



Texas CFSR: Planning for our next Child and Family Service Review





CFSR - a beginning, not just an event

The philosophy, outcomes, and processes are essentially the same:
Maintain the momentum!



- ★ Child Safety
- ★ Child Permanency
- ★ Child and Family Well-Being



The CFSR Process

Two phases to the process:

- ★ **Statewide Assessment**
State Data Profile (AFCARS/NCANDS)
- ★ **On-Site Review** (3 sites, including the largest metro area)
Case review
Stakeholder interviews

States that are not in substantial conformity for any of the CFSR outcomes or systemic factors enter into a Program Improvement Plan (PIP).

Financial penalties may be incurred if States do not successfully complete their PIP.



CFSR: Seven Outcomes

Safety

- 1. Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.**
- 2. Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.**

Permanency

- 1. Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangements.**
- 2. The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.**

Child and Family Well-Being

- 1. Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.**
- 2. Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.**
- 3. Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.**



CFSR: Seven Systemic Factors

- ★ Statewide information system
- ★ Case review system
- ★ Quality assurance program
- ★ Staff and provider training
- ★ Service array
- ★ Agency responsiveness to the community
- ★ Foster and adoptive parent licensing, recruitment and retention



CFSR Round 1 ... How did Texas do?

Texas CFSR Onsite Review: February 2002

Texas achieved one outcome (Permanency 2) and ALL seven systemic factors.

Texas achieved 4 of the 6 outcomes through the PIP period, which concluded 3/31/07.

Areas outstanding to date include Permanency 1 (only statewide data indicator) and Well-Being 1.



Round 2 has begun ... What has changed?

★ Data Profile

- ❖ All national standards are computed so that higher scores indicate better performance
- ❖ Permanency is being examined more comprehensively - uses composite data indicators
- ❖ Standards were calculated using 2004 data

★ Onsite Review

- ❖ 65 cases instead of 50 - 40 out-of-home and 25 in-home
- ★ Outcomes must be substantially achieved in 95% of cases reviewed on-site rather than the 90% from the first round



Collaboration with Internal and External Stakeholders

Stakeholders involved include:

- ★ Courts
- ★ Tribes
- ★ Youth in foster care
- ★ Agency staff and consultants
- ★ Provider agencies
- ★ Families
- ★ State legislators
- ★ Community organizations
- ★ Advocates
- ★ Other stakeholders



Measuring CFSR Outcomes

- ★ Performance on all seven of the CFSR outcomes is based on data from the case reviews completed by CFSR on-site review
 - 65 cases reviewed
 - 95 percent of the cases reviewed must be rated as having substantially achieved a given outcome in order for the State to be in substantial conformity with that outcome
- ★ Performance on two of the CFSR outcomes is based on statewide data in addition to information from the case reviews



Measuring CFSR Outcomes

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The two outcomes that have data indicators are:

- ★ Safety 1: *Children are first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect*
 - Absence of recurrence of child abuse and neglect
 - Absence of abuse and neglect in foster care

- ★ Permanency 1: *Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangements*
 - Four new composites are for this one outcome only



Data Composites

(Uses Statewide Data)

The four data composites for Permanency 1 include:

- ★ Composite 1: *Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification*
- ★ Composite 2: *Timeliness of Adoptions*
- ★ Composite 3: *Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time*
- ★ Composite 4: *Placement Stability*



**Maintain the
Momentum!**





Round 2 has begun ... What's next?

- ★ Data Profile completed by ACF
 - ❖ Period under review is 4/1/06 – 3/31/07 for statewide data
- ★ Statewide Assessment
 - ❖ Texas submits an evaluative assessment of its state child welfare system, focusing on Safety, Permanency, Well-Being
 - ❖ Assessment used to select 2 additional counties
 - ❖ Sample of cases is pulled for Onsite Review
 - ❖ Due date: January 24; Texas will submit no later than November 1



Round 2 has begun ... What's next?

★ Onsite Review

- ❖ Scheduled for the week of March 24, 2008
 - ❖ 4 teams with a total of 27 review pairs; 2 teams in Houston and 1 each in other 2 sites
 - ❖ Case specific stakeholders interviewed for each of 65 cases
 - ❖ Non-case specific stakeholders interviewed in 3 sites
 - ❖ Statewide stakeholders interviewed by Team Leaders
- ★ Outcomes must be substantially achieved in 95% of cases reviewed on-site rather than the 90% from the first round



Round 2 has begun ... What can I do?

★ Stakeholder Input

- ❖ CFSR survey at www.dfps.state.tx.us; sign up for DFPS website updates and follow CFSR information posted
- ❖ Remember this is a review of TEXAS child welfare system, not just CPS or DFPS
- ❖ Participate as a stakeholder if the opportunity arises

★ Program Improvement Plan (PIP)

- ❖ Contribute to its development and implementation

★ Maintain our Texas momentum!



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