

CFSR Measures Crosswalk



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CFSR Outcomes, Statewide Data Indicators, and Case Review Items

The Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process examines State performance on seven outcomes for children and families. The table below identifies the outcomes and corresponding statewide data indicators and case review items.

Outcomes	Statewide Data Indicators	Items
SAFETY OUTCOME 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.	- Maltreatment in foster care - Recurrence of maltreatment	Item 1: Timeliness of initiating investigations of reports of child maltreatment
SAFETY OUTCOME 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.		- Item 2: Services to family to protect child(ren) in the home and prevent removal or reentry into foster care - Item 3: Risk assessment and safety management
PERMANENCY OUTCOME 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.	- Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care - Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 12 to 23 months - Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 24 months or more - Reentry to foster care - Placement stability	- Item 4: Stability of foster care placement - Item 5: Permanency goal for child - Item 6: Achieving reunification, guardianship, adoption, or another permanent planned living arrangement
PERMANENCY OUTCOME 2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.		- Item 7: Placement with siblings - Item 8: Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care - Item 9: Preserving connections - Item 10: Relative placement - Item 11: Relationship of child in care with parents
CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING OUTCOME 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.		- Item 12: Needs and services of child, parents, and foster parents - Item 13: Child and family involvement in case planning - Item 14: Caseworker visits with child - Item 15: Caseworker visits with parent(s)
CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING OUTCOME 2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.		Item 16: Educational needs of the child
CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING OUTCOME 3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.		- Item 17: Physical health of the child - Item 18: Mental/behavioral health of the child

CFSR Systemic Factors and Items

The CFSR process also examines State performance on seven systemic factors that affect outcomes. The table below identifies the systemic factors and corresponding systemic factor items.

Systemic Factors	Items
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 1: Statewide information system	Item 19: Statewide information system
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 2: Case review system	- Item 20: Written case plan - Item 21: Periodic reviews - Item 22: Permanency hearings - Item 23: Termination of parental rights - Item 24: Notice of hearings and reviews to caregivers
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 3: Quality assurance system	Item 25: Quality assurance system
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 4: Staff and provider training	- Item 26: Initial staff training - Item 27: Ongoing staff training - Item 28: Foster and adoptive parent training
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 5: Service array and resource development	- Item 29: Array of services - Item 30: Individualizing services
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 6: Agency responsiveness to the community	- Item 31: State engagement and consultation with stakeholders pursuant to the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) and Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR) - Item 32: Coordination of CFSP services with other Federal programs
SYSTEMIC FACTOR 7: Foster and adoptive parent licensing, recruitment, and retention	- Item 33: Standards applied equally - Item 34: Requirements for criminal background checks - Item 35: Diligent recruitment of foster and adoptive homes - Item 36: State use of cross-jurisdictional resources for placement

For more information on:

- **CFSR outcomes and case review items:** [CFSR Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions](#)
- **Systemic factors:** [Assessing Systemic Factor Functioning Using Data and Evidence](#)
- **Pathways to substantial conformity:** Appendix B of the [CFSR Round 4 Procedures Manual](#)

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