

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW CASE FILE FINDINGS: Foster Care Data Elements

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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	49	9	0	5	<p>There was one record reported as blank and the child had been in foster care since 1999.</p> <p>There was one record with a reported periodic review date of 2003.</p> <p>In four records, the reviewers found dates that were six months later than the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>There were two records in which the date found by the reviewer was approximately two weeks later than the one reported to AFCARS. In one of the records, the reviewer noted that the date reported to AFCARS was the date the review was scheduled for and not the actual review date; the case had been continued.</p> <p>In one record, the date reported to AFCARS was actually the review date for a sibling and not for the child under review.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	63	0	0	0	
#7 Child Sex	63	0	0	0	
1 = Male 2 = Female					

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#8 Child Race	60	1	0	2	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	61	0	0	2	
c. Black or African American	59	2	0	2	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	60	1	0	2	
e. White	58	3	0	2	
f. Unable to Determine	59	2	0	2	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin	56	4	0	3	
1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine					
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	35	25	1	2	<p>In 15 records, the AFCARS response was “not yet determined,” but the reviewer found that the response was “no.”</p> <p>In 12 of the above records, the AFCARS response was “not yet determined,” but the reviewer found that the response was “yes.”</p> <p>In two cases, the AFCARS response was “yes,” but the reviewer found it was “no.”</p>

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					In the questionable case, the reviewer noted there were indications in the file that the child is taking medications, but there were no medical reports in the file to determine the diagnosis.
#11 Mental Retardation	54	3	5	1	In the questionable case, the reviewer noted that there were indications in the file that the child is taking medications, but there were no medical reports in the file to determine the diagnosis.
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	54	3	5	1	In the questionable case, the reviewer noted that there were indications in the file that the child is taking medications, but there were no medical reports in the file to determine the diagnosis.
#13 Physically Disabled	57	0	5	1	In the questionable case, the reviewer noted that there were indications in the file that the child is taking medications, but there were no medical reports in the file to determine the diagnosis.
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	39	17	5	2	In the questionable case, the reviewer noted that there were indications in the file that the child is taking medications, but there were no medical reports in the file to determine the diagnosis.

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#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	48	9	5	1	In the questionable case, the reviewer noted that there were indications in the file that the child is taking medications, but there were no medical reports in the file to determine the diagnosis.
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	52	11	0	0	In nine records the AFCARS response was "unable to determine," but the reviewer found the response was "no." In three cases the AFCARS response was "no," but the reviewer indicated it was "yes."
#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					
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	50	9	0	4	Note: There was one case where the child had been adopted from the NV child welfare system and re-entered foster care at a later time. The AFCARS data indicated only the current removal history and did not reflect the date of first removal for this child, the number of removals, and the

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					<p>discharge date from the previous episode.</p> <p>In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated that the date of first removal and latest removal were different and the number of removals was one and there was no date of discharge from a prior removal episode. The reviewer found that the date of first removal was incorrect and should have been the same on the current removal date.</p> <p>In four error cases, the date of removal found by the reviewers was between three days and two weeks before the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case the date found by the reviewer was three years later than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case, the date found by the reviewer was a year prior to the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case the date found by the reviewer was nine months before the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case the date found by the</p>

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					<p>reviewer was a month before the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case the date found by the reviewer was a month after the date reported to AFCARS.</p>
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	52	7	0	4	<p>In five error cases, the number of removals was less than the number reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In two error cases, the number of removals was more.</p>
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	44	9	2	8	<p>In one questionable case, the date reported to AFCARS was five years after the date reported in element #21.</p> <p>In one questionable case, the date reported to AFCARS was three years after the date reported in element #21.</p> <p>In one error case, the date of discharge from the previous removal episode was two years prior to what was reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>Two error cases were due to the child actually having only one removal episode.</p> <p>In one error case, the date reported to AFCARS was two years after the date</p>

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					<p>reported in element #21. The reviewer found the actual discharge date from the previous removal episode.</p> <p>In one error case, the date reported to AFCARS was three years after the date reported in element #21, and the date found by the reviewer did not match what was reported to AFCARS.</p>
#21 Date of Latest Removal	54	8	1	0	<p>In one error case, the child had only one removal and the date should have been the same as the date in element #18.</p> <p>In one error case, the actual date of removal was three years prior to the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case, the actual date of removal was two years prior to the date reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In four error cases, the dates of removal were between one month and six months earlier than what was reported to AFCARS.</p>
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	31	24	3	5	<p>In 12 records, the reviewers found a date for the current placement that was a year earlier than the one reported in AFCARS.</p>

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#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	18	38	3	4	<p>Of all the error cases, only one had fewer (one instead of two) placement moves.</p> <p>For the error cases having more placement moves than what was reported in AFCARS:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>AFCARS</u></th> <th><u>Actual</u></th> <th><u># of Cases</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>between 2 and 5</td> <td align="right">17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>between 6 and 16</td> <td align="right">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>between 7 and 41</td> <td align="right">5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>AFCARS</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	1	between 2 and 5	17	1	between 6 and 16	9	2	between 7 and 41	5
<u>AFCARS</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u># of Cases</u>															
1	between 2 and 5	17															
1	between 6 and 16	9															
2	between 7 and 41	5															
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	61	2	0	0	The error cases were reported as “court ordered” instead of “voluntary.”												
#26 Physical Abuse	59	4	0	0													
#27 Sexual Abuse	60	3	0	0													
#28 Neglect	55	8	0	0													
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	61	2	0	0													
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	57	6	0	0													
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	61	1	1	0													
#32 Child Drug Abuse	63	0	0	0													
#33 Child Disability	61	2	0	0													

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#34 Child's Behavior Problem	62	1	0	0	
#35 Death of Parent	62	1	0	0	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	60	3	0	0	
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	57	5	1	0	
#38 Abandonment	61	2	0	0	
#39 Relinquishment	63	0	0	0	
#40 Inadequate Housing	59	4	0	0	
#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	47	15	0	1	<p>There were seven records in which the reviewer found the child's placement was a "pre-adoptive home."</p> <p>There were two cases reported as "institutions," but the reviewer found the children were in foster homes.</p> <p>There was one case reported as a foster home, but the reviewer found the child was living in an institution.</p> <p>In two cases, the AFCARS data indicated "foster home - non-relative," but the reviewer found the child was living with relatives.</p> <p>In three cases, the AFCARS data was blank, but the reviewers found the</p>

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					placement setting information.
#42 Out of State Placement	54	8	0	1	
#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	35	28	0	0	<p>In 12 of the error cases, the AFCARS data indicated “case plan goal not yet established,” and the children had been in care for more than a year, some had been in care for up to 10 years. Of these: Reunification = 3 Adoption = 4 Emancipation = 1.</p> <p>In one case the reported goal was “emancipation,” but the reviewer found that it was “adoption.”</p> <p>There were three records reported as blank. In two records the child had been in care for at least three years.</p> <p>In four of the error cases, the reported goal was “adoption,” but in three cases the reviewers found a goal of independent living (emancipation); in one case, the goal was reunification.</p> <p>In one case the reported goal was “long-term foster care,” but the reviewer found that the goal was “independent living.”</p>

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					<p>In three cases, “emancipation” was the reported goal, but in two cases the reviewers found “adoption” as the goal and the other was “guardianship.”</p> <p>In four cases, “live with relatives” was the reported goal, but the reviewers found reunification (2), guardianship, and adoption.</p>
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	11	49	0	3	
#45 1 st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	13	40	0	10	
#46 2 nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	22	25	5	11	
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	55	8	0	0	
#48 Father's Date of TPR	47	16	0	0	
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple	45	13	3	2	

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3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male					
#50 1 st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	46	11	3	3	
#51 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	46	9	5	3	
#52 1 st Foster Caretaker's 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					
#53 1 st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin					
#54 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Race					
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian					
c. Black or African American					

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d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander					
e. White					
f. Unable to Determine					
#55 2 nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin					
#56 Date of Discharge					
#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					

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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 a. American Indian or Alaska Native	28	2	0	0	In the two error cases, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "yes."
b. Asian	30	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	28	2	0	0	In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "yes." In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "yes," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "no."
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0	0	0	
e. White	28	2			In the two error cases, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found that the race should have been

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					“yes.”
f. Unable to Determine	30	0	0	0	
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	28	1	0	1	In the error case, the AFCARS data indicated “no,” but the reviewer found that the Hispanic origin should have been “yes.”
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	25	5	0	0	In four error cases, the AFCARS data indicated “no,” but the reviewer found that the response should have been “yes.” In one of the cases reported as “no,” element #35 was “yes” and an amount was reported for element #36 In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated “yes,” but the reviewer found that the response should have been “no.”
#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	15	12	1	2	One case was marked as questionable because the value “4” was reported to AFCARS, but there was no information reported in elements #11-15. In one error case, the reviewer found there was no special need. In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated the value “4,” but the reviewer noted “siblings” and that no

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5 = Other State Defined					<p>disability information was found.</p> <p>In four error cases, the AFCARS value was “4,” but the conditions noted by the reviewer were not disabilities, but would have met the State’s definition of “other special need.”</p> <p>In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated “age,” but the reviewer noted it should have been “siblings.”</p> <p>In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated “race,” but the reviewer noted “sibling group.”</p> <p>There was one error case reported as “not applicable,” but it could have been either “emotional” or “sibling.”</p>
#11 Mental Retardation	28	1	1	0	<p>One record was marked as questionable because the AFCARS value “4” was reported in element #10, but there was no information reported in elements #11-15.</p> <p>The error case indicated “applies” but the condition should not have been mapped to this element. Element #10 should have been “other.”</p>
#12 Visually/Hearing	29	0	1	0	<p>One record was marked as questionable because the AFCARS</p>

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Impaired					value "4" was reported in element #10, but there was no information reported in elements #11-15.
#13 Physically Disabled	29	0	1	0	One record was marked as questionable because the AFCARS value "4" was reported in element #10, but there was no information reported in elements #11-15.
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	28	0	2	0	<p>One record was marked as questionable because the AFCARS value "4" was reported in element #10, but there was no information reported in elements #11-15.</p> <p>Depending on what the actual barrier was for element #10, this could have been "applies" for one of the error cases.</p>
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	24	5	1		<p>One record was marked as questionable because the AFCARS value "4" was reported in element #10, but there was no information reported in elements #11-15.</p> <p>One case was marked in error because the value in element #10 was "4," but the reviewer noted the primary basis was "sibling" and that no disability information was found.</p> <p>Three error cases were due to</p>

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					conditions mapped to this item that were incorrect and the response to element #10 should have been "other State defined."
#16 Mother's Birth Year	26	4	0	0	Three cases were reported as blank, but the reviewer found the information.
#17 Father's Birth Year	16	12		2	<p>Eight error cases were reported as blank, but the reviewer found the information.</p> <p>One error case had the invalid data "9999" and there was an unknown father.</p> <p>There were two error cases with the default date "1960" for unknown fathers.</p> <p>One error case had 1960 for an unknown father but the reviewer found a date.</p>
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	20	6	4	0	<p>There were two error cases reported as missing data but the reviewer found the information. In one case the answer should have been "yes," in the other two cases the answer should have been "no."</p> <p>In two error cases, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found</p>

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					<p>that the mother was married at the time of the child's birth.</p> <p>In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "yes," but the reviewer found that the mother was not married at the time of the child's birth.</p>
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	20	6	4	0	<p>In three error cases, the AFCARS report was blank, but the reviewer found the information.</p> <p>In two error cases, the reviewer found a date that was earlier than what was reported.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found a date that was later than what was reported.</p> <p>In the questionable cases, the reviewer noted the filing, the signature, and the hearing date.</p>
#20 Date of Father's TPR	21	5	4	0	<p>In three error cases, the AFCARS report was blank but the reviewer found the information.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found a date that was later than what was reported.</p> <p>In the questionable cases, the reviewer</p>

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					noted the filing, the signature, and the hearing date.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	28	2	0	0	The dates found by the reviewers were two and three months later than what was reported.
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	25	5	0	0	In three error cases, the AFCARS data indicated "single female," but the reviewer found that the adoptive parents were a married couple. (In each case, there were dates of birth reported for both adoptive parents.) In one error case, it was reported as "married couple," but it was a "single female." In one error case, it was reported as "single female" but was a "single male."
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	24	6	0	0	There was one error case because this element should have been blank due to the fact that element #22 should have been "single male."
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	22	8	0	0	In two error cases, element #22 was reported as "unmarried couple" and this element was blank. In one error case, element #22 was reported as "married couple" and this element was blank.

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					In two error cases the data reported for element #22 was "single female," but a date of birth was also reported for this element.
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	29	1	0	0	One error record indicated race information for both an adoptive mom and dad when the data submitted indicated a single female only, which was actually a single male.
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	29	1	0	0	
c. Black or African American	27	3	0	0	In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "yes." In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "yes," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "no."
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	29	1	0	0	
e. White	27	3	0	0	In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "no," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "yes." In one error case, the AFCARS data indicated "yes," but the reviewer found that the race should have been "no."
f. Unable to Determine	29	1	0	0	
#26 Adoptive Mother's	28	1	0	1	

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Hispanic Origin					
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	25	5	0	0	Two error cases were due to race information being reported, but element #22 indicated a "single female." In three error cases, element #22 was either a "married" or "unmarried" couple and this information was reported as blank.
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	25	5	0	0	
c. Black or African American	25	5	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	25	5	0	0	
e. White	25	5	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	25	5	0	0	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	25	5	0	0	
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	27	3	0	0	Three error records indicated "does not apply" for all of the relationships.
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	27	3	0	0	In two error cases, the response was "does not apply" and it should have been "apply."
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	24	6	0	0	In five error cases, the response was "does not apply" and it should have been "apply."

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#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	12	18	0	0	In the error cases, the response was “does not apply” and it should have been “apply.”
#33 Child Was Placed from 1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	27	3	0	0	In three error records, the AFCARS data was missing. The reviewers found in each case the child was placed within State.
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	28	2	0	0	In the two error records, the AFCARS data was missing. The reviewers found in each case the child was placed by the public agency.
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	8	21	0	1	In all of the error cases, this element was reported as “no,” but the reviewers indicated yes.
#36 Monthly Amount	8	21	0	1	In all of the error cases, this element was reported as zeros but the reviewers found an amount.
#37 Title IV-E Adoption Assistance	9	20	0	1	The error cases were reported as “no,” but the reviewer indicated “yes.”