

AFCARS Assessment Review Case File Findings: Foster Care Data Elements
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#3 Local FIPS Code	73	0	0	0	
#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	59	9	0	5	<p>In six of the error cases, the reviewers found a later date than the one reported to AFCARS. In one instance, the reported review date was in 2002, but the reviewer found a current review date.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found an administrative review date that was a month after the court review.</p> <p>In two error cases, there was no review date reported to AFCARS. In one, the reviewer found documentation of a review in the paper file. In the other case, the child had been in care for several years.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	72	1	0	0	
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	73	0	0	0	
#8 Child Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	70	1	1	1	<p>In the error case, the reviewer found that this race should have been “applies” and was an additional race.</p> <p>In the questionable cases, all of the</p>

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					race categories indicated “no,” and the reviewer was not able to find information in the file regarding race.
b. Asian	71	0	1	1	
c. Black or African American	71	0	1	1	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	71	0	1	1	
se. White	71	0	1	1	
f. Unable to Determine	71	0	1	1	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	61	9	0	3	In the error cases, the AFCARS information was “unable to determine,” and in each case the reviewer was able to determine the child was not of Hispanic/Latino origin. In the questionable cases, the AFCARS data indicated “unable to determine” and the reviewer also noted “unable to determine.” The children did not appear to be abandoned.
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	59	13	0	1	In the error cases, the AFCARS data indicated “no,” but the reviewer found that the child did have a disability.
#11 Mental Retardation	71	2	0	0	In one error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does

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					not apply.” In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply,” instead of “applies.”
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	72	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#13 Physically Disabled	72	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	58	14	0	1	In the 13 of the 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.”
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	66	7	0	0	In five of the 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.” Cerebral Palsy was incorrectly mapped to this element.
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted?	72	1	0	0	The response was “no,” and it should have been “yes.”

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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	71	2	0	0	
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	57	13	0	3	In 11 error cases, the actual date of removal was earlier than what was reported to AFCARS. In five cases, the dates were generally six to seven years earlier than what was reported. In two error cases, the reviewers found removal dates that were a later than what was reported to AFCARS. One was a month later and the other was six months later.
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	62	10	1	0	In four error cases, the number of removals found by the reviewers was fewer than what was reported to AFCARS. In three cases, it should have been one removal instead of two.

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					In six error cases, the reviewer found more removal episodes than what were reported to AFCARS. In five of the cases, there were two removals instead of one. In one it was three instead of two removals; there was an earlier removal than the one reported for element #18.
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	65	7	1	0	<p>In five error cases, there should have been a discharge date because the reviewer found an additional removal episode.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found that the wrong date was reported.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found that the child only had one removal episode, not two as reported.</p> <p>Note: In two error cases, the AFCARS reflected two removals for element #19 and the dates in #18 and #21 were different. However, this field was reported blank and the reviewer did only find one removal episode.</p>
#21 Date of Latest	56	16	1	0	In three error cases, the reviewer found only one removal, not two as

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Removal					<p>reported. Consequently, element #21 was an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS. In one situation, the date of removal should have been a day earlier than the one reported in AFCARS. It appears the child had a one day placement that was counted as a removal. (There was an error for element #24 also, since there should have been one more placement in the count.)</p> <p>In nine error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than what was reported to AFCARS (pre-conversion).</p> <p>In three error cases, the reviewer found an additional removal episode that was not reported to AFCARS. Consequently, different dates were found for element #21 than what was reported. These, too, were pre-conversion cases.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found a removal date that was later than what was reported to AFCARS.</p>
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	58	13	0	2	In eight error cases, the reviewer found the actual date of placement

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					<p>was earlier than what was reported to AFCARS. It appears that the date was pre-conversion.</p> <p>In three error cases, the reviewer found a later date than what was reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case, the date reported to AFCARS represented the date the foster care setting changed status.</p>
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	50	21	1	1	<p>In 15 error cases, the reviewer found more placements than what were reported. The additional placements were pre-conversion.</p> <p>In six error cases, the reviewer found fewer placements than what were reported.</p>
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	71	2	0	0	
#26 Physical Abuse	63	9	0	1	In two error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does

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					not apply.” In seven error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#27 Sexual Abuse	60	13	0	0	In seven error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In six error cases, the response should have been “does not apply,” instead of “applies.”
#28 Neglect	64	9	0	0	In eight error case, 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.”
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	58	15	0	0	In twelve error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In three error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	64	8	0	1	In five error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”

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					In three error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	58	15	0	0	In five error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In ten error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#32 Child Drug Abuse	66	7	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In five error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#33 Child Disability	71	2	0	0	In one error case, 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.”
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	62	11	0	0	In four error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In seven error cases, the response

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					should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#35 Death of Parent	67	6	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In four error cases, the response should have been “does not apply,” and not “applies.”
#36 Incarceration of Parent	60	13	0	0	In eight error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In five error cases, the response should have been “does not apply,” and not “applies.”
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	63	10	0	0	In seven error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In three error cases, the response should have been “does not apply,” and not “applies.”
#38 Abandonment	68	5	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In three error cases, the response should have been “does not apply,”

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					and not “applies.”
#39 Relinquishment	65	8	0	0	In four error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In four error cases, the response should have been “does not apply,” and not “applies.”
#40 Inadequate Housing	68	5	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.” In three error cases, the response 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	68	4	1	0	In two error cases, the child was actually on runaway status. In one case the AFCARS reflected a “group home.” In one error case, the child was actually in a group home and not a foster home. In one error case, the child was in an independent living setting, not a foster home. The questionable case is because

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					AFCARS says 'relative' and the reviewer wrote 'kinship.'	
#42 Out of State Placement	72	1	0	0	In one error case, the response was "no," but the reviewer found that the child's current placement setting was out of state.	
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal 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	60	12	0	1	In the error cases, the reviewers found:	
					Reported as:	Reviewer found:
					Not yet determined (2)	Reunification
					Long-term FC Reunification (2)	Reunification
					Adoption	Adoption
					Long term FC (2)	Guardianship
					Reunify	Long term FC
					Guardianship (2)	Live with relative
					Live with relative	Long-term FC
Guardianship	Long-term FC					
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	63	9	0	1	In one error case, "unable to determine" was reported to AFCARS, and a birth year was reported for element #45. The reviewer found the caretaker family structure is "married couple." The error case was reported as "unable	

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					<p>to determine,” but the reviewer found the family structure to be “single female.”</p> <p>In one error case the AFCARS data indicated “unable to determine,” but the reviewer found the family structure of “married couple.”</p> <p>In one error case the AFCARS data indicated “unable to determine,” but the reviewer found the family structure of “single female.”</p> <p>In two error cases the AFCARS data indicated “married couple,” but the reviewer found the family structure of “single female.”</p>
#45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	65	7	0	1	In two error cases, the AFCARS data reflected the child’s date of birth and not the mom’s. In one, the date reported to AFCARS was the child’s date of birth. In this case, the parent had relinquished her rights in 1998, prior to conversion.
#46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	63	9	0	1	This element was blank and the reviewer found a date of birth (#44 indicated the child was removed from a married couple).

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#47 Mother's Date of TPR	69	4	0	0	<p>In one error case, the parent's rights had not been terminated on the child under review. The dates reported in AFCARS pertained to another sibling.</p> <p>In one error case, no TPR date was reported, but the reviewer found a date.</p> <p>In one error case, the file date and not the hearing date was reported to AFCARS.</p>
#48 Father's Date of TPR	67	4	0	2	<p>In one error case, the parent's rights had not been terminated for the child under review. The dates reported in AFCARS pertained to another sibling.</p> <p>In one error case, no TPR date was reported, but the reviewer found a date.</p> <p>In one error case, the file date and not the hearing date was reported to AFCARS.</p>
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple	69	3	0	1	<p>In two, #49 is wrong because the reviewer found that the child's current living arrangement was actually a group home and not a foster home.</p>

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2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male					
#50 1 st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	66	6	0	1	
#51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	68	5	0	0	In one error case, the date of birth was missing and the reviewer found it in the case file.
#52 1 st Foster Caretaker's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	58	14	0	1	In 2 error cases, the child was living in a group home, and the response to these elements was "no." The five error cases were due to "no" being reported for these element instead of blanks (the child was in either a non-foster care setting or a runaway"). In one error case, #49 was wrong because the reviewer found that the child's current living arrangement was actually a group home and not a foster home.
b. Asian					
c. Black or African American					
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					

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e. White	57	15		1	In one error case, the reviewer found that the foster parent's race was "white." The AFCARS data indicated "no," and had "unable to determine" as "yes."
f. Unable to Determine	57	15	0	1	In one error case, the reviewer found that the foster parent's race was "white." The AFCARS data indicated "no," and had "unable to determine" as "yes."
#53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	66	5	1	1	In one error case, the AFCARS response was "unable to determine," but the reviewer found that Hispanic did apply. #49 is wrong because the reviewer found that the child's current living arrangement was actually a group home and not a foster home.
#54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	49	22	1	1	In two error cases, there was only one foster parent and the response for these elements was "no." In two error cases, the child was living in a group home, and the response to these elements was "no." In three error cases, the errors were due to "no" being reported for this

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					element instead of blanks (the child was in either a non-foster care setting or a runaway”). In nine of the error cases, the errors were due to “no” being reported for this element instead of blanks (the child was in single female foster home setting).
b. Asian					
c. Black or African American					
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					
e. White					
f. Unable to Determine					
#55 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	67	4	1	1	
#56 Date of Discharge	71	2	0	0	
#58 Reason for Discharge 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) 2 = Living with Other	71	2	0	0	In one error case, the child was discharged with a reason of “emancipation.”

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Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship 6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway 8 = Death of Child					
#59 Title IV-E Foster Care	41	1	0	31	The error cases should have been “apply” instead of "does not apply."
#60 Title IV-E Adoption	42	0	0	31	
#61 Title IV-A AFDC	38	0	0	35	
#62 Title IV-D Child Support	39	0	0	34	
#63 Title XIX Medicaid	47	3	0	23	The error cases should have been “apply” instead of "does not apply."
#64 SSI	38	2	0	33	
#65 None of the Above	37	0	0	36	
#66 Monthly Amount	28	3	0	42	

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	29	0	0	0	
#5 Child Date of Birth	29	0	0	0	
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	29	0	0	0	
#7 Child Race	29	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	29	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	29	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	29	0	0	0	
e. White	29	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	29	0	0	0	
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	28	1	0	0	
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	29	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	26	1	1	1	In the error case, the AFCARS response was “other State defined,” but the reviewer noted the child’s special needs was a diagnosed disability. The questionable case was due to the AFCARS data indicating “racial/original background.” The reviewer also noted that the child was a member of a sibling group of three.
#11 Mental Retardation	26	2	0	1	In one of the 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.” This was an additional category that should have been reported.
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	29	0	0	0	
#13 Physically Disabled	28	0	0	1	
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	26	3	0	0	In two of the error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.” In two of the cases, the response to #10 was not the value 4.

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					In one error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	28	1	0	0	In two of the error cases, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#16 Mother's Birth Year	29	0	0	0	
#17 Father's Birth Year	26	3	0	0	In two of the error cases, the AFCARS field was blank, but the reviewers found dates of birth for the fathers.
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	25	3	0	1	In two error cases, the AFCARS response was “unable to determine,” but the reviewer found that the mother was married at the time of the child’s birth. In the other error case, the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	26	2	0	1	In one error case, the reviewer found a later date than the one reported to AFCARS. In one case, it appears the file date and not the actual court date was reported to AFCARS.
#20 Date of Father's TPR	26	3	0	0	In one error case, the reviewer found a later date than the one reported to AFCARS.

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					In one error case, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS. In one case, it appears the file date and not the actual court date was reported to AFCARS.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	28	1	0	0	In the error case, it appears the file date and not the actual court date was reported to AFCARS.
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	29	0	0	0	
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	29	0	0	0	
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	27	2	0	0	
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	26	0	0	3	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	26	0	0	3	
c. Black or African American	26	0	0	3	

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d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	26	0	0	3	
e. White	26	0	0	3	
f. Unable to Determine	26	0	0	3	
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	25	1	0	3	
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	29	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	29	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	29	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	29	0	0	0	
e. White	29	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	29	0	0	0	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	28	1	0	0	
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	29	0	0	0	
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	29	0	0	0	
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	24	5	0	0	In each of the error cases, this should have been reported as an additional relationship between the child and the

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					adopting parents.
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	29	0	0	0	
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	29	0	0	0	
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	28	1	0	0	
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	29	0	0	0	
#36 Monthly Amount	29	0	0	0	
#37 Adoption Assistance	28	0	0	1	