



CFSR Statewide Data Indicators

Key changes published in the May 13, 2015

Federal Register Notice

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Overview

- October 10, 2014 – Federal Register notice on final plan for the indicators
- May 13, 2015 – Revised Federal Register notice highlighting changes to:
 - Statewide Data Indicators
 - Calculations
 - National Standards
 - States excluded
 - Revised standards
 - PIP Improvement Goals
 - Round 3 Data Profiles, syntax, and other resources



Revisions to Federal Register

- Purpose and intent of Statewide Data Indicators have not changed
- Refined and clarified our calculations
- Slight changes to data quality requirements and exclusions
- Slight changes to national standards
- Slight changes to caps and floors for PIP improvement goals

Source Data for Entry Cohort: Perm in 12 Months

- Six AFCARS submissions spanning 3 years are required to track entries to permanency.



- » Why? The indicator follows them for just 12 months.
- » Answer: The Entry Cohort Permanency in 12 Months indicator and Re-Entry indicator are companion measures. As such, we calculate them from the same source file. The Re-Entry indicator requires 3 years to track. We make use of all data available to us from these source files, for both indicators.

Trial Home Visit Adjustment - Applicability

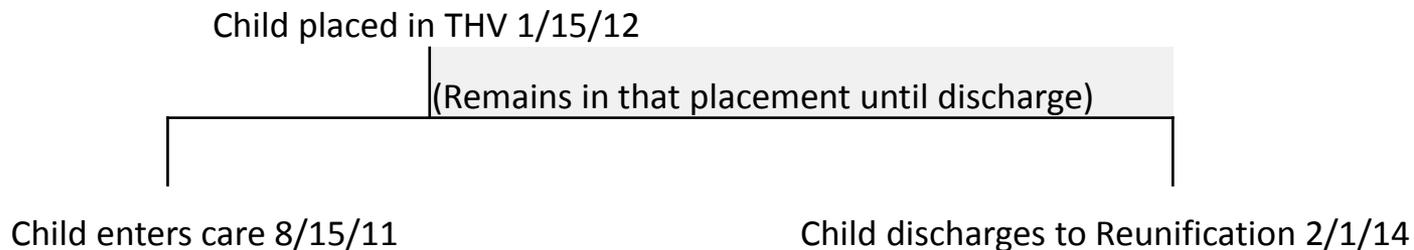
- The Trial Home Visit applies only to the Entry Cohort Permanency in 12 Months indicator. It has no effect on the First Day cohorts, because we do not track those cohorts beyond 12 months.

Trial Home Visit Adjustment - Clarified

Original FR: “If a child discharges from foster care **during the 12-month period** to reunification with parents or other caretakers after a placement setting of a trial home visit, any time in that trial home visit that exceeds 30 days is discounted from the child's length of stay in foster care.”

Revised FR: “If a child discharges from foster care **at any time within the 3 years used as source data for this indicator** to reunification with parents or other caretakers after a placement setting of a trial home visit, any time in that trial home visit that exceeds 30 days is discounted from the child's length of stay in foster care.”

Example: This child is counted as discharged to Permanency in 12 Months.



Source Data for Entry Cohort: Perm in 12 Months – Data Quality

- Because source data for the Entry Cohort Permanency in 12 Months indicator includes six AFCARS periods, data quality limits will be applied to all six AFCARS periods as well.
- When states exceed data quality limits in a particular period needed as source data, we exclude that state from measurement.

Data Quality Items, Limits, and Applicability

Data Quality Item	Data Quality Limit	Maltreatment in Foster Care	Recurrence of Maltreatment	Permanency in 12 Months (all 3 indicators) & Re-Entry to Foster Care in 12 Months	Placement Stability
<i>AFCARS – Cross File Checks</i>					
Dropped records	>10%	X	n/a	X	X
AFCARS IDs don't match from one period to next	>40%	X	n/a	X	X
<i>AFCARS - Within-file checks</i>					
Missing date of birth	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Missing date of latest removal	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Missing # of placement settings	>5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	X
Date of birth after date of entry	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Date of birth after date of exit	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Age at entry greater than 21	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Age at discharge greater than 21	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
In foster care more than 21 years	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Enters and exits care the same day	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Exit date is prior to removal date	>5%	X	n/a	X	X
Missing discharge reason (exit date exists)	>5%	n/a	n/a	X	n/a
Percent of children on 1 st removal	≥95%	X	n/a	X	X
<i>NCANDS Data– Cross File Checks</i>					
Child IDs for victims match across years	<1%	n/a	X	n/a	n/a
Child IDs for victims match across years, but dates of birth and sex do not match	>5%	n/a	X	n/a	n/a
Some victims with AFCARS IDs should match IDs in AFCARS files	Y/N	X	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>NCANDS Within file checks</i>					
Some victims should have AFCARS IDs in Child File	<1%	X	n/a	n/a	n/a
Missing age for victims	>5%	X	X	n/a	n/a

Note. If a state exceeds these specified limits, we will not calculate performance for the state on the indicator.

Data Quality Check: Percent of Children on First Removal Episode

- Although the table showing this data quality check applies to all permanency indicators, we did not apply this exclusion to the first day cohort permanency indicators in the first release of national standards and data.
- We have corrected this issue.

Syntax Refinement: No Imputation

- In earlier syntax versions, we imputed dates of discharge for dropped records, when possible.
 - Example:

	<u>Date of Latest Removal</u>	<u>Total # Removals</u>	<u>Date of Discharge from Last Foster Care Episode</u>	<u>Date of Discharge</u>
2012A	6/15/2011	1	none	none
2012B	9/18/2012	2	8/29/2011	none

Syntax Refinement (*continued*)

- We made the decision not to impute dates of discharge and use only what is submitted by states.

States Excluded From National Standards Due to Data Quality

Statewide Data Indicator	Original FR	Revised FR
Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care (%)	3	1 additional state
Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12-23 months (%)	1	2 additional states
Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more (%)	1	2 additional states
Re-entry to foster care in 12 months (%)	4	No change
Placement stability (moves per 1,000 days in care)	6	No change
Recurrence of maltreatment (%)	4	1 additional state
Maltreatment in foster care (victimizations per 100,000 days in care)	4	No change

National Standards

Statewide Data Indicator	Original FR	Revised FR
Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care (%)	40.4	40.5
Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12-23 months (%)	43.7	43.6
Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more (%)	30.3	30.3
Re-entry to foster care in 12 months (%)	8.3	8.3
Placement stability (moves per 1,000 days in care)	4.12	4.12
Recurrence of maltreatment (%)	9.0	9.1
Maltreatment in foster care (victimizations per 100,000 days in care)	8.04	8.50

The change in maltreatment in foster care may look large (8.04 to 8.50), but it is actually quite small:

Original .00008037 x 100,000 = 8.037 = 8.04
Revised .00008498 x 100,000 = 8.498 = 8.50

PIP Improvement Goals

- Slight modification to caps and floors on improvement goals, as a result of revised syntax and calculated performance.

Amount of Improvement Required in PIP	Original FR		Revised FR	
	Floor	Cap	Floor	Cap
Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care	1.035	1.057	1.031	1.063
Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12-23 months	1.040	1.074	1.046	1.082
Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more	1.034	1.080	1.042	1.091
Re-entry to foster care in 12 months	0.912	0.867	0.891	0.834
Placement stability	0.953	0.912	0.959	0.904
Recurrence of maltreatment	0.953	0.910	0.951	0.902
Maltreatment in foster care	0.922	0.849	0.904	0.812

CFSR Round 3 Data Profiles, Syntax, and Other Materials

- For states reviewed in FY 2015, new Round 3 Data Profiles were issued with all of the revisions applied.
- CFSR Round 3 syntax was made available in PDF readable format as well as in statistical software needed to run the programs.
- Please identify technical assistance needs related to the data indicators in discussions with the CB Regional Office and the Capacity Building Center for States.

Questions?



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Correction to the Final Notice of Statewide Data Indicators And National Standards For Child And Family Services Reviews

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<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/05/13/2015-11515/statewide-data-indicators-and-national-standards-for-child-and-family-services-reviews>

Other CFSR Round 3 materials available on

- CFSR Information Portal - <https://training.cfsrportal.org/resources/3105>
- CB Website - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews/>

