

Q & A: Documenting the Impact of Legal Assistance: New Reporting Requirements for OAA-Funded Programs

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About Administration for Community Living (ACL)

The Administration for Community Living was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities.

By funding services and supports provided by networks of community-based organizations, and with investments in research, education, and innovation, ACL helps make this principle a reality for millions of Americans.

1. How should providers report the race of a client? What if a client does not identify with any of the available race options?

2. Should legal assistance providers for multiple AAAs submit a report for each contract or aggregate into one report and submit it to one of the AAAs?

3. Is the Legal Assistance Provider
SPR Tool able to convert LSC
codes into SPR case types?

4. Can a legal assistance provider report more than one open, unrelated case for the same client at the same time?

5. How often is SPR data reported to ACL? What if our AAA or SUA requires more frequent reporting?

6. How should legal assistance providers report on their interactions with clients for whom they answer general questions?

7. Which types of services are included in the Protective Services and Defense of Guardianship case type?

Key Dates & Next Steps

Key Dates (1 of 2)

- Reporting period: **October 1st – September 30th**
- **October 1, 2021:** First day of collection/reporting period for new SPR data
 - Legal assistance providers must collect data on all new SPR elements
 - First day of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022
- **September 30, 2022:** Closing date of reporting period for new SPR data

Key Dates (2 of 2)

- **January 31, 2023:** Date by which states must submit new SPR data (for FFY 2022) to ACL via OAAPS
 - Legal assistance providers submit reports to AAA or SUA prior to this date
 - AAA/SUA uploads reports from all providers into OAAPS

Key Dates: Practice Submission

- States may participate in a voluntary practice SPR submission in January 2022:
 - States may submit practice data for FFY 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)
- Process is voluntary for AAA/SUA and providers
- Provides an opportunity for providers and AAA/SUA to test submission capabilities and preparedness for official SPR data reporting in January 2023
- Requires coordination between provider and AAA/SUA to produce FFY2021 report

Find Resources

- Information and resources are available on the [OAAPS pilot website](#)
 - [Legal Assistance SPR FAQs, Legal Assistance Provider SPR Tool, guidebooks, State Readiness Checklist, and other resources](#)
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