

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN – General Requirements

State: Nevada

Report Period Under Review: April 1, 2005 - September 30, 2005 (2005B)

No	Requirement	Rating Factor	Findings	Task	Estimated/ Completed Date	State's Comments/Notes ACF's Sign-off Notes
Foster Care Population						
1	<p>Must include all children in foster care for whom the State title IV-B/IV-E agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <p>All children in foster care under the responsibility of the State agency administering or supervision the administration of the title IV-B Child and Family Services State plan and the title IV-E State plan; that is, all children who are required to be provided the assurances of section 422(b)(10) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (Appendix A – SECTION II).</p>	2	<p>The State is not including the full reporting population. Youth that receive juvenile justice services while under the agency's responsibility for care and placement are not included in the AFCARS reporting population. The Department does not provide these youth with the protections required under section 422(b)(10) of the Act.</p>	<p>Modify the program code to include youth receiving juvenile justice services that are in the agency's responsibility for care and placement.</p> <p>Begin providing these youth the protections under section 422(b)(10) of the Act.</p>		
5	<p>Includes all children who have been in foster care at least 24 hours (Appendix A - SECTION II).</p>	3	<p>After the site visit the State changed the program code to check the time fields on the screen and to calculate whether the child was in foster care for more than 24 hours. It also removed the check for same day entry and exits.</p>	<p>ACF will review the 2006A and 2006B data to verify the program code change.</p>		
8	<p>Includes youth over the age of 18 if a payment is being made on behalf of the child (Child Welfare Policy Manual, Section 1, AFCARS).</p>	3	<p>After the site-visit the State implemented three new legal status codes to account for the voluntary status of youth over the age of 18. The caseworker enters a discharge</p>	<p>ACF will review the 2006B data to check for changes in the number of youth over 18 included in the AFCARS data.</p>		

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			<p>date and reason, and then opens the case for voluntary services.</p> <p>The 2006A data includes fewer youth over the age of 18.</p>			
Adoption Population						
10	<p>Report on all children adopted in the State during the reporting period and in whose adoption the State title IV-B/IV-E agency has had any involvement. All adoptions after 10/1/94 that meet the criteria below must be reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All special needs children, whether or not they were in the public foster care system prior to their adoption and for whom non-recurring expenses were reimbursed. • Children adopted for whom an adoption assistance payment or service is being provided based on arrangements with the State agency. (Appendix B – Section II, paragraphs (b) and (c)). 	2	<p>1) The State staff indicated modifications need to be made to the screens because the information for these cases is difficult to enter into the system.</p> <p>2) In the initial selection logic of the program code the values for “another State” and U.S. Territory are excluded. However, the program code for adoption element #33 does include a check for “another State.”</p> <p>The State needs to ensure that there is no agency involvement with these cases. There may be a possibility a private agency in another country or State is handling an adoption that is taking place in Nevada, and the child is a special needs child and Nevada has entered into an adoption agreement with the</p>	<p>1) Make modifications to the data entry screens as appropriate.</p> <p>2) Remove the exclusion from the code and monitor the data.</p> <p>3) Ensure that all adoptions in which the State is involved are included in the AFCARS report.</p>		

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			adoptive family.			
Technical Requirements						
45 CFR 1355.40(b)(3)						
17	Adoption data are to be reported during the reporting period in which the adoption is legalized or, at the State's option, in the following reporting period if the adoption is legalized within the last 60 days of the reporting period.	3	After the site-visit the State added a "transaction" date to finalized adoptions and modified the program code to check for this date.			
Data Quality - Conversion						
27	State transferred historical information on open cases. Specifically, it included information on: date of first removal, total number of removals, and whether the child's mother was married at the time of the child's birth. If the case was open at the time of conversion, information on the number of placement settings was included.	3	There is an issue with the number of placements for converted cases. See foster care findings for placement count (element #24).	Ensure that the complete placement history is entered for cases that were open at the time of conversion and are still open.		