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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	YRS: 15 DFS: 32	DFS: 6		<p>YRS: There were four cases not analyzed because the data could not be verified (the paper file did not contain it).</p> <p>DFS: In four cases, the date reported to AFCARS was more than one year before the end of the report period, or if applicable, the child's discharge date. In another record, the date reported to AFCARS was from a prior removal period.</p> <p>There were 6 cases (5 DFS and 1 YRS) where the date reported to AFCARS was between 7 and 9 months prior to the end of the report period end date, or if applicable, the child's discharge date. While this meets the AFCARS standard, programmatically there should have been a review held at least within seven months of the last review, or the child having entered care.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	YRS: 19 DFS: 37	DFS: 1		
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			

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#8 Child Race 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	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			
#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	YRS: 4 DFS: 26	YRS: 12 DFS: 12	YRS: 3	Reviewers identified information in the paper file indicating that the child had been diagnosed with a disability that was not reported to AFCARS.
#11 Mental Retardation	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			
#13 Physically Disabled	YRS: 19 DFS: 37	DFS: 1		
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	YRS: 4 DFS: 28	YRS: 12 DFS: 10	YRS: 3	In 18 of the records reviewers recorded a child had been diagnosed with an emotional disability that was not checked in the AFCARS file.

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#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	YRS: 13 DFS: 35	YRS: 2 DFS: 3		
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			
#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	YRS: 19 DFS: 38			
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	YRS: 18 DFS: 32	YRS: 1 DFS: 6		DFS: Reviewers found earlier dates of removal than what was reported in AFCARS.
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	YRS: 12 DFS: 27	YRS: 3 DFS: 9	YRS: 4 DFS: 3	DFS: 1 record could not be verified. In one record, there was no date reported in element #20, element #19 indicated 2 removals, but the reviewer found only one removal. In general, there were more removals found than what was reported in AFCARS.

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#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	YRS: 13 DFS: 24	YRS: 2 DFS: 11	YRS: 4 DFS: 2	DFS: 1 record could not be verified. In one record, element #19 correctly identified two removals, and the date of latest removal was different from the date of first removal. However, there was not a discharge date from a previous episode in the AFCARS record.
#21 Date of Latest Removal	YRS: 16 DFS: 28	DFS: 5	YRS: 3 DFS: 2	DFS: 3 records could not be verified.
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	YRS: 18 DFS: 34	YRS: 1 DFS: 1		DFS: 3 records could not be verified.
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	YRS: 18 DFS: 24	YRS: 1 DFS: 13		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	YRS: 19 DFS: 36	DFS: 2		
#26 Physical Abuse	YRS: 19 DFS: 33	DFS: 4		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#27 Sexual Abuse	YRS: 19 DFS: 37	DFS: 1		
#28 Neglect	YRS: 19 DFS: 34	DFS: 3		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.

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#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	YRS: 19 DFS:35	DFS: 2		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	YRS: 19 DFS: 30	DFS: 7		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	YRS: 19 DFS: 37			DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#32 Child Drug Abuse	YRS: 19 DFS: 33	DFS: 4		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#33 Child Disability	YRS: 19 DFS: 37			DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	YRS: 19 DFS: 33	DFS: 4		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#35 Death of Parent	YRS: 19 DFS: 37			DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#36 Incarceration of Parent	YRS: 19 DFS: 34	DFS: 3		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	YRS: 19 DFS: 35	DFS: 2		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#38 Abandonment	YRS: 19 DFS: 33	DFS: 3		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#39 Relinquishment	YRS: 19 DFS: 36	DFS: 1		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#40 Inadequate Housing	YRS: 19 DFS: 31	DFS: 6		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.

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#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	YRS: 18 DFS: 33	DFS: 3	YRS: 1	YRS: A record was reported to AFCARS with missing information. The reviewer noted the child was at home. DFS: 2 records could not be verified.
#42 Out of State Placement	YRS: 18 DFS: 36	YRS: 1 DFS: 1		DFS: 1 record could not be verified.

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<p>#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal</p> <p>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</p>	<p>YRS: 15 DFS: 29</p>	<p>YRS: 4 DFS: 8</p>		<p>YRS: Three cases reported with no case plan information. In two cases the youth had been in care for a year, the other case the child had been in care since October 2001.</p> <p>DFS: 1 record could not be verified.</p>
<p>#44 Caretaker Family Structure</p> <p>1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine</p>	<p>YRS: 19 DFS: 27</p>	<p>DFS: 10</p>		<p>DFS: 1 record could not be verified.</p> <p>In four cases the information in the AFCARS file was blank but the reviewer found the information in the paper file.</p> <p>In three cases the AFCARS response was “unable to determine” but the reviewer found the information in the file.</p>
<p>#45 1st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year</p>	<p>YRS: 19 DFS: 24</p>	<p>DFS: 13</p>		<p>DFS: 1 record could not be verified.</p>
<p>#46 2nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year</p>	<p>YRS: 19 DFS: 30</p>	<p>DFS: 6</p>	<p>DFS: 1</p>	<p>DFS: 1 record could not be verified.</p>

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#47 Mother's Date of TPR	YRS: 19 DFS: 30	DFS: 7		DFS: 1 record could not be verified. In 3 cases the AFCARS record was blank and the reviewer found TPR dates.
#48 Father's Date of TPR	YRS: 19 DFS: 31	DFS: 6		DFS: 1 record could not be verified. In 3 cases the AFCARS record was blank and the reviewer found TPR dates.
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	YRS: 16 (institution setting) DFS: 35	DFS: 1	DFS: 1	YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file. One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was "not applicable." DFS: 1 record could not be verified.
#50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	YRS: 16 DFS: 33	DFS: 3	DFS: 1	YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file. One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was "not applicable." DFS: 1 record could not be verified.

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#51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	YRS: 16 DFS: 33	DFS: 5		<p>YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file.</p> <p>One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was “not applicable.”</p> <p>DFS: In the five cases identified with errors, the foster family structure was “married couple” and the AFCARS response was a blank.</p>
#52 1st Foster Caretaker's Race	YRS: 16 DFS: 37	DFS: 1		<p>YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file.</p> <p>One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was “not applicable.”</p>
#53 1st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	YRS: 16 DFS: 37	DFS: 1		<p>YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file.</p> <p>One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was “not applicable.”</p>

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#54 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race	YRS: 16 DFS: 32	DFS: 6		<p>YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file.</p> <p>One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was “not applicable.”</p> <p>DFS: In one record, the child was reported to be in a family foster home but was reported as “not applicable” in element #49 and #52-55 were blank. The reviewer identified information in the paper file.</p> <p>In five records, element #49 was reported and verified to be “married couple.” The AFCARS file had blanks for #54 and 55.</p>
#55 2nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	YRS: 16 DFS: 32	DFS: 6		<p>YRS: There were two cases that reflected in AFCARS that the child was in a foster family home and the reviewers were not able to verify the information because it was not in the paper file.</p> <p>One record indicated missing data in AFCARS for element #41 and the information reported for this element was “not applicable.”</p>
#56 Date of Discharge	YRS: 19 DFS: 35	DFS: 2		

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#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	YRS: 19 DFS: 37			
#59 Title IVE Foster Care #60 Title IVE Adoption #61 Title IVA AFDC #62 Title IVD Child Support #63 Title XIX Medicaid #64 SSI #65 None of the Above #66 Monthly Amount				These elements were not verified during the review process.

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	29	0		
#5 Child Date of Birth	29	0		
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	29	0		
#7 Child Race 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	28	1		
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine				Unable to locate information in case file.
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	28	1		

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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	25	3	1	In two records the response to element #9 was "yes," but the response in #10 was "not applicable."
#11 Mental Retardation	29	0		
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	29	0		
#13 Physically Disabled	29	0		
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	29	0		
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	28	1		
#16 Mother's Birth Year	24	1	2	There were also two records that the information could not be located.
#17 Father's Birth Year	10	3	16	There were 3 records that had a response in AFCARS of "1111," 6 had "1911," 1 had "1900" and 1 had "1901." In five of the records the date of birth could not be found in the file.

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#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	23	2	2	In two records the information was not found in the file. There was one record marked as “unable to determine” in AFCARS but the reviewer found the information.
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	25			Four were blank and the reviewer was not able to find the information in the file.
#20 Date of Father's TPR	27			Two were blank and the reviewer was not able to find the information in the file.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	28			One record was blank and the reviewer was not able to find the information in the file.
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	28			One record was blank and the reviewer was not able to find the information in the file.
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	28			One record was blank and the reviewer was not able to find the information in the file.
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	28			One record was blank and the reviewer was not able to find the information in the file.
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	29	0		
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin			20	Unable to locate information in the file.
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	29	0		

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#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin			29	Unable to locate information in the file.
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	28			In one record the information was not found in the file.
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	28			In one record the information was not found in the file.
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	28			In one record the information was not found in the file.
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	28			In one record the information was not found in the file.
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	28	1		
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	29			
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	28	1		

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#36 Monthly Amount	28	1		
#37 Adoption Assistance	26	3		