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The Program Performance Report (PPR) should be an opportunity to evaluate compliance with the DD Act, assess progress on goals, identify barriers and lessons learned, and make decisions about what to do next. The PPR, as it is currently structured, does not provide meaningful information to demonstrate these things, and it is an undue burden of time and energy.

We recommend ACL put together a small task force of DD Council representatives and TA providers to transform the PPR into something meaningful and not overly arduous.

Some ideas of potential transformations are as follows:

1. Eliminate the performance measures as they are currently designed.
2. Create a checklist of compliance measures, with an optional text field for any necessary explanation.
3. If a standardized quantitative or qualitative evaluation is needed, ACL's professional evaluators should manage it.
4. Allow DD Councils to demonstrate progress on goals, identify barriers and lessons learned, and identify next steps in multiple ways.

Ultimately, if DD Councils were not strained with an incomprehensible PPR, we would have more time to put together the compelling stories, details about successful programs, and examples of systems change that make sense of the complexity of our important work. These narratives, along with any evaluation data from ACL's evaluation team, will unequivocally show that ACL's funds for DD Councils are monies well spent.