AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Foster Care Data Elements
State: Nevada
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#61 Title IV-A (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) 0-Does not apply 1-Applies	1	Screen: Resource Detail Frequency Report (n=7,241): Applies = 5; Does not apply = 7,236 1) There is no interface between Unity and the TANF system. 2) The program code maps "TEAF" (emergency TANF) incorrectly to this element. 3) Based on the on-site review, the State and Federal teams discussed possible problems with the current method of collecting this data. Workers may be using the field incorrectly by selecting it for families who were receiving TANF at the time of the child's removal. Suggestions: 1) There are children placed with relatives in which the relatives are receiving TANF. The option on the screen just lists TANF.	1) The State must complete its interface with the title IV-A system as required in its SACWIS Assessment Review Action Plan. 2) Emergency TANF should be mapped to element #65. 3) Provide additional worker training to clarify the correct use of this field. 1) Consider modifying the field to "TANF/kinship" to clarify it is for those children placed with relatives, and TANF is a		

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			source of income.		
#62 Title IV-D (Child Support) 0-Does not apply 1-Applies	1	Screen: Receivable Account Frequency Report (n=7,241): Applies = 0; Does not apply = 7,241 1) There is not an interface between Unity and the Child Support Program information system. 2) The staff indicated that the Department of Welfare sends a check stub to DCFS. The agency is not able to identify which amount is associated with which child. If the finance office could have the check broken down by child, they could enter it into the system.	1) The State must complete its interface with the title IV-D system as required in its SACWIS Assessment Review Action Plan. 2) The State must implement a method to record and report whether child support is a source of income for each child in foster care.		
Hispanic/Latino Origin #8 Child (AD) #9 Child (FC) #53 1st Foster Caretaker's #55 2nd Foster Caretaker's #26 Adoptive Mother's #28 Adoptive Father's	2	Screen: Person Detail 1) After the site visit the State wrote a new subroutine to consolidate the person demographic information. The program code does not directly map "child abandoned" to "unable to determine," or "non-Hispanic" to "no."	1) Modify the program code to extract each selection option on the screen.		

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[0 = Not applicable (for foster caretakers only)] 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine		2) After the site visit the State modified the selections for this field on its screen. "Unable to determine" was changed to "declined to answer."	2) Implement data monitoring to ensure case workers use the new option correctly. 3) ACF will review the data to note changes in accuracy of the data.		
#10 Has the child been clinically diagnosed as having a disability(ies)? 1=Yes 2=No 3=Not yet Determined	2	Screen: Medical/Dental Condition Detail and Psych/Behavioral Condition Detail Frequency Report (n=7,241): Yes = 1,012 (14%); No = 180 (2%); Not yet determined = 6,049 (84%) 1) The program code initializes this element to "not yet determined" (LN 508). 2) The program code at LN 697 - 700 indicates that if a medical and physical condition is found, and if the "child's disability is "not yet determined," set this element to "no."	1a) Modify the program code and initialize this field to blank. 1b) Modify the program code to map missing data to blank. 2) Correct the program code to map this condition to "yes."		

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		3) The State's method for collecting this data is contributing to this data being underreported because case workers are not entering the data and not updating the fields. 3a) As a short-term solution, the State modified the program code to check for an examination date for types other than "coroner consult," "exam by worker," "sex abuse exam," "speech evaluation," or "WIC exam." If an exam type and date is found then this element is set to "no." This approach will still provide a possible "false no" response. 3b) The screen does not contain the question "Has this child been diagnosed with a disability?" The data are entered on multiple screens. 4) Based on the case file review findings, case workers are not entering diagnosed conditions into the system.	3) Consider combining the collection of this data on one screen with tabs. The State should add the question "has this child been clinically diagnosed with a disability?" with the options of "yes," "no," and "not yet determined." If the case worker answers the question with a "yes," then the worker would be directed to answer the appropriate diagnoses fields. 4a) Implement internal reports and/or edit checks to check against a child's placement. Depending on the location, or level of care, if no diagnosed		

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			conditions were entered it would flag the record as having an inconsistency. 4b) Ensure that supervisors review and have case workers enter and update this information in a timely manner . 4c) Implement additional training for case workers and supervisors regarding the use of these fields.		
		5) During the review, the State indicated this is an area for the policy workgroups to address and work with the IT staff to come up with a solution.	5) Provide ACF updates regarding the group's progress and decisions. 6) Explain the note at line 706, "A med condition or phsy behavior was found, but none of them were report to AFCARS, so set the value to No." Does this mean that there is a condition, but it is one that is not mapped to		

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Foster care and Adoption: #11 Mental Retardation #12 Visually/Hearing Impaired #13 Physically Disabled #14 Emotionally Disturbed #15 Other Diagnosed Condition [0 = Does not apply] 1 = Applies	2	#11: "Developmental disability" (MENT) can mean either a cognitive or physical developmental disability. #12: The State's value "hearing or visually impaired" is vague. If this includes a need for glasses, then it should not be mapped to AFCARS. #13: 1) The State maps "cleft palate" to this element. 2) The State has a value "medical equipment/procedure required." This is a vague description and is	#11: The State needs to further distinguish the area of developmental disability and map accordingly. #12: a) Provide ACF with definition provided to case workers. b) Analyze what "hearing or visually impaired" is being used for by the case workers. c) Ensure that a child wearing glasses is not included for this element. d) Based on findings, modify the category to be more specific. #13: 1) Map "cleft palate" to "other diagnosed condition." 2) Remove "medical equipment/procedure required" from the program		

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		not a medical diagnosis. #14: 1) The State maps "autism" to this element. 2) The State includes "other DSM condition." 3) "Unable to bond" is not a diagnosed condition. #15: 1) "Cerebral Palsy" is incorrectly mapped to this element. 2) The State has a value for "HIV	code and map the actual diagnosis needs to AFCARS. #14: 1) Map "autism" to element #15, other diagnosed condition." 2a) Remove "other DSM condition" from the extraction code. 2b) Analyze what "other DSM condition" is being used for by the case workers. 2c) Based on findings, modify the category to be more specific. 3) Remove "unable to bond" from the program code. #15: 1) Map "Cerebral Palsy" to element #13, "physically disabled." 2) Map "HIV" to this		

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		positive" and it is not mapped to AFCARS. 3) The State's mapping in the program code includes the following: "apnea monitor," "dialysis," "drug affected," "head trauma," and "other medical diagnosis."	element. 3a) Remove these items from the program code. 3b) Map the actual diagnosed condition to the respective AFCARS element.		
#22 Date of Latest Removal Transaction Date	2	There are instances when a record is deleted due to the worker incorrectly entering the date of removal. Instead of the database administrator deleting the date, the entire record is deleted. Once the worker re-enters the information a new transaction date is set, thus automatically causing the record to fail the timeliness error.	Implement a policy that is based on a set of rules and supervisory approval. An incorrect date of removal should only be deleted by the Database Administrator.		
#23 Date of Placement in Current Foster Care Setting	2	Screens: Placement/Location Directory and Placement/Location Detail Frequency Report: There are 463 records with zero placements. This is an improvement from previous data submissions. If the child is taken into care and	1) Modify the program		

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		custody of the State, but goes on "runaway" status prior to entering a placement, the code should reflect the date the child went on "runaway,' which should be the same date as they were taken into care. 3) Based on the case file review, the frequency report, the quality of the data needs to improve. 4) Information related to children placed in contracted foster care settings is not always forwarded to the agency case workers. Therefore, in cases where information is not forwarded to the DCFS worker, contracted placement changes within an institution are not always reported to AFCARS. 5) The program code was modified	code to report the date a runaway started if it is the first "placement" setting. 2) Workers should be instructed to enter the location of the child as "runaway" at the time care and placement is given to the agency. 3) Ensure that placement information is entered accurately and in a timely manner. 4a) Continue to develop methods to ensure this information is sent from the contracted agencies to the agency case worker. 4b) The State may want to consider this a condition of performance in the contracted agency's contract. 5a) ACF will review the		

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		to not include as a placement setting hospital stays seven days or less. The program code will use the previous placement setting. If the hospital stay is more than seven days, it will be mapped to institution.	data to ensure that hospital stays longer than seven days are counted as a placement move. 5b) Ensure that workers enter this placement information correctly.		
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	2	Screens: Placement/Location Directory and Placement/Location Detail Frequencies: In the 2006A file, there are no records with zero placements. There are 82 records reported as blank. 1) The State asked for clarification regarding institutions with several cottages on their campus. The State asked that if a child moves within the same institution from cottage to cottage and there is no change in the level of care, should each move be counted. 2) It is acceptable to have cases with a placement count of zero **if** it reflects children with runaway as their only placement setting.	1) Modify the program code to not count a move from one cottage to another on the same site under an institutional setting. 2) Ensure that children on runaway status as of the end of the report period where this is the only		

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			"placement," are the one only records with zero placements.		
		3a) Based on the case file review, the frequency report, and changes needed to the program code, the quality of the data needs to improve.	3a) Ensure that placement information is entered accurately and in a timely manner.		
		3b) Some of the records converted from paper files may not contain the full placement history for those cases that were open at the time of conversion.	3b) Ensure that all placements on cases open at the time in conversion, and are still open, are entered into the system.		
		4) Information related to children placed in contracted foster care settings is not always forwarded to the agency case workers. Therefore, in cases where information is not forwarded to the DCFS worker, contracted placement changes within an institution are not always reported to AFCARS.	4a) Continue to develop methods to ensure this information is sent from the contracted agencies to the agency case worker. 4b) The State may want to consider this a condition of performance in the contracted agency's contract.		
		5) The program code was modified to not include as a placement setting	5a) ACF will review the data to ensure that hospital		

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		hospital stays seven days or less. The program code will use the previous placement setting. If the hospital stay is more than seven days, it will be mapped to institution.	stays longer than seven days are counted as a placement move. 5b) Ensure that workers enter this placement information correctly.		
#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	Screens: Placement/Location Directory and Placement/Location Detail Frequency Report (n=7,241): Pre-adopt home = 0; Foster Family Home-Relative = 2,073 (29%); Foster Family Home-Non-Relative = 2,159 (30%); Group Home = 154 (2%); Institution = 811 (11%); Supervised Independent Living = 118 (2%); Runaway = 80 1%); Trial Home Visit = 885 (12%) 1) The State indicated they currently do not report "pre-adoptive homes." In the case file review, seven records should have been reported as a "pre-adoptive home."	1) Modify the program code and/or the selection list to include "pre-adopt homes." 1b) Implement training to ensure case workers correctly enter pre-adoptive settings.		

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		2) The State uses "abscondance" as a placement setting.	2a) If "abscondance" is used in the context of a parent taking the child from his/her foster care setting, continue to report the location from which the child was absconded. 2b) If it is used because the child ran away from his/her placement setting, report it as "runaway."		
		3) The program code was modified to exclude hospital stays seven or less days as a placement setting. If it is more than seven days the program code will map it to "institution."	3a) ACF will review the data to ensure that hospital stays longer than seven days are counted as a placement move. 3b) Ensure that workers enter this placement information correctly.		
		4) Based on the case file review, the frequency report, and changes needed to the program code, the quality of the data needs to improve.	4) Ensure that placement information is entered accurately and in a timely manner.		
		5) Information related to children	5a) Continue to develop		

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		placed in contracted foster care settings are not always forwarded to the agency case workers. Therefore, in cases where information is not forwarded to the DCFS worker, contracted placement changes within an institution are not always reported to AFCARS.	methods to ensure this information is sent from the contracted agencies to the agency case worker. 5b) The State may want to consider this a condition of performance in the contracted agency's contract.		
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	2	Screen: Person Detail Fields: Marital Information - Effective Date and Status 2006A frequency report (n=7,011): Married Couple = 1,535 (22%); Unmarried Couple = 459 (7%); Single Female = 4,044 (58%); Single Male = 279 (4%); Unable to determine = 0; Not reported = 694 (10%) 1) The program code does not map "separated" to "married." 2) After the site visit, the program code was modified by removing the initialization to "unable to determine." It is now set to blank.	1) Modify the program code to map "separated" to "married." 2) Continue to monitor the data to ensure its accuracy.		

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		3) Based on the case file review, the accuracy of this data needs to improve.	3) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure workers enter this data timely and accurately.		
#59 Title IV-E (Foster Care) 0-Does not apply 1-Applies	2	Screen: Claim Detail Frequency Report (n=7,241): Applies = 1,743 (24%); Does not apply = 5,498 (76%) 1) Some facility placements bill Medicaid, but then Medicaid bills the State for children who are IV-E eligible. 2) After the site visit, the program code was modified to check for whether this is a source of income to the child for the report period only.	1) Ensure that these cases are mapped as "applies." 2) Run reports to ensure the number of records reported as "does not apply" are truly children not receiving a title IV-E payment.		
#65 None of the Above 0-Does not apply 1-Applies	2	1) The program code does not check for other sources of income (State, Federal or private). 2) Emergency TANF is incorrectly mapped to element #61 instead of this element.	1) Modify the program code to check the Resource Detail screen for "assets." 2) Modify the program code and map emergency TANF to this element.		
#5 Date of Most Recent Periodic Review (if	3	Frequency Report (n=7,241): There are 275 records with a periodic			

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applicable)		review date that is prior to 2005. The 2006A frequency report indicates an improvement in the number of older review dates. There are only 38 records with a review date prior to 2005.	1) Implement training and supervisory oversight to ensure workers enter this data accurately and timely. 2) ACF will review the 2006B data.		
Race #8 Child's (FC) #7 Child Race (AD) #52 1st Foster Caretaker #54 2nd Foster Caretaker #25 Adoptive Mother's #27 Adoptive Father's 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	3	Screen: Person Detail 1) After the site visit, the program code was correctly modified to map missing information to blank and "declined" to "unable to determine." 2) There are a high percentage of records reported with missing data for foster parents. The State indicated that licensing workers should be entering this info into the system. Private agency homes are licensed by the state, so this information is collected by them as well.	1a) Implement training to ensure the case workers understand the correct usage of these values. 1b) Implement supervisory oversight to ensure the accurate and timely entry of this information. 2a) Implement training to ensure the licensing workers understand the correct usage of these values. 2b) Implement supervisory oversight to ensure the accurate and timely entry		

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			of this information. 2c) Ensure that information on contracted foster care providers is being entered into the system.		
#16 Has this child ever been adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine #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	Screen: Participant Detail Frequency Report (n=7,241): Yes = 120 (2%); No = 760 (80%); Unable to determine = 412 (6%); Not reported = 949 (13%) 1) Intake workers in the southern region of the State are trained to enter "no" at the time the intake call comes in. 2) Based on the case file review findings, the quality of this data needs to improve. Suggestions: To capture information on children that were adopted from another country, add in the "Type" field, add private agency - NV; private agency - out	1a) Instruct intake workers this is not a field they are to answer. 1b) Ensure that this data is recorded by the on going case worker. 2) Ensure supervisory oversight that this information is entered accurately and in a timely manner.		

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		of State agency; out of State public agency; out of country. Some States have all States and countries listed so that the worker can select where the adoption took place. The "Type" pull down currently contains the options of foster parent, non-relative, relative, or stepparent, which is related more to relationship of the individual to the child versus the type of agency.			
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	3	The 2006A data file indicates there are 24 records with an invalid date of 00000000.	1) Ensure that workers enter correct dates for removals. 2) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy.		
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	3	Based on the case file review findings, the quality of this data needs to improve.	1) Ensure that all removal episodes are entered into the system. 2) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy.		
#20 Date Child was Discharged from last foster care episode (if applicable)	3	Based on the case file review findings, the accuracy of this data needs to improve. The State needs to investigate how dates of discharge from a prior removal episode can be after the	1) Ensure that all removal episodes are entered into the system. 2) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy.		

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		current removal date.			
#21 Date of Latest Removal	3	Based on the case file review findings, the accuracy of this data needs to improve.	1) Ensure that all removal episodes are entered into the system. 2) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy.		
Actions or Conditions Associated With Child's Removal (Indicate all that apply with a "1".) #26 Physical Abuse #27 Sexual Abuse #28 Neglect #29 Parent Alcohol Abuse #30 Parent Drug Abuse #31 Child Alcohol Abuse #32 Child Drug Abuse #33 Child Disability #34 Child's Behavior Problem #35 Death of Parent #36 Incarceration of Parent #37 Caretaker Inability to Cope Due to Illness or Other Reasons #38 Abandonment #39 Relinquishment #40 Inadequate Housing	3	1) Based on the frequency report and the case file review findings, the accuracy of this data needs to improve. In the majority of the cases there should have been more conditions reported as reasons associated with a child's removal. It appears case workers are only entering "neglect" regardless of whether other conditions apply. 2) For element #30 the frequency report indicated only 22% as "applies" for this element. The State staff indicated drug abuse is a significant issue in Nevada.	1a) Provide training to case workers to select all conditions associated with the removal, not just those that are the petition. 1b) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that the workers enter this data accurately and timely. 2) The State needs to provide additional training to ensure case workers understand that this is a condition that contributed to the basis for the child's removal; not that the worker is making a diagnosis.		

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#42 Is Current Placement Out-of-State? 1=Yes (Out of State placement) 2=No (In-State placement)	3	1) Based on the case file analysis, most of the errors were instances in which the child was placed out-of-State,but was reported as placed in-State. 2) The State also modified the program code by mapping missing data to blank.	Ensure that both the case workers and the licensing workers enter information on the foster parent's address accurately and in a timely manner. Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that placement information is entered accurately and timely.		
#43 Most recent case plan goal 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	3	Frequency Report (n=7,241): Reunify = 2,102 (29%); Live with Relative(s) = 477 (7%); Adoption = 1,100 (15%); Long Term Foster Care = 107 (1%); Emancipation = 328 (5%); Guardianship = 24 (.33%); Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established = 743 (10%); Not reported = 2,360 (33%) The 2006A frequency report indicates fewer cases with missing data and fewer records reported as "case plan goal not yet established." The program code was modified to map missing data on records of children in care for more than 60	1) Ensure supervisory oversight that this information is entered		

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		days to blank (LNs 1397 thru 1505). Based on the case file review findings the accuracy of this information needs to improve. The majority of error cases had a case plan goal of "not yet established." The children had been in care for more than a year, and some had been in care for up to 10 years. There were three records reported as blank, and in two of the records the child had been in care for at least three years.	accurately and in a timely manner. 2) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy.		
Birth Year #45 1st Primary Caretaker's #46 2nd Primary Caretaker's	3	Based on the case file review analysis, the accuracy of these data need to improve. The program code was modified so that if element #44 is a couple, dates of birth must be reported for elements #45 and 46. If it is a single individual, only element #45 will be reported.	1) Provide additional training to case workers: a) that a date of birth can be estimated if the age of the mother/father is known. b) if the date of birth or age is not known, leave this element blank. 2) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that case workers enter this information accurately and in a timely manner.		
Date of TPR	3	Based on the frequency report and	1) Provide supervisory		

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Foster Care: #47 Mother's #48 Legal or Putative Father's Adoption: #19 Date of Mother's #20 Date of Father's TPR		the case file review analysis, the accuracy of these data needs to improve.	oversight to ensure that case workers enter this information accurately and in a timely manner. 2) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy. All children with an outcome reason of adoption must have TPR dates reported.		
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	3	1) After the site visit, the program code was modified: a) to initialize this element to blank, and b) if a child is in a non-foster home setting, this element is set to "not applicable." 2) Information on foster parents with contracted agencies may not be provided to the agency workers. 3) Based on the frequency report and the case file review analysis, the accuracy of these data needs to improve.	1) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy. 2) ACF will review the 2006B data for improvements. 3) Ensure that information on contracted foster care providers are being entered into the system.		
#50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	3	1) Based on the frequency report and the case file review analysis,	1) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy.		

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#51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year		the accuracy of this data needs to improve. 2) Information on foster parents with contracted agencies may not be provided to the agency workers.	2) ACF will review the 2006B data for improvements. 3) Ensure that information on contracted foster care providers are being entered into the system.		
#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	3	Screen: Legal Status Frequency Report (n=7,241): Not Applicable = 4,756 (66%); Reunification = 964 (13%); Living with Other Relative(s) = 1,046 (14%); Adoption = 273 (4%); Emancipation = 70 (1%); Guardianship = 60 (1%); Transfer to Another Agency = 43 (.59%); Runaway = 19 (.26%); Death of child = 10 (.14%) *2006A frequency report indicates there are seven records missing a discharge reason.*	1) Provide additional training to case workers to ensure they understand to discharge a youth on his/her 18th birthday, unless he/she remains in the agency's responsibility for care and placement; or, the youth is eligible for title IV-E payments. 2) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that case workers enter this information accurately and in a timely manner.		

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#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy 1=Yes 2=No	2	Frequency Report (n=215): Yes = 49 (23%); No = 166 (77%) 2006A Frequency Report (n=293): Yes = 278 (95%); No = 15 (5%) The program code was corrected to include "medical only" and no longer checks for a non-recurring payment. However, it still does not check for an "agreement only."	Modify the program code to include the value "agreement only."		
#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	3	Frequency Report (n=215): Yes = 214; No = 1 The accuracy of this element is dependent on the accuracy of data entered in elements #31,34, and 35.	1) Monitor this data to ensure its accuracy. 2) ACF will review the 2006B data for improvements.		
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs? 1 = Yes 2 = No #10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs 0 = Not Applicable	3	After the site visit, the State modified the screen and program code for the collection and reporting of element #10. Based on the case file review findings and the frequency report, the accuracy of data for these elements needs to improve.	1) Provide training to case workers to select the special need that is the biggest barrier to the child's adoption as the primary reason. 2) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that case workers enter this data accurately and timely.		

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1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other State Defined Special Needs					
#16 Mother's Birth Year #17 Father's Birth Year	3	Based on the case file review analysis, the accuracy of these data need to improve.	1) Provide additional training to case workers: a) that a date of birth can be estimated if the approximate age of the mother/father is known. b) if the date of birth or age is not known, leave this element blank. 2) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that case workers enter this information accurately and in a timely manner.		
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes	3	Based on the case file review analysis, the accuracy of these data need to improve.	1) Provide additional training to case workers sothat this information is gathered during the initial		

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2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine			assessment of a case. 2) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that case workers enter this information accurately and in a timely manner.		
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	3	1) There is an issue related to what date the workers enter as the adoption finalization date. In many instances, the courts hold an additional hearing to terminate the agency's custody after the adoption hearing was held. This second date may be getting entered/extracted as the finalization date. Also, for children placed out-of-State for adoption, the court in the receiving State must finalize the adoption. It may be several months later before a hearing in Nevada is held to dismiss the agency's custody. 2) The State indicated this is an area it will bring to the attention of its Court Improvement group.	1a) The State needs to provide training on which date to enter as the finalization date. For AFCARS reporting purposes, the State should report the actual date of the hearing granting the adoption. This date should also be reported as the foster care discharge date, if applicable (foster care element #56). 1b) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that workers enter this information accurately and timely. 2) Provide ACF with updates on the progress and decisions of this group.		

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		3) Changes had been made to the system prior to the review that results in the legalization date being pre-filled with the legal effective date.	3) Monitor the accuracy of this data.		
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	3	1) State law does not allow for an unmarried couple to be the adoptive parents. Only one of the individuals is the legal parent. The State staff indicated that there should never be any records reported as "unmarried couple." 2) Based on the case file review, this data needs to improve.	1) Provide guidance and training to workers on how to enter the marital status of the adoptive parents. 2) Provide supervisory oversight to ensure this information is entered in a timely manner and accurately.		
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth #24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	3	Based on the case file review findings, the accuracy of this data needs to improve.	Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that the workers enter these data accurately and timely.		
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent #30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative #31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent #32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child	3	In the 2006A file, the frequency report indicates that multiple relationships were reported. There are also 25 records with missing information.	The State needs to provide training to workers to select all the relationships that apply. Provide supervisory oversight to ensure that the workers enter these data accurately and timely.		

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- Other Non-Relative 0 = Does not Apply 1 = Applies					
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	3	Frequency Report: There are 15 records missing this information. In the 2006A file, there were seven records missing information. After the site visit, the field on the screen was modified from "Within State" to "Within Nevada." The State noted that a case review was done to review all records with any selection other than "Within Nevada." The program code was modified to map "US Territory" to "Another Country."	Please provide ACF with information on the result of the case review. Provide training to workers on the proper use of each value. Monitor the accuracy of the data.		
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	3	Frequency Report: There are 14 records missing this information. In the 2006A file, there are seven records missing information. Case file review findings: In the two error records, the AFCARS data were missing. The reviewers found in each case the child was placed by the public agency.	Provide training to workers on the proper use of each value. Monitor the accuracy of the data.		