

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN: General Requirements

State: Nebraska

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

No.	Requirement	Rating Factor	Findings	Tasks	Date	
1	<p>Each State's data transmission must include all children in foster care for whom the State title IV-B/IV-E agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <p>The State agency shall transmit semi-annually information on each child in foster care during the reporting period (45 CFR 1355.40 (b)(1)).</p>	2	<p><u>Program Code (NF03J0B):</u> 1) If a child is on runaway status at the time the Department obtains responsibility for placement and care, the State is not including this child in the reporting population.</p>	<p><u>Program Code</u> 1) Modify the program code to extract these records.</p>		
8	<p>Include all children who are in the placement, care, or supervision responsibility of the title IV-B/E agency that are on "trial home visits" (Child Welfare Policy Manual, Section 1.3).</p>	3	<p>The State's practice is to end a case (not the custody) at six months for those children placed back in their own home while the agency maintains responsibility for placement and care. It is the information system that closes the case. 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.</p>	<p>1) See foster care elements #56 and 58 for tasks that must be completed so that the system does not automatically close a case after six months.</p> <p>2) Describe, develop, and implement a method to ensure the accurate and timely entry of this data.</p>		
11	<p>The State must report on all children who are adopted in the State during the reporting period and in whose adoption the State title IV-B/IV-E</p>	2	<p>Children that are adopted through a private agency from another State and on whose behalf Nebraska is paying a title IV-E subsidy</p>	<p>Modify the extraction logic to include these records in the adoption reporting population.</p>		

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	<p>agency has had any involvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All special needs children who were adopted in the State, whether or not they were in the public foster care system prior to their adoption and for whom non-recurring expenses were reimbursed; and • All children adopted for whom an adoption assistance payment or service is being provided based on arrangements made by or through the State agency. <p>Appendix B to Part 1355-- Adoption Data Elements, Section II--Definitions</p>		<p>are not included in the State's adoption population.</p>			
12	<p>The data must be extracted from the data system as of the last day of the reporting period and must be submitted in electronic form as described in appendix C to 45 CFR 1355 and in record layouts as delineated in appendix D to 45 CFR 1355 (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(1)).</p> <p>For foster care information, the child-specific data to be</p>	3	<p><u>For Subsequent Files:</u> The data must be reflective of the child's circumstances for the report period being submitted. The State needs to address corrections for time frames within specific data elements.</p>	<p>Ensure that the extraction of information the foster care and adoption data elements are restricted to the report period being extracted.</p>		

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	transmitted must reflect the data in the information system when the data are extracted (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(2)).					