

AFCARS Assessment Review Case File Findings: Foster Care Data Elements

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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	40	35	0	0	<p>In 13 error cases, the reviewer found a review date that was later than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In five error cases, the reviewer found a review date that was earlier than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In 13 error cases, the date reported in AFCARS was after the end of the report period.</p> <p>In two error cases, the AFCARS file was blank. The reviewer did find a review date.</p> <p>In two error cases, the date reported to AFCARS was more than six months prior to the end of the report period.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	74	1	0	0	In the error case, the reviewer found a birth date that was later than the one reported to AFCARS.
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male	75	0	0	0	

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2 = Female					
#8 Child Race	75	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	75	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	74	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	75	0	0	0	
e. White	75	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	75	0	0	0	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin	75	0	0	0	
1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine					
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	45	30	0	0	In the error cases, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewers found a diagnosed condition.
#11 Mental Retardation	60	15	0	0	In 13 of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In two of the error cases, the responses should have been

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					"does not apply" instead of "applies."
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	70	5	0	0	In three of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In two of the error cases, the responses should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#13 Physically Disabled	70	5	0	0	In the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	48	27	0	0	In the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	60	15	0	0	In nine of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In six of the error cases, the responses should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted?	73	2	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been "no" instead of "unable to determine."

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1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine					
#17 Age at Previous Adoption 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	73	2	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been "not applicable" instead of "unable to determine."
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	71	4	0	0	In two of the error cases, the reviewers found earlier dates than the ones reported to AFCARS. In two of the error cases, the reviewers found later dates than the ones reported to AFCARS.
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	73	2	0	0	In one of the error cases, the reviewer found that the child had one removal episode and not two. In one of the error cases, the reviewer found an additional removal episode that was not included in the AFCARS file.

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#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	73	2	0	0	<p>In one error case, there was an additional removal episode so there was a discharge date from the previous episode.</p> <p>In one error case, there was only one removal episode so this field should have been blank.</p>
#21 Date of Latest Removal	71	4	0	0	<p>In two of the error cases, the reviewers found later dates than the ones reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In two of the error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS.</p>
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	64	11	0	0	<p>In three of the error cases, the reviewers found later dates than the ones reported in AFCARS.</p> <p>In eight of the error cases, the reviewers found earlier dates than the ones reported in AFCARS.</p>
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	42	33	0	0	<p>In 30 error cases, there were fewer placements than what was reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In three error cases, there were more placements than what was</p>

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					reported to AFCARS.
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	73	2	0	0	In the error cases, the responses should have been "voluntary" instead of "court order."
#26 Physical Abuse	68	6	0	1	In five of the error cases, the response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#27 Sexual Abuse	71	4	0	0	In three of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#28 Neglect	68	7	0	0	In four of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In three of the error cases, the responses should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."

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#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	65	10	0	0	In nine of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	60	15	0	0	In the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	72	3	0	0	In one of the error cases, the response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In two of the error cases, the responses should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#32 Child Drug Abuse	67	8	0	0	In seven of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#33 Child Disability	73	2	0	0	In one of the error cases, the response should have been

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					"applies" instead of "does not apply." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	70	5	0	0	In three of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In two of the error cases, the responses should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#35 Death of Parent	75	0	0	0	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	72	3	0	0	In the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	67	8	0	0	In five of the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In three of the error cases, the responses should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#38 Abandonment	70	5	0	0	In four of the error cases, the

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					responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#39 Relinquishment	75	0	0	0	
#40 Inadequate Housing	66	9	0	0	In the error cases, the responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#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	72	3	0	0	In one of the error cases, the living arrangement should have been "trial home visit" instead of "pre-adoptive home." In one of the error cases, the living arrangement should have been "foster family home (relative)" instead of "group home." In one of the error cases, the living arrangement should have been "group home" instead of "institution."
#42 Out of State Placement	74	0	0	1	
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal	54	21	0	0	In one of the error cases, the response should have been "long term foster care" instead of

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1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established					"adoption." In eight of the error cases, the responses should have been "emancipation" instead of "long term foster care." In 10 of the error cases, the responses should have been "long term foster care" instead of "emancipation." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "long term foster care" instead of "reunify with parent(s) or principal caretaker(s)." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "long-term foster care" instead of "guardianship."
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	66	8	0	1	In one of the error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of "unmarried couple" instead of "unable to determine." In two of the error cases, the reviewers found a family structure of "single female"

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5 = Unable to Determine					<p>instead of "unable to determine."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of "single female" instead of "unmarried couple."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of "married couple" instead of "single female."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of "single female" instead of "married couple."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of "married couple" instead of "unmarried couple."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the reviewer found a family structure of "married couple" instead of "unable to determine."</p>
#45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	64	10	0	1	<p>In six of the error cases, the wrong dates were reported.</p> <p>In four of the error cases, the</p>

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					AFCARS file was blank, and there should have been dates listed.
#46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	68	7	0	0	<p>In two of the error cases, the wrong dates were reported.</p> <p>In four of the error cases, the AFCARS file was blank, and there should have been dates listed.</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the AFCARS reported a date, but the file should have been blank.</p>
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	68	7	0	0	<p>In four error cases the AFCARS file was blank but the reviewers found a TPR order.</p> <p>In one error case, the mother was deceased but the date of dad's voluntary relinquishment of rights was reported instead. Mother's deceased date was an earlier date.</p> <p>In two error cases, the reviewers found a later date than the one reported in AFCARS.</p>
#48 Father's Date of TPR	69	6	0	0	In five of the error cases, the AFCARS file was blank. The

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					<p>reviewers did find dates.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found a relinquishment order signed by the father and this date was earlier than the one reported in AFCARS.</p>
<p>#49 Foster Family Structure</p> <p>0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male</p>	69	6	0	0	<p>In two of the error cases, the response should have been "not applicable."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the response should have been "married couple" instead of "not applicable."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the response should have been "married couple" instead of "single female."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the response should have been "single male" instead of "married couple."</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the response should have been "married couple" instead of "unmarried couple."</p>

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#50 1 st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	68	7	0	0	In four of the error cases, the wrong dates were reported. In two of the error cases, a date was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank. In one of the error cases, the AFCARS file was blank, but the reviewer found a date.
#51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	71	4	0	0	In two of the error cases, the wrong dates were reported. In two of the error cases, the AFCARS files were blank, but the reviewers found dates.
#52 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race	59	16	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
a. American Indian or Alaska Native	59	16	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
b. Asian	59	16	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
c. Black or African American	58	17	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.

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					In one of the error cases, the response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	59	16	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
e. White	58	17	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank. In one of the error cases, the response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
f. Unable to Determine	59	16	0	0	In 16 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
#53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	0	0	0	0	
#54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race	30	45	0	0	In 44 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					In one of the error cases, the

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					response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
b. Asian	31	44	0	0	In 44 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
c. Black or African American	31	44	0	0	In 44 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	31	44	0	0	In 44 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.
e. White	29	46	0	0	In 44 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank. In one of the error cases, the response should have been "yes" instead of "no." In one of the error cases, the response should have been "no" instead of "yes."
f. Unable to Determine	31	44	0	0	In 44 of the error cases, information was reported to AFCARS, but the file should have been blank.

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#55 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	0	0	0	0	
#56 Date of Discharge	74	1	0	0	The error was due to the date of discharge reported to AFCARS occurred after the end of the report period.
#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	74	1	0	0	The error was due to the date of discharge reported to AFCARS occurred after the end of the report period.
#59 Title IV-E Foster Care	67	8	0	0	The response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#60 Title IV-E Adoption	74	1	0	0	The response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#61 Title IV-A AFDC	74	1	0	0	The response should have been

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					“applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#62 Title IV-D Child Support	72	3	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” In one error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#63 Title XIX Medicaid	69	6	0	0	In five error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#64 SSI	69	6	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#65 None of the Above	72	3	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” In one error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#66 Monthly Amount	50	25	0	0	The amount reported did not match what the reviewers found in the paper file.

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	30	0	0	0	
#5 Child Date of Birth	30	0	0	0	
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	30	0	0	0	
#7 Child Race	30	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	30	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	28	2	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0	
e. White	29	1	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	29	1	0	0	
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	30	0	0	0	

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#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs 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	27	3	0	0	In the error cases, the reviewers noted the primary basis should have been "membership in a sibling group" instead of "medical conditions or mental, physical or emotional disabilities."
#11 Mental Retardation	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "applies" instead of does not apply."
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	30	0	0	0	
#13 Physically Disabled	28	2	0	0	The responses should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	19	11	0	0	In seven of the error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies." In four of the error cases, the response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	23	7	0	0	In one error case the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."

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					In six error cases, the response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#16 Mother's Birth Year	30	0	0	0	
#17 Father's Birth Year	19	8	0	3	In one error case, the AFCARS field was blank but the reviewer found a birth year. In three error cases, the field should have been blank because there was an unknown father. In four error cases, either the wrong person's birth year was reported or it was the wrong year.
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	18	12	0	0	In four error cases, the response should have been "no" instead of "unable to determine." In seven error cases, the response should have been "no" instead of "yes." In one error case, the response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	29	1	0	0	In one error case, a later date than the one reported was found.
#20 Date of Father's TPR	28	2	0	0	In two error cases, a later date than the one reported was found.
#21 Date Adoption	28	2	0	0	In two error cases, the reviewers found

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Legalized					an earlier date.
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	30	0	0	0	
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	28	2	0	0	A wrong date was entered/extracted.
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	30	0	0	0	
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	30	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
c. Black or African American	30	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0	
e. White	30	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	30	0	0	0	
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	30	0	0	0	

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b. Asian	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
c. Black or African American	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "no" instead of "yes."
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0	
e. White	30	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	30	0	0	0	
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	30	0	0	0	
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	29	1	0	0	The response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	27	3	0	0	In one error case, the response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply." In two error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	5	25	0	0	In 23 error cases, the response should have been "applies" instead of "does not apply."

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					In two error cases, the response should have been "does not apply" instead of "applies."
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	30	0	0	0	
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	30	0	0	0	
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	25	5	0	0	The responses should have been "yes" instead of "no." In all cases, the child was determined to be special needs and element #9 was "yes."
#36 Monthly Amount	25	5	0	0	There should have been an amount reported. In all cases, the child was determined to be special needs and element #9 was "yes."
#37 Adoption Assistance	24	6	0	0	In five error cases, the responses should have been "yes" instead of "no." In all cases, the child was determined to be special needs and element #9 was "yes."

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					In one error case, the response should have been "no" instead of "yes."