDP help you next year? What do you need from us?
5. How did you protect the public, hold kids accountable, and equip them to live crime-free?
6. What are your goals for next year?