

Child and Family Services Reviews Update

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Revised Schedule for CFSR 2018 Reviews

States confirmed to undergo Traditional Reviews in FY 2018 include:

New Hampshire: April 2–6

Wisconsin: April 16–20

Illinois: May 14–18

Rhode Island: June 4–8

Alabama: July 23–27

Utah: July 30–August 3

Michigan: August 13–17

Puerto Rico: September 10–14

Mississippi: September 24–28

The remaining FY 2018 states—Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, and Washington—are conducting their own case reviews. For these states, case review activities will begin in April 2018.

CFSR Round 3 Findings for FYs 2015–2016

The presentation highlighting findings from the 24 states that participated in Round 3 of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) in FYs 2015–2016, given at the August 2017 Coordinated State Child Welfare Program Grantee Meeting, includes feedback from parents and youth and information about Program Improvement Plans. It is posted at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/cfsr-round3-findings-2015-2016>

Round 3 Approved Program Improvement Plans

A state determined not to be in substantial conformity with one or more of the seven outcomes or seven systemic factors under review must develop a Program Improvement Plan jointly with the Children's Bureau that addresses identified areas of nonconformity. The Program Improvement Plan process is designed to create lasting and statewide systemic change in key areas identified in the CFSR while also addressing the immediate needs of children and families.

After the review ends and the Final Report is issued, the state is expected to continue its collaboration with Tribes, courts, other partners and stakeholders, and the Children's Bureau to prepare a Program Improvement Plan and submit it to the Children's Bureau for approval. The state must submit the Program Improvement Plan to the Children's Bureau Regional Office for approval within 90 calendar days from the date on which the state receives written notification from the Children's Bureau that it is not operating in substantial conformity with any one of the seven outcomes or seven systemic factors. The Children's Bureau approval notice indicates the commencement date of the state's Program Improvement Plan. Currently, the following states have approved Program

Improvement Plans:

Arizona
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Kansas
Massachusetts
New Mexico
North Carolina
Vermont

After Program Improvement Plans are approved, they are posted on the Children's Bureau's website along with other selected reports. These may be found at https://library.childwelfare.gov/cwig/ws/cwmd/docs/cb_web/SearchForm

CFSR Information Portal

As part of the Children's Bureau and the Department of Health and Human Services' ongoing security efforts, the CFSR Information Portal has moved to a new domain, ".gov". The portal address has changed from <https://www.cfsrportal.org> to <https://www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/>. The old portal address will automatically redirect you to the new address. If, however, you have the portal bookmarked in any of your browsers, we recommend updating it. You may visit <https://www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/public/3715> for instructions on how to update your browser bookmarks. User accounts and access remain exactly the same, and there are no changes to the structure of the portal.