

Child and Family Services Reviews Update

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Year 3 CFSR News: States Scheduled for 2018 Reviews

States undergoing Traditional Reviews in FY 2018 include Wisconsin, Illinois, Rhode Island, Alabama, Utah, Michigan, Puerto Rico, and Mississippi. The dates of their reviews are:

Confirmed FY 2018 Traditional Reviews

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

CFSR FAQs: Why You Need Them and How To Get Alerts

The E-Training Platform's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page is a valuable resource for anyone participating in CFSRs. The FAQ page is accessible through the E-Training Platform on the CFSR Information Portal (users do not have to be logged in to access it at <https://training.cfsrportal.org/resources/3077>.)

The FAQ page consists of questions about the Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions (OSRI) submitted by states, with official answers provided by the Children's Bureau. The answers represent official guidance; that is, the information on the FAQ page is as "official" as the instructions and definitions in the OSRI.

New questions are added continuously, so CFSR participants should actively check for new additions. You can sign up for notifications of E-Training Platform updates. After entering an email address, you will receive an email notifying you of significant changes to the E-Training Platform, including additional modules and new FAQs that have been posted.

Suspension of Issuance of CFSR Data Profiles

On July 26, 2017, the Children's Bureau notified state child welfare directors of the decision to suspend issuance of the CFSR data profiles containing statewide data indicators and national performance for Round 3 CFSRs until further notice. The Children's Bureau understands that states scheduled for a 2018 CFSR are beginning to work on their statewide assessments. The Children's Bureau will provide data profiles to only those states for context purposes.

The decision was made to suspend issuance of new profiles after the Children's Bureau identified inaccuracies in the risk adjustment process for two indicators in these profiles ("Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care" and "Re-entry to foster care in 12 months") that affect the accuracy of reported national performance. The Children's Bureau is testing and verifying revisions to the syntax. Once this is completed, the Children's Bureau will publish to states and the public complete information on changes made to the syntax.