



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

May 13, 2015

Dear State Child Welfare Administrator,

This letter seeks to inform you of our release of corrections to the final Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) Statewide Data Indicators and National Standards that will be used in CFSR Round 3.

On October 10, 2014, we published a document in the *Federal Register* on the Round 3 indicators. That *Federal Register* document provided information on how we arrived at the final indicators and responds to the comments that you and other interested parties provided in response to our initial proposal. We have since made some corrections to the methodology and national standards since October 10th and have published a set of corrections to the original document in the *Federal Register* on May 13, 2015. You can obtain a copy of the latest *Federal Register* document online at <https://federalregister.gov/a/2015-11515>.

We have several enclosures to this letter related to the revised statewide data indicators:

- A revised executive summary of the Round 3 statewide data indicators, standards and methodology that includes the latest *Federal Register* document corrections.
- A compilation of the original and revised *Federal Register* documents.
- An amended CFSR Technical Bulletin #8A which provides additional information on the technical aspects of measuring performance on the statewide data indicators and performance measurement associated with the case review items and systemic factor items.
- A revised excel workbook that provide our initial assessment of each state's performance on the national standards as of July 10, 2014. As explained in the *Federal Register* documents and the bulletin, this initial assessment of state performance is subject to change.
- The syntax and supporting files used by the CB to calculate data quality, observed performance, and risk-standardized performance for the statewide data indicators.

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The enclosures will soon be available on the CB website and the CFSR portal at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb> and <http://www.cfsrportal.org> respectively.

We are planning discussions with you about the revised indicators and your state's performance in a couple of ways: first via a national webinar with other state child welfare administrators and CFSR; and, subsequently via state-specific discussions about your data profiles in the context of your reviews. More information on the national webinar will be forthcoming shortly via your CB Regional Office.

We look forward to continuing our work with you on behalf of children and families.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Commissioner
Children's Bureau

Enclosures:

Executive Summary of the CFSR Statewide Data Indicators and National Standards
Compilation of *Federal Register* documents on the CFSR Statewide Data Indicators and National Standards
CFSR Technical Bulletin #8A
Excel Workbook of State CFSR Performance
CFSR Rd 3 Syntax Files