

AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW FINDINGS - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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REQUIREMENT	FINDING/NOTES	RATING FACTOR
POPULATION REQUIREMENTS		2
<p>45 CFR 1355.40(a) Scope of the data collection system – foster care</p> <p>Must include all children in foster care for whom the agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children who are required to be provided the protection of section 422(b)(10) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (Appendix A – SECTION II). All children supervised by or under the responsibility of another public agency with which the title IV-B/E agency has an agreement under title IV-E and the State makes title IV-E foster care maintenance payments (Appendix A - SECTION II). <p>Includes Native American children covered under section 422(b)(10) of the Act, (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <p>Out of State placements. The State making the placement submits the information on the child (45 CFR 1355.40(a)(2)).</p> <p>Includes all children who have been in foster care at least 24 hours (Appendix A - SECTION II).</p> <p>Does not include children who are in their own homes under the responsibility of the State agency (Appendix A - SECTION II).</p>	<p>Yes. The State’s definition of a removal episode is: “A removal episode begins when a child is removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect by PRS staff and has been placed into a substitute care placement within 30 days from the initial episode being recorded in the state’s SACWIS (CAPS). The agency will also open a legal status on the child. The episode ends with the termination of the agency’s legal responsibility by the court, adoption consummation, or aging out.”</p> <p>Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) has two title IV-E contracts with juvenile justice agencies. One contract is with Texas Youth Commission (TYC), and the other contract is with Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. The contracts allow TYC and county juvenile probation departments to receive title IV-E foster care maintenance and administrative funds. The State does not have inter-agency agreements with Native American Tribes.</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p> <p align="center">Yes</p>	

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS		4
<p>45 CFR 1355.40(b) Foster care and adoption reporting requirements</p> <p>The data must be extracted from the data system as of the last day of the reporting period (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(1)).</p> <p>The data must be submitted in electronic form as described in Appendix C (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(1)).</p> <p>The data must be in record layouts as delineated in Appendix D (45 CFR 1355.40(b)).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>Appendix A, 45 CFR 1355 Foster Care Data Elements and Appendix B, 45 CFR 1355 Adoption Data Elements</p> <p>State uses sequential numbering of the case record number or encrypts the record number.</p>	<p>State uses an encryption routine.</p>	
<p>Appendix C, 45 CFR 1355 Electronic Data Transmission Format</p> <p>Data file must be in ASCII format.</p> <p>Elements must be comprised of integer (numeric) value(s).</p> <p>All records must be a fixed length.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	

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<p>ACYF-PI-CB-95-09, Reissued May 23, 1995</p> <p>State extracts all records based on the transaction date of discharge.</p>	Yes	
<p>Technical Bulletin #2, File Format</p> <p>State uses correct file name for transmission.</p>	Yes.	
<p>Data Extraction</p> <p>For children who are in care on the last day of the reporting period, information as of the last day of the period is extracted.</p> <p>For children who were discharged during the period, information on the most recent episode is extracted.</p>	Yes Yes	
<p>File Creation</p> <p>State attaches footnotes to files.</p> <p>State is using proper format for the creation of footnotes.</p> <p>State uses DCU and DQU on its data file.</p>	Yes Yes Yes	
<p>Data Conversion</p> <p>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 placements settings was included.</p> <p>The information system has the capability of recording historical information. This should apply to both open cases in which historical information must be entered, and for closed cases that re-open after conversion and must be entered into the system.</p>	Yes Yes	

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