



CFSR FACT SHEET

CFSR Case Outcomes

Safety

1. Children are protected from abuse and neglect.
2. Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible.

Permanency

3. Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.
4. The continuity of family relationships is preserved for children.

Well-Being

5. Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's own needs.
6. Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.
7. Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

CFSR Systemic Factors

1. **Statewide information system** (computerized collection and analysis of data)
2. **Case review system** (case plans, case reviews, permanency hearings, and termination of parental rights petitions)
3. **Quality assurance system** (systematic review of performance)
4. **Staff training** (including, where applicable, legal staff)
5. **Service array** (services to support child safety, permanency, and well being)
6. **Agency responsiveness to the community**
7. **Foster and adoptive parent, licensing, recruitment, and retention**

Examples of CFSR statewide data indicators

Safety

1. **Children are protected from abuse and neglect.**
 - Recurrence of maltreatment (*national standard 6.1 percent*)
 - Incidence of child abuse / neglect in foster care (*national standard .57%*)

Permanency

1. **Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.**
 - Length of time to achieve reunification
Reunifications occurring within 12 months of entry into foster care
(*national standard of 76.2%*)
 - Length of time to achieve adoption
Adoptions finalized within 24 months of removal from home
(*national standard 32 %*)
 - Stability of foster care placement (multiple placements)

For more information on this topic please see two articles written by Mark Hardin, Director of the Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues; one for judges, court administrators and attorneys, <http://www.abanet.org/child/rcj/cfsr1.pdf>, and the other for agency administrators, http://www.abanet.org/child/rcj/cp_agency.pdf.

Also see the Children's Bureau website for information on CFSRs in other states, <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/cwrp/index.htm>