

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW FINDINGS: Foster Care Data Elements

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#1 State	4	The State extracts the Nebraska code (31) from the FIPS reference table and hard codes it into the file at time of extraction.
#2 Report Date	4	
#3 Local Agency (County or Equivalent Jurisdiction)	4	
#4 Record Number	4	
#5 Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if applicable) ____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)	2	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> There appears to be a high number of records reported as blank (2,698 (38%)). The State team indicated some of these are due to new entries into foster care but most are records for Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) youth.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 20 (28%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. There were records reported with this information missing but the reviewers found a review date (7 cases). There also were eight errors because the date reported to AFCARS was after the end of the report period.</p> <p><u>Screen: Legal Action and Detail FCRB Person Tracking</u> The State has Foster Care Review Boards (FCRB), which is a separate State agency from NE DHHS. The FCRB only conducts reviews on children eligible for title IV-E. The FCRB enters their review dates directly into N-FOCUS. Only the FCRB staff may enter information in this field. The FCRB has view only access to other select portions of N-FOCUS and case workers can only view the FCRB screens.</p> <p>The State needs to submit a copy of the Legal Action screen showing the drop-down options for the “Hearing Type.”</p> <p><u>State’s Mapping Form</u> The form indicates: “SCR 9107 to look for only the following types of Legal Actions: Dispositions, Review Hearings and Permanency Hearings.”</p> <p><u>Program Code, 30800-PRD-RVW, C2159-WK-RECENT-PRD-RVW-DT (p 45)</u> The coding for this element looks for a date after the start of the current removal episode. There is no parameter to extract dates prior to or the same day as the end of the report period. The program code must be modified to select the date of the most recent periodic review that occurs prior to the end of the period being extracted.</p>

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		The program code determines whether the child has been in foster care for more than seven months, if not the review date is initialized to spaces, otherwise both the date of the court reviews and the actual meeting dates are assessed. If only one is present it is selected for output. If both are present the most recent date is extracted. The program code must be modified to extract a review date regardless of the length of time since the beginning of the removal episode.
#6 Child Birth Date ___(mo) ___(day)___(year)	4	<u>Screen:</u> Person
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	4	<u>Screen:</u> Add Person
#8 Child's Race 0 = Does not apply 1 = Apply a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine	2	<p><u>2009B Frequency Report:</u> There are 923 (12.81%) records that are “unable to determine.” “Unable to determine” should only be used for children who were abandoned, incapacitated, or the child and his/her family refused to divulge race.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> There were cases in which more than one race should have been selected and reported.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Add Person The screen contains the same race values as AFCARS and “Other.” The race fields are used by the other programs under NE DHHS.</p> <p>The screen needs to be modified so that a worker cannot select a race plus “other” or “unable to determine.”</p> <p><u>Training:</u> Provide clarification to case workers that Filipino is to be entered as “Asian” and not “Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.”</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> 31400-RACE-ETH (p 45), 63000-PROCESS-RACE ETHNIC (p 93), 71420-FETCH-RACE-CURSOR (pg. 113) The processing logic reads all the RACE_ETHNICITY rows for the child and correctly maps the State's race values to the AFCARS values. If at least one of the race values is not set to “apply,” the entire race group element is set to spaces.</p>

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		<p>The State is mapping “unknown” and “other” to “unable to determine” rather than mapping them to blanks. The screen does not have an option of “unknown.” Since the State has to modify the selections on the screen for the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) race categories, the State should consider adding the option “abandoned” at the same time.</p> <p>The database is shared with other programs in the Department. The Federal team will provide the State with information on other States that have a shared demographic database.</p> <p><u>Mapping of NYTD race values for AFCARS reporting purposes</u> Since NYTD data collection will begin October 1, 2010 and includes the values of “unknown” and “declined” the State may want to add “abandoned” to its options. Also, since the NYTD definition of “unknown” encompasses two situations in which it can be used, the State may want to use language on the screen that is more meaningful to the worker. Such as, “incapacitated” and multi-racial-other race not known. These would then map in NYTD to “unknown.” For AFCARS reporting purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child, youth, or parent is incapacitated and unable to provide the worker with race information, the worker would select "incapacitated/unknown." This value would be mapped to the AFCARS value "unable to determine." • If a person is multi-racial, but does not know the other race(s), the worker would select "multi-racial-other race not known/unknown." This value would then be mapped to blank and only the known race would be reported in AFCARS.
<p>#9 Hispanic/Latino Origin</p> <p>1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine</p>	<p align="center">3</p>	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 7 (10%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. In five of the error cases this field was reported as blank but the reviewers indicated the child was not Hispanic/Latino.</p> <p><u>Screen: Add Person</u> The Ethnicity field is currently not mandatory in system. Case workers are skipping this field when the person is not Hispanic/Latino.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 31400-RACE-ETH (p 52), 71420-FETCH-RACE-CURSOR (p113), 63000-PROCESS-RACE-ETHNIC (p 93)</u> The extraction code correctly maps the State’s values to the AFCARS values. If no value is found, the field is correctly set to blank.</p>
<p>#10 Has the child been clinically</p>	<p align="center">2</p>	<p><u>Frequency Report (n=7,203):</u> Yes = 3,287 (46%); No = 3,588 (50%); Not yet determined = 0; Not</p>

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<p>diagnosed as having a disability(ies)?</p> <p>1=Yes 2=No 3=Not yet Determined</p> <p>If yes, indicate each type of a disability with a "1."</p>		<p>reported = 328. State and Federal staff believe the frequencies for this element are low.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 7 (10%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. In five of the error cases, the AFCARS data indicated "no" but the reviewers found a diagnosed condition.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Characteristics This is not a question on the screen. The screen contains two drop-down boxes for characteristic types. The first field is a categorical list with the options: physical disability, emotional/mental illness, mental retardation/developmental. Based on the category selected, the second box contains diagnosed conditions for that category. The worker highlights a diagnosed condition and a pop-up screen appears with the options "Mark Yes," "Mark No," or "Not Yet Determined" and the worker is to select the appropriate choice. There is a status date and it defaults to the date the worker enters the condition. If one option (i.e., anxiety disorder) is checked as "yes," all others within a given characteristic type group defaults to "undetermined."</p> <p>Workers are trained to only respond "Yes" to characteristics requiring a diagnosis by a qualified professional once one has been received. However, practice is to enter "No" only if a qualified professional has specifically ruled out a particular disorder. Otherwise, the default of "Not Yet Determined" remains the selection for all other disorders.</p> <p>The State's policy is that all children entering foster care are to have a health exam within two weeks.</p> <p>The process for entering this data appears complicated and is yielding false "no" responses. The State needs to develop a method, either in the system or with the extraction routine, to more accurately determine if a child has been diagnosed with a condition or not, and whether the child has been seen by a health care professional. The Federal team will provide examples on how other States accurately collect this data.</p> <p>Additionally, the status date needs to be replaced with the start and end date of a diagnosis.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 31600-CHILD-CHAR (p53), 71620 (p 116), 31700-DETERMINE-CHAR (p 54), 31750-FILL-CHAR (p 55)</u> This element is derived from the responses found for elements #11 - 15. If no entries are found for 11 - 15, then element #10 is set to "no." If there are entries, the program code sets this element to "yes."</p>

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		<p>There are no conditions in the program code that sets this element to the value “3, not yet determined.”</p> <p>The extraction code defaults this element to “no.” Missing data should be mapped to blanks.</p> <p>For diagnosed conditions, conditions must be relative to reporting period. This is important if the State submits a subsequent data file. The extraction code needs to be modified to extract the data based on the start and end date of a diagnosed condition in relation to the report period being extracted.</p>
#11 - #15, Diagnosed Condition Categories		<p><u>Screen Person Characteristics</u></p> <p><u>State’s Mapping Form</u> See Appendix I at the end of this section for State’s list of codes and items identified for correction.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings</u> There appears to be some errors related to workers choosing the wrong category and/or related characteristic type. This is especially true when there is a diagnosed that is not listed on the screen.</p>
#11 Mental Retardation ¹ Mental Retardation-- [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 8 (12%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p><u>State’s Mapping Form</u> SCR 9108 to change Learning Disability from mapping to Mental Retardation to Other Medically Diagnosed Condition Requiring Special Care.</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> If any personal characteristic table value matches 3023 code values MR01², MR02, MR03, MR05, or MR06 set output element C2159-WK-MNTL-RTRD to “1,” else set to “0.”</p> <p>If no data has been entered, then elements 10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks.</p>
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 3 (4%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> If any personal characteristic table value matches 3023 code values VI01, VI02, VI03, VI04, VI05, or VI06 set output element C2159-WK-VIS-HRNG-IMPRT to “1”, else set to “0”</p>

¹ For additional information on mapping diagnosed conditions see AFCARS TB #14, Disability Information

² See Appendix I

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#13 Physically Disabled [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	If no data has been entered, then elements 10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks. <u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 1 (2%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. <u>Program Code</u> If any personal characteristic table value matches 3023 code values PD01, PD02, PD03, PD04, PD05, PD06, PD07, PD08, PD09, PD10, or PD11 set output element C2159-WK-PHYS-DISAB to “1,” else set to “0.” If no data has been entered, then elements #10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks.
#14 Emotionally Disturbed [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	If no data has been entered, then elements 10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks. <u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 12 (17%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. <u>State’s Mapping Form:</u> Sexual/Gender Identity should not be mapped to AFCARS. ADHD should be mapped to #14. <u>Program Code:</u> If any personal characteristic table value matches 3023 code values ED02, ED04, ED05, ED06, ED07, ED08, ED09, ED10, ED11, ED12, ED13, or ED14 set output element C2159-WK-EMTNL-DSTRB to “1,” else set to “0.” If no data has been entered, then elements 10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks.
#15 Other Medically [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	If no data has been entered, then elements 10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks. <u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 20 (29%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. <u>Screen Person Characteristics</u> Characteristic drop-down box has an option called “Additional Characteristics”. These options are correctly not included in the AFCARS extraction. <u>Program Code:</u> If any personal characteristic table value matches 3023 code values ED01, MR04, PI01 thru PI17, or PI19 thru PI39 set output element C2159-WK-OTH-MED-COND to “1,” else set to “0.” If no data has been entered, then elements #10 - 15 are to be reported as blanks.
#16 Has this child ever been adopted? 1 = Yes	2	<u>Frequency Report (n = 7203):</u> Yes = 16 (1%); No = 7,140 (99%); Unable to determine = 0; Not reported = 0 The number of records reported as “no” could be due to missing information in the system.

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2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine		<p><u>Screen: Adoption Information</u> The State may want to consider replacing the option “unable to determine” with “abandoned” and “incapacitated.”</p> <p><u>Program Code, 31800-CHILD-ADOPTED (p 56), 71800 (p 119)</u> The program code sets the element to “yes” only if both the indicator for previous adoption is “yes” and a valid date is found for the adoption finalization date. Otherwise, this element is set to “no.” There is no logic to set the value to “3” (unable to determine).</p> <p>Missing date are to be reported as blanks.</p>
#17 If yes, how old was the child when the adoption was legalized? [0 = Not Applicable] 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older 5 = Unable to Determine	3	<p><u>Frequency Report (n=7203):</u> Not Applicable = 7,140 (99%); Age categories = 63; Unable to determine = 0; Not reported = 0.</p> <p>The accuracy of this element is dependent on element #16. The programming for calculating the age of child at time of previous adoption is correct. However, due to programming for foster care element #16 the information for this element is inaccurate/under-reported.</p> <p><u>Screen: Adoption Information</u> Includes a field for the adoption finalization date.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 31900 (p 58), 31950 (p 59):</u> The program code calculates the child’s age at the time of adoption based by comparing the child’s birth date to the date of the previous adoption. It then maps to the appropriate AFCARS age group.</p>
#18 Date of First Removal from Home ___(mo) ___ (day)___(year)	3	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 11 (16%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p><u>Screen: CFS Program Person Information</u></p> <p><u>Program Code, 32200 (p 60), 72200 (p 122):</u> The extraction routine selects the earliest (first) start date for a removal episode.</p> <p>See notes in foster care element #21 regarding children on runaway status at the time the agency receives responsibility for care and placement.</p> <p>When a child re-enters foster care who had previously been adopted from Nebraska’s foster care system the AFCARS record is to contain the child’s full removal history (elements #18 - 20).</p>

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#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	3 4	<u>Program Code, 32000 (p 60), 72000 (p 121):</u> The extraction routine counts the number of episodes based on rows in the AFCARS_EPSD table. This table is recreated every report period and therefore cases that were for less than 24 hours are not included in the removal count.
#20 Date Child was Discharged from last foster care episode (if applicable) ____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)	3 4	<u>Frequency Report:</u> The number of records reported as having a <i>date of discharge from the last foster care episode</i> equals the number of records with two or more removals as reported in FC element #19. <u>Program Code, 32400 (p 61), 72400 (p 123), 32500 (p 63):</u> The extraction routine obtains the prior discharge date from the AFCARS_EPSD table for the child's discharge from placement prior to the current placement episode.
#21 Date of Latest Removal ____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)	2	<u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 12 (17%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. <u>Program Code, 32500 (p 63):</u> The extraction routine obtains the last (current) episode start date. The program code must be modified to report the start date of a removal episode for children on runaway status at the time the agency obtains responsibility for care and placement.
#22 Date of Latest Removal Transaction Date ____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)	2	<u>Program Code, 32500 (p 63):</u> Production support fixes errors with incorrectly entered removal episodes or dates. They will delete a record and recreate it. This results in a modified transaction date that reflects the date of their edits. This date is never to be modified. It should always remain the date the case worker entered the child's removal from home date.
#23 Date of Placement in Current Foster Care Setting ____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)	2	<u>Screen: Detail Placement</u> State does enter the date that a child returns home on a "trial home visit." <u>Program Code, 32600 (p 64), 72620 (p 126), 32620 (p 66)</u> The program code obtains all active placements for a child. Next it gets all placements for the same organization and uses the placement after any gap as the value to populate this element. The active placement cursor excludes location codes "26, psychiatric hospital" and "29, medical hospital." The program code must be modified to report the start date of a non-acute care hospitalization. Campus placements: If placement moves are on the same physical campus (at same site) the date of

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		<p>placement should not change and the placement count would not increase. However, placement moves from one location to a different address off the campus is counted as a move and the date of placement would have to reflect the new setting. (See section 1.2B.7 question 25 of the Child Welfare Policy Manual.)</p> <p>See notes in element #41.</p>
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	2	<p><u>Frequency Report</u>: The data indicates several cases with high number of placement moves.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings</u>: 24 (35%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p>See notes in foster care element #41.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 32800 (p 68), 72820 (p 131), 32900 (p 69)</u> The program code counts all previous placement settings during the current removal. The program code uses the identification number of the placement facility to determine if a new setting should be counted or if it is a previous setting.</p> <p>During the case file review, the review team found a few instances of children who only have one or two placements but the file showed many more instances.</p> <p>It appears that all hospitalizations are being excluded from the count. Hospitals are to be counted if the stay is not for acute care (short-term). The State needs to check on the State Medicaid Plan for the number of days considered to be acute care.</p> <p>The State is currently using a 24-hour minimum time period to count a placement. This is incorrect. There is no time frame associated with placement, only removal.</p> <p>Campus placements: If placement moves are on the same physical campus (at same site) the date of placement should not change and the placement count would not increase. However, placement moves from one location to a different address off the campus is counted as a move and the date of placement would have to reflect the new setting. (See section 1.2B.7 question 25 of the Child Welfare Policy Manual.)</p>
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for Current placement Episode	4	<p><u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 7203): Voluntary = 386 (5%); Court Ordered = 6816 (95%); Not yet determined = 0; Not reported = 0.</p>

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1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined		<p><u>Screen: Detail Removal</u> Only police are allowed to remove the child from the home except when there is a court order giving the agency custody.</p> <p>If a parent voluntarily relinquishes parental rights, the State does not need a court order.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 33000 (p 70), 73000 (p 133)</u> The program code checks the current removal episode and correctly maps the State’s values to AFCARS codes.</p>
Actions or Conditions Associated With Child’s Removal (Indicate all that apply with a “1”.) [0-Does not Apply] 1-Applies		<p><u>Case File Review Findings</u> There are some data quality concerns with these elements. The most common mistake was that only one or two removal reasons were listed in N-FOCUS but more were listed in case file.</p> <p><u>Screen: Detail Removal</u> The screen contains a drop-down box of the removal conditions and case workers can select all that apply.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 33200, 73220 (p 136), 33300 (p 71):</u> These fields are initialized to zero. The State’s values are mapped to the AFCARS codes. See specific elements - child behavior and abandonment/relinquishment.</p>
#26 Physical Abuse	3	
#27 Sexual Abuse	3	
#28 Neglect	3	
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	3	
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	3	
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	3	
#32 Child Drug Abuse	3	
#33 Child Disability	3	
#34 Child’s Behavior Problem	3	
#35 Death of Parent	3	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	3	
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope Due to Illness or Other Reasons	3	
#38 Abandonment	2	The State is incorrectly mapping “Safe Haven” to this element. State staff was already of aware of this

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		error and there is a change request in place to correct it.
#39 Relinquishment	2	Safe Haven is to be mapped to this element.
#40 Inadequate Housing	3	
#41 Current Placement Setting 1 = Pre-Adoptive Home 2 = Foster Family Home-Relative 3 = Foster Family Home-Non-Relative 4 = Group Home 5 = Institution 6 = Supervised Independent Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit	2	<p><u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 7,203): Pre-Adoptive Home = 69 (1%); Foster family home (relative) = 1,277 (18%); Foster family home (non-relative) = 2,531 (35%); Group home = 764 (11%); Institution = 604 (8%); Supervised independent living = 111 (2%); Runaway = 131 (2%); Trial home visit = 1,716 (24%); Not reported = 0.</p> <p>The State’s policy is that prior to an adoption becoming final the child must reside with the adoptive parents for six months.</p> <p>The number of children in pre-adoptive homes seems low. There are 903 records with a goal of adoption and 254 records with a discharge reason of adoption. The State team believes that the 69 records reflect children who are placed in a new home for the purposes of adoption. For children being adopted by their foster parents this field is not being consistently updated to reflect the change to a pre-adopt status.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings</u>: 10 (15%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. An issue was found in the State’s reporting of group homes that are part of an “umbrella” organization. In some instances during the case file review the child’s AFCARS data indicated institution but the child was either in a group home or a foster home.</p> <p><u>Screen</u>: Detail Placement</p> <p><u>Program Code, 32600 (p 64), 72620 (p 126), 32650 (p 67)</u>: The program code maps the State’s values to the AFCARS codes. The extraction code uses two variables, the PLMNT-SETTING for all out of home placements and for placements not coded as out of home, then the TYP_CD value is used.</p> <p>The State is incorrectly including “abducted” as “runaway.” The program must be modified to continue to report the placement setting from which the child was “abducted.”</p> <p>Campus placements: If placement moves are on the same physical campus (at same site) the date of placement should not change and the placement count would not increase. However, placement moves from one location to a different address off the campus is counted as a move and the date of placement would have to reflect the new setting. (See section 1.2B.7 question 25 of the Child Welfare Policy Manual.)</p>

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<p>#42 Is Current Placement Out-of-State?</p> <p>1=Yes (Out of State placement) 2=No (In-State placement)</p>	4	<p><u>Screen:</u> Detail Organization</p> <p><u>Program Code, IL:</u> 33400-CHILD-ADDR (p 73) and 73400-CHECK-ARP-ADDRSE (p 137), 73600</p>
<p>#43 Most recent case plan goal</p> <p>1 = Reunify With Parent(s) Or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live With Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established</p>	2	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> (n = 7203): Reunify = 4,742 (66%); Live With Other Relatives = 0; Adoption = 903 (13%); Long-Term Foster Care = 0; Emancipation = 549 (8%); Guardianship = 588 (8%); Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established = 253 (4%); Not Reported = 0.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Detail Case Plan</p> <p>The State’s policy is that the goal “adoption” cannot be set until there is a termination of parental rights on both parents.</p> <p><u>Program Code, 33800 (p 74), 73800 (p 139):</u> The program code determines the most recent goal for the current case that is dated prior to the end of the report period.</p> <p>In general, the extraction code correctly maps the State’s value to the appropriate AFCARS value. The State is incorrectly mapping case plan goals of guardianship with relatives to “guardianship.” The AFCARS definition for guardianship does not include relative guardianships. If the goal is for the relative to receive guardianship of the child, then the goal is to be mapped to “live with relative.”</p>
<p>#44 Caretaker Family Structure</p> <p>1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine</p>	3	<p><u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 7,203): Married Couple: 2,750 (38%); Unmarried Couple = 646 (9%); Single Female = 3,382 (47%); Single Male = 357 (5%); Unable to Determine = 0; Not Reported = 68 (1%)</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 7 (10%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Parental Rights page</p> <p><u>Program Code, 34000 (p 76 - 79)</u> The extraction routine gets the caretaker’s family structure as well as the birthday year for both caretakers.</p>
<p>#45 1st Primary Caretaker’s Birth Year</p>	3	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> The number of records reported with a birth year is equal to the number reported as caretakers in element #44. However, 49 records have questionable and invalid data. There is one record with a birth year of 1901, 23 records with a birth year between 2000 – 2009 (under 10 years old), and</p>

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		<p>there are 25 records that have an invalid entry of 0001.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Detail Removal</p> <p><u>Program Code, 7400 (p 141)</u> The program code directly extracts the caretaker's year of birth to the AFCARS file.</p>
<p>#46 2nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year (if applicable)</p> <p>____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)</p>	3	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> The number of records reported with a year of birth equals the number reported in element #44 for "married couple" and "unmarried couple." However, there is one record with a birth year of 1901, 15 records with birth years between 2000 – 2007 (under 10 years old), and 25 records with an invalid date of 0001.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Detail Removal</p> <p><u>Program Code 7400-CARETKR (p 141)</u> The program code directly extracts the caretaker's year of birth to the AFCARS file.</p>
<p>#47 Mother's Date of TPR</p> <p>____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)</p>	3	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> While the percentage of errors in the foster care file was low the percentage of the adoption records with errors was high. Records were reported with an outcome of adoption with missing TPR dates. Some of these errors may be related also to incomplete conversion.</p> <p>Date order signed - The State needs to ensure that case workers are entering the same date consistently across the State.</p> <p>Data Profile: For FY 09 there were 4.8% of the reported discharges to adoption in the foster care file were missing a TPR date for the mother and/or father.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Add Parental Rights</p> <p><u>Program Code 34600-PRTL-RIGHTS (p 79)</u> There are 5 methods for determining the termination date. In all 5 methods, the date must be less than or equal to the report period end date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the female parent's has a deceased date it is mapped to the Mother's Termination Date. 2. In Parental Rights (PRTL_RIGHTS), if the female parent has a status (stat_cd = "02" Not Intact, "03" Terminated, "04" Relinquished or "05" Death, map the begin date of that status to the Mother's Termination Date. (Note: Not Intact is no longer an option on the Parental Rights window.)

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		<p>3. In Parent Rights(PRTL_RIGHTS), if the PRT_TYP_CD = “UM” – Unknown Mother and the stat_cd = “03 – Terminated, map the begin date to Mother’s Parental Rights. This option is to be used only for abandoned or Safe Haven children.</p> <p>4. In Legal Action (LEGAL_AT), if the HRNG_TYP is “TR” – Termination Trial or “IC” – Ind Child Welf Cert of Vol TPR and the results code is “FE” – Factual Basis Exists, the Date Held (DT_HELD) is mapped to both parent’s termination dates.</p> <p>5. In Legal Action (LEGAL_AT), if the PETN_CD is “TR”-Termination of Parental Rights and the HRNG_TYP is “AJ” –Adjudication or “AT” – Adjudication Trial or “TR” – Termination Trial and the Results Code is “FE” – Factual Basis Exists. The Date Held (DT_HELD) is mapped to both parent’s termination dates.</p>
<p>#48 Legal or Putative Father’s TPR ____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)</p>	<p align="center">3</p>	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> While the percentage of errors in the foster care file was low the percentage of the adoption records with errors was high. Records were reported with an outcome of adoption with missing TPR dates. Some of these errors may be related also to incomplete conversion.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Add Parental Rights</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> 34600-PRTL-RIGHTS (p 79) gets the TPR dates for both parents by calling program NFO0582B.</p>
<p>Foster family home - parent(s) data</p>		<p><u>Program Code, 35200-FOST-FAM (p 81)</u> The program code sets elements 49 – 55 to spaces if the child’s placement setting is other than a foster home.</p>
<p>#49 Foster Family Structure</p> <p>0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male</p>	<p align="center">2</p>	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> (n = 7203): Not Applicable = 558 (8%); Married Couple = 2137 (30%); Unmarried Couple = 25 (<1%); Single Female = 1083 (15%); Single Male = 74 (1%); Not Reported = 3326 (46%). The “Not Applicable” value of 558 does not match the non-family placement setting total of 3,326 in FC Element #41.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Home Details</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> The State has “not applicable” and “not reported” reversed. If a child’s current living arrangement (FC #41) is not a foster home setting, then this element must be set to “not applicable.”</p>
<p>#50 1st Foster Caretaker’s Birth Year</p>	<p align="center">3</p>	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 3,319 records with a family structure reported in FC element #49 but there are 3,613 recorded dates for this element, a discrepancy of 294.</p>

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		<u>Screen: Detail Organization</u>
#51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	3	<u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 2,162 records that have a two caretaker family structure as reported in FC element #49, but there are 2,272 reported for this element, a discrepancy of plus 85. There are four records with a birth year of 1997, indicating that the foster parent is younger than the legal age of majority. <u>Screen: Detail Organization</u>
#52 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race 0 = Does not apply 1 = Apply a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine	2	<u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 4,240 records that are "not reported." <u>Screen: Home Detail</u> <u>Program Code</u> See foster care element #8 for findings regarding the race field. The processing logic is essentially the same as that performed for the child's race and ethnicity data described above.
#53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic or Latino Origin [0 = Not applicable] 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	2	<u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 7203): Not Applicable = 0; Yes = 170 (2%); No = 805 (8%); Unable to Determine = 9 (<1%); Not Reported = 6,174 (86%). Non-family placement setting in FC element #41 totals 3,326, suggesting that these values are defaulting to blank instead of being accurately reported as "not applicable". After subtracting these from the "not applicable" total, 2,848 records remain for which this information is missing. <u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 25 (37%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. In 22 error cases, this element was blank, but the reviewer found the response was "no." <u>Screen: Home Detail</u> <u>Program Code</u> If a child's living arrangement in element #41 is not a foster home, then this element is to be reported as "not applicable."
#54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race (if	2	<u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 1,793 records reported but there are only 2,162 records reported as a

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applicable)		<p>married or unmarried couple in element #49. 5,410 cases are “not reported”, although 2,162 children are placed in foster homes that have a second principal caretaker (FC element #49), a discrepancy of 369. There are 164 records reported as “unable to determine” and five as “two or more races.”</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Home Detail</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> See foster care element #8 for findings regarding the race field. The processing logic is essentially the same as that performed for the child’s race and ethnicity data described above.</p>
<p>#55 2nd Foster Caretaker’s Hispanic Origin</p> <p>[0 = Not Applicable] 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine</p>	2	<p><u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 7203): Not Applicable = 0; Yes = 95 (1%); No = 604 (8%); Unable to Determine = 11 (<1%); Not Reported = 6493 (90%).</p> <p>Non-family placement settings in FC element #41 total 3,326, suggesting that these values are defaulting to blank instead of being “not applicable”. There are 710 records reported but there are 2,162 records reported as a married or unmarried couple in element #49.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 20 (29%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Home Detail</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> If a child’s living arrangement in element #41 is not a foster home, then this element is to be reported as “not applicable.”</p>
<p>#56 Date of Discharge from foster care</p> <p>____(mo) ____ (day)____(year)</p>	2	<p><u>Screen:</u> CFS Program Person Information</p> <p><u>Program Code, 30400-CURR-EPSP (p 41); 70400-CURR-EPSP (p 100)</u> The program code extracts the current episode end date.</p> <p>The program code reports a record as discharged at six months regardless of the results of the periodic review hearing. If the judge continues the agency’s responsibility for care and placement from one hearing to the next, or for a lesser time, then the child is to continue to be included in the reporting population. Modify the program code so that it does not automatically discharge a child from foster care after six months. The State needs to have case workers enter the discharge information.</p>
#57 Date of Discharge Transaction Date	2	The State indicated that when production support fixes errors, they end up deleting record and recreating it, resulting in a modified transaction date that reflects the date of their edits. The transaction date is

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___(mo) ___ (day)___(year)		getting reset, so old discharge dates are being made current based on the modified transaction date. The transaction dates are not to be modified.
#58 Reason for Discharge [0 = Not Applicable] 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) 2 = Living with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship 6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway 8 = Death of Child	2	<u>Screen:</u> CFS Program Person Information <u>Frequency Report (n=7,203):</u> Not applicable = 5,343; Reunification = 1, 208; Living w/other relatives = 0; Adoption = 254; Emancipation = 178; Guardianship = 157; Transfer to another agency = 45; Runaway = 16; Death = 2 The State could consider adding a flag for children discharged to adoption that requests TPR fields to be included. <u>Program Code, 30400-CURR-EPSD (p 41); 70400-CURR-EPSD (p 100)</u> The program code extracts the current episode discharge end reason. The program code reports a record as discharged at six months regardless of the results of the periodic review hearing. If the judge continues the agency’s responsibility for care and placement from one hearing to the next, or for a lesser time, then the child is to continue to be included in the reporting population. Modify the program code so that it does not automatically discharge a child from foster care after six months. The State needs to have case workers enter the discharge information.
#59 Title IV-E (Foster Care) 0-Does not apply 1-Applies	2	<u>Frequency Report (n=7,203):</u> Does not apply = 6,009 (83%); Applies = 1,194 (17%) <u>Screen:</u> Detail FCRB Person Tracking <u>Program Code, 35600 (p 86), 75600 (p. 158)</u> Selects records for the child within the reporting period with a FUND_CD of “4E” in the CLM_ITM table. If found the output value for C2159-WK-TITLE-IV-E-FC is set to “1,” otherwise set to “0”. The extraction code does not pick up those records that enter foster care the last month of the report period and are determined eligible for title IV-E. Also, there appears to be an issue related to the accuracy of this data for cases covered under one of the contract agencies. The billing by the contractor may not occur on a monthly basis and the State agency does not know if there will be a payment. The State needs to investigate this situation and follow up with the Federal team in writing.
#60 Title IV-E (Adoption Subsidy)	4	<u>Program Code:</u> The value for C2159-WK-TITLE-IV-E-ADOPT is always set to “0” because NE does not pay any

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#61 Title IV-A (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)	2	<p>adoption subsidy until adoption is finalized.</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> 35800-TITLE-4A (p 86) performs 75800-CHECK-TITLE-IV-A (p 159) to determine if the child is living with relatives who are on AFDC support by seeing if they are connected to an active ADC case in PCPI_HIST. If so the value of the output field C2159-WK-TITLE-IV-A is set to “1”. Otherwise set to “0”.</p> <p>The program code must be modified to check for an active status after the child’s removal date and not before.</p>
#62 Title IV-D (Child Support)	3	<p><u>Pilot AAR Findings:</u> Currently program logic is looking at income on screen. Should be going to child support interface, however, interface is not working with the child support information system.</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> 36000-TITLE-4D (p 87) performs 76000-CHECK-TITLE-4D (p 160) to determine if NE is receiving support funds for the child paid by parent as reflected in rows on the INC_ACTIVITY (income activity) table with a type code of “27” (Child Support – court ordered or voluntary). If found, set the value of output data element C2159-WK-TITLE-IV-D to “1”. Otherwise set to “0”</p>
#63 Title XIX (Medicaid)	4	<p><u>Program Code:</u> 36200-TITLE-XIX (p 87) performs 76200-CHECK-TITLE-XIX to check the PCPI_HIST table for data that indicate the child has Medicaid support funding (see mapping document for full list of CAT_CD values searched). If found set the value of C2159-WK-TITLE-XIX to “1”. Otherwise set it to “0”.</p>
#64 SSI or other Social Security Act Benefits	4	<p><u>Program Code:</u> 36400-SSI-SS (p 88) performs 76400-CHECK-SSI-BENEFITS (p 163) to read the INF_SDX (soundex information) table using the child’s SSN and look for returned rows with a payment status code of “CO1”. If found, set value of output data element C2159-WK-SSI-OR-SS to “1”. Otherwise set to “0”.</p> <p>If it is set to “0,” perform 76500-CHECK-SSI-BENEFITS-2 (p 164) to look for SSI funding for the child on the income activity table. If found, set the output value to “1,” otherwise set it to “0”.</p>
#65 None of the Above	2	<p><u>Program Code:</u> The extraction code checks to see if any of the other six federal support fields are greater than “0”. If not it sets the value of the output data element C2159-WK-NONE to “1.” Otherwise it is set to “0”.</p> <p>Prior to listing this to not applies, State must check for other sources of income beyond those listed in 59-</p>

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		64 (tribal, state or personal sources) and if so, mark this as applies.
#66 Amount Of Monthly Foster Care Payment (regardless of source)	4	

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#1 State FIPS Code	4	The State extracts the Nebraska code “31” from the FIPS table and hard codes it into the file.
#2 Report Period End Date	4	
#3 Record Number	4	
#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	2 4	<u>Program Code, 32050 (p 55), 74800 (p 155):</u> The program code reads the child’s Person Additional Detail History table entries in order to determine if the State had any involvement in the adoption. If so, this element is set to “1, yes.” Otherwise it is set to “2, no.” See the findings for item #11 in the General Requirements regarding children that are adopted through a private agency from another State and on whose behalf Nebraska is paying a title IV-E subsidy.
#5 Child Date of Birth	4	<u>Screen:</u> Add Person (same as foster care screen) <u>Program Code, 32100 (p 56), 73200 (p 135):</u>
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	4	<u>Screen:</u> Add Person (same as foster care screen) <u>Program Code, 32100 (p 56), 73200 (p 135):</u> The program code correctly maps the State’s values to the AFCARS values. The State’s value “unknown” is correctly mapped to blank.
#7 Child’s Race 0 = Does not apply 1 = Apply a. American Indian or Alaska Native b. Asian c. Black or African American d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander e. White f. Unable to Determine	2	<u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 37 (13%) records reported with the value “unable to determine.” There are 11 records that have “two or more races” and another four that have “unable to determine” plus a race. <u>Screen:</u> Add Person (same as foster care screen) The screen needs to be modified so that a worker cannot select a race plus “other” or “unable to determine.” <u>Program Code, 32150 (p 58), 79400 (p 173), 65500 (p 98):</u> The extraction code selects the race information the same as in the foster care file.
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No	3 2	<u>Frequency Report (n=298):</u> Yes = 41 (14%); No = 230 (77%); Unable to Determine = 4 (1%); Not Reported = 23 (8%) <u>Screen:</u> Add Person (same as foster care screen)

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3 = Unable to Determine		<p><u>Program Code</u> The extraction code correctly maps the State’s values to the AFCARS values.</p> <p>If no categories are found this element is incorrectly set to “unable to determine.” Missing data must be mapped to blank.</p>
<p>#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs</p> <p>1 = Yes 2 = No</p>	<p>2 3</p>	<p><u>Screen: Detail Subsidy</u></p> <p><u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 298): Yes = 163 (55%); No = 135 (45%); Not Reported = 0. There is a discrepancy between what is reported as “yes” for this element and “yes” for element #35. In element #35 the number of records reported as child receiving a monthly subsidy is 217.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings</u>: 7 (50%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. In all of the cases the response should have been “yes.”</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> The program code derives the result for this element from element #10. If a primary basis for special needs was found, then this element is set to “yes” otherwise, it is set to “no.”</p> <p>This element is rated a “3” because this element is derived from the responses to the field related to element #10.</p>
<p>#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs</p> <p>0 = Not Applicable 1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other</p>	<p>2</p>	<p><u>Frequency Report</u> (n = 298): Not Applicable = 135 (45%); Race/Original Background = 0; Age = 5 (2%); Sibling Group = 25 (8%); Medical, etc = 125 (42%); Other = 8 (3%); Not Reported = 0.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings</u>: 9 (64%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. The majority of the errors were due to the information not entered into the system.</p> <p><u>Screen: Detail Subsidy</u> The screen includes the AFCARS options as well as additional options. However, the options do not distinguish diagnosed conditions from a diagnosis of being at-risk for a condition. The screen needs to be modified to include this distinction.</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> 32200-GET-SUBSIDY-INFO (p 59), 73400-GET SPECIAL-NEED (p 137), 32210-DTRMN-RSN-CD (60), 32320-EVALUATE-CHILD-CHAR (62), 32330-DETERMINE-CHILD-CHAR (p 63), 32340-FILL-CHAR (p 64)</p> <p>The extraction code gets the latest reason code (from the subsidy reason table) for a special needs case. If</p>

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		<p>one is found, the State’s value is correctly mapped to the AFCARS value.</p> <p>If the primary basis for special needs is “medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities,” then the extraction code sets the appropriate elements #11 - 15 as applicable.</p> <p>Diagnoses of “at-risk” are to be mapped to the AFCARS value “other.”</p>
#11 Mental Retardation	2	<p><u>Screen:</u> Characteristics (same as foster care screen)</p> <p>For elements #11 - 15 see foster care #11 – 15.</p>
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	2	
#13 Physically Disabled	2	
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	2	
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	2	
#16 Mother’s Birth Year	3 4	<p><u>Screen:</u> Detail Removal (same as foster care screen)</p> <p><u>Program Code, 32400-PROCESS-BIO-PRNT-INFO (p 66), 32410-GET-BIO-PRNT-INFO (p 67), 73700-GET-BIO-PRNT-ARP-INFO, 32411-BIO-PRNT-SEX-CD (p 69)</u></p> <p>The extraction code selects all the information for the biological parent(s) and then maps the information to each corresponding element. The mother’s year of birth is directly mapped to this element.</p>
#17 Father’s Birth Year	3 4	<p><u>Screen:</u> Detail Removal (same as foster care screen)</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> 32411-BIO-PRNT-SEX-CD (p 69) formats the father’s date of birth to extract the year for this element.</p>
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth	3 4	<p><u>Program Code 32411-BIO-PRNT-SEX-CD (p 69), 73800-CHECK-MOM-MARRIED (p 142)</u></p> <p>The program code maps the codes for “Common Law,” “Legally Separated,” “Legal Ceremony,” or “Married” that was applicable at the child’s birth to “yes.” If these values were not found, the program code checks for the codes for “Divorced,” “Never Married,” or “Widowed” that was applicable at time of the child’s birth and if found sets this element to “no.”</p>
1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine		
#19 Date of Mother’s TPR	3	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> There are four records that were reported as blank.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 2 (14%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Add Parental Rights</p>

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		<u>Program Code, paragraph 33550-GET-PRTL-RIGHTS (p 73), NFO0582B</u> The extraction code determines the biological parent’s TPR date, the report period end date, and a code meaning “adoption process.” It then uses the Parental Rights, Legal Action, and ARP Relation tables to determine the TPR dates for both parents. The returned dates are used to satisfy elements #19 and #20.
#20 Date of Father’s TPR	3	<u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 17 records that were reported as blank. <u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 5 (36%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. <u>Screen:</u> Add Parental Rights <u>Program Code:</u> See notes for element #19.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	4	<u>Screen:</u> Adoption Information <u>Frequency Report (n=298):</u> 2009 = 255; 2008 = 42; 2007 = 1 <u>Program Code Paragraph 32000-PROCESS-RECORD (p 54)</u> The program code directly maps the adoption legalization date to the AFCARS file.
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	3 4	Nebraska statutes do not allow an unmarried couple to adopt. Only one of the individuals would be the legal adoptive parent. The State identified a need for training. This field should “best describe” the child’s adoptive family. <u>Program Code 32600-PROCESS-ADOPT-PARENTS (p 74), 32605-GET-AP-VIA-ARP-REL (p 75), 32620-DTRMN-FAM-STRUCTURE (p 81)</u> The program code correctly maps the State’s values to the AFCARS values.
#23 Adoptive Mother’s Year of Birth	3 4	<u>Screen:</u> Detail Organization (same as foster care screen) <u>Program Code</u> The program code directly maps the adoptive mother’s year of birth to AFCARS.
#24 Adoptive Father’s Year of Birth	3 4	<u>Screen:</u> Detail Organization (same as foster care screen) <u>Program Code</u> The program code directly maps the adoptive father’s year of birth to AFCARS.

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#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	2	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> 26 (9.49%) records are "unable to determine." There are three records with "unable to determine" plus a race.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Person</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> The extraction process is the same as for the child's race information (adoption element #7).</p>
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	3 2	<p><u>Screen:</u> Person</p> <p><u>Program Code:</u> The State's values are correctly mapped to AFCARS.</p> <p>If there is no information, this element is incorrectly set to "unable to determine."</p>
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	2	<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 16 (5.84%) records reported as "unable to determine."</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> Person</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> The extraction process is the same as for the child's race information (adoption element #7).</p>
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	3 2	<p><u>Screen:</u> Person</p> <p><u>Program Code</u> The State's values are correctly mapped to AFCARS.</p> <p>If there is no information, this element is incorrectly set to "unable to determine."</p>
#29 –32		<p><u>Frequency Report:</u> There are 20 records missing data for these elements.</p> <p><u>Screen:</u> CFS Program Person Information The information regarding the relationship between the child and the family adopting him/her is derived from the discharge information. However, only one relationship type is identified. The State needs to develop a means to identify all possible relationship types. Specifically, whether the child was adopted by foster parents and whether they were relatives or not.</p> <p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> There were five errors across these elements. In each case an additional relationship was found that applied.</p>

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		<p><u>Program Code:</u> The extraction logic for elements #29 -32 is largely controlled by routines described above that determine element #22 (adoptive family structure). A sub-process of this logic performs 32650-PROCESS-RELATION (p 82) that checks various tables in an effort to determine the adoptive parent’s relationship with the child.</p> <p>All applicable relationships are to be reported.</p>
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	3 2	<p><u>Program Code</u> The processing sets the output value to “1” if the non ward reason code = “06” after performing 74500-GET-LAST-NW or if the counter is not 0 after 74000-CHECK-FORMER-STEP-PRNT</p>
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	2	
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	2	
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	2	
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	3	<p><u>Screen:</u> Placement Additional Details</p> <p><u>Frequency Report (n=298):</u> Within State = 273 (92%); Another State = 10 (4%); Another Country =0</p> <p>State staff suspect that workers are selecting <i>another state</i> when they are placing a child in another state instead of the other way around.</p>
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	3	<p><u>Screen:</u> Placement Additional Details</p> <p><u>Frequency Report:</u> Three records reported as “private agency.”</p> <p>This element is rated a “3” due to the findings in General Requirements item #11.</p>
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy 1 = Yes 2 = No	2	<p><u>Case File Review Findings:</u> 3 (21%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.</p> <p>For elements #35-37, State staff believe that the code is looking at actual payments, not the subsidy agreement amount.</p> <p>This field must be pulled from adoption subsidy agreement, not the payment amount.</p>

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW PRELIMINARY ONSITE FINDINGS: Adoption Data Elements

State: Nebraska

AFCARS Reporting Period: April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009 (2009B)

Element	Rating Factor	Notes/Findings
		Medicaid only subsidies are to be included and the State indicated they believed it is included.
#36 Monthly Amount	2	<u>Case File Review Findings</u> : 8 (57%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS. This field should only reflect recurring subsidies. Non-recurring subsidies (one-time payments) should not be included.
#37 Adoption Assistance - title IV-E	2	<u>Case File Review Findings</u> : 2 (14%) of the records analyzed did not match what was reported in AFCARS.