

**AFCARS ASSESSMENT REVIEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN –
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

State: Rhode Island

Report Period Under Review: April 1, 2002 – September 30, 2002

REQUIREMENT	RATING FACTOR	TASK	DATE COMPLETED	COMMENTS
<p>POPULATION REQUIREMENTS – Foster care</p> <p>[The State] 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). 	2			
<p>Includes all children who have been in foster care at least 24 hours (Appendix A - SECTION II).</p>		<p>The State is to exclude from the foster care population children that have been in out-of-home care for less than 24 hours.</p>		
<p>[The State must] Include all children who are in the placement, care, or supervision responsibility of the title IV-B/E agency that have been returned home while under the agency’s responsibility for care, placement or supervision (Child Welfare Policy Manual, Section 1.3, AFCARS Reporting Population).</p>		<p>Include in the extracted population those children that remain in the State’s care, placement, or supervision while the child has been returned home. If there is a specified period of time the child will be at home, the State must continue reporting the child during that time. If there is no specified period of time, then the State may submit the record showing a discharge due to reunification at six months.</p> <p>Workers are to record the “placement” of the child in his/her own home as the “current</p>		

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		placement setting” (foster care element #41) and not as discharges from care. Describe how the State will provide monitoring oversight to ensure that workers enter this information.		

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The data must be extracted from the data system as of the last day of the reporting period (45 CFR 1355.40(b)(1)).		ACF will review subsequent submissions of data files for accuracy.		
State extracts all records based on the transaction date of discharge (ACYF-PI-CB-95-09, Reissued May 23, 1995).		ACF will review subsequent submissions of data files for accuracy.		