

WELL-BEING 1 | FAMILIES HAVE ENHANCED CAPACITY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S NEEDS

Item 17: Needs and services of child, parents, and foster parents

Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to assess the needs of children, parents, and foster parents (both at the child's entry into foster care [if the child entered during the period under review] or on an ongoing basis) to identify the service necessary to achieve case goals and adequately address the issues relevant to the agency's involvement with the family, and provided the appropriate services.

Item 18: Child and family involvement in case planning

Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, concerted efforts were made (or are being made) to involve parents and children (if developmentally appropriate) in the case planning process on an ongoing basis.

Item 19: Caseworker visits with child

Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether the frequency and quality of visits between caseworkers and the child(ren) in the case are sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child and promote achievement of case goals.

Item 20: Caseworker visits with parents

Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the frequency and quality of visits between caseworker and the mothers and fathers of the children are sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children and promote achievement of case goals.

WELL-BEING 2 | CHILDREN RECEIVE APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO MEET THEIR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Item 21: Educational needs of the child

Purpose of Assessment: To assess whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to assess children's educational needs at the initial contact with the child (if the case was opened during the period under review) or on an ongoing basis (if the case was opened before the period under review), and whether identified needs were appropriately addressed in case planning and case management activities.

WELL-BEING 3 | CHILDREN RECEIVE ADEQUATE SERVICES TO MEET THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

Item 22: Physical health of the child

Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to address the physical health needs of the child, including dental health needs.

Item 23: Mental/behavioral health of the child

Purpose of the Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to address the mental/behavioral health needs of the child(ren).

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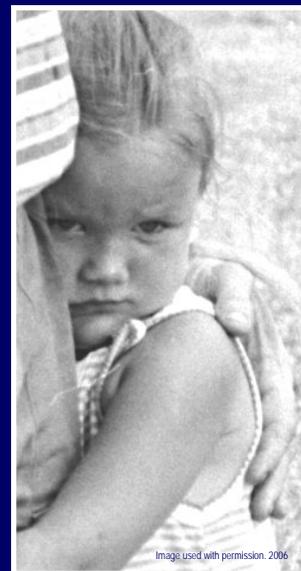


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INTRODUCTION TO THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU'S CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES REVIEWS (CFSRs)

The Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) enable the Children's Bureau to ensure conformity with Federal child welfare requirements, to gauge the experiences of children, youth, and families receiving State child welfare services, and to assist States as they enhance their capacity to help families achieve positive outcomes.

CONTENT:

- **CFSR OUTCOMES**
- **RELATED ITEMS**
- **PURPOSES OF ASSESSMENT**

CONTENT ADAPTED FROM WEBSITES BELOW:

http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/Children_Family_Services/COI/Tools_Process_Reference.htm

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/management/reform/cfsr/>

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/>

SAFETY 1 | CHILDREN ARE, FIRST AND FOREMOST, PROTECTED FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Item 1: Timeliness of initiating of reports of child maltreatment
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether responses to all accepted child maltreatment reports received during the period under review were initiated and face-to-face contact with the child made, within the timeframes established by agency policies of State statute.

Item 2: Repeat maltreatment
Purpose of Assessment: To determine if any child in the family experienced repeat maltreatment within a 6-month period.

SAFETY 2 | CHILDREN ARE SAFELY MAINTAINED IN THEIR HOMES WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE

Item 3: Service to family to protect child(ren) in the home and prevent removal or re-entry into foster care
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to provide services to the family to prevent children's entry into foster care or re-entry after a reunification.

Item 4: Risk assessment and safety management
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to assess and address the risk and safety concerns relating to the child(ren) in their own homes or while in foster care.

PERMANENCY 1 | CHILDREN HAVE PERMANENCY AND STABILITY IN THEIR LIVING SITUATIONS

Item 5: Foster care re-entries
Purpose of Assessment: To assess whether children who entered foster care during the period under review were re-entering within 12 months of a prior foster care episode.

Item 6: Stability of foster care placement
Purpose of Assessment: To determine if the child in foster care is in a stable placement at the time of the onsite review and that any changes in placement that occurred during the period under review were in the best interest of the child and consistent with achieving the child's permanency goal(s).

Item 7: Permanency goal for child
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether appropriate permanency goals were established for the child in a timely manner.

Item 8: Reunification, guardianship, or permanent placement with relatives
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether concerted efforts were made, or are being made, during the period under review, to achieve reunification, guardianship, or permanent placement with relatives in a timely manner.

Item 9: Adoption
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, concerted efforts were made, or are being made, to achieve a finalized adoption in a timely manner.

Item 10: Other planned permanent living arrangement
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to ensure the following:

- That the child is adequately prepared to make the transition from foster care to independent living (if it is expected that the child will remain in foster care until he or she reaches the age of majority or is emancipated).
- That the child, even though remaining in foster care, is in a "permanent" living arrangement with a foster parent or relative caregiver and that there is a commitment on the part of all parties involved that the child remain in the placement until he or she reached the age of majority or is emancipated.
- That the child is in a long-term care facility and will remain in that facility until transition to an adult care facility.

PERMANENCY 2 | THE CONTINUITY OF FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS IS PRESERVED FOR CHILDREN

Item 11: Proximity of foster care placement
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to ensure that the child's foster care placement was close enough to the parents(s) to facilitate face-to-face contact between the child and the parent(s) while the child was in foster care.

Item 12: Placement with siblings
Purpose of Assessment: To determine if, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to ensure that siblings in foster care are placed together unless a separation was necessary to meet the needs of one of the siblings.

Item 13: Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care
Purpose of Assessment: To determine if, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to ensure that visitation between a child in foster care and his or her mother, father, and siblings is of sufficient frequency and quality to promote continuity in the child's relationship with these close family members.

Item 14: Preserving connections
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to maintain the child's connections to his or her neighborhood, community, faith, extended family, tribe, school, and friends.

Item 15: Relative placement
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to place the child with relatives when appropriate.

Item 16: Relationship of child in care with parents
Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, the agency made concerted efforts to promote, support, and/or maintain positive relationship between the child in foster care and his or her mother and father or other primary caregiver(s) from whom the child had been removed through activities other than just arranging for visitation.