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AFCARS Element	Data In AFCARS Matches Case File	Data In AFCARS Does Not Match Paper File	Comments
#3 Local FIPS Code	61	3	
#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	51	12	<p>One record was not included due to questionable data. The review date was June 2000 and a date of discharge was submitted as October 2000. This would have been correct except that the actual discharge date was not until February 2001.</p> <p>Of the 12 that were incorrect, two records had review dates almost a year before 3/31/01.</p> <p>There were two records with dates that were correct according to the method used in AFCARS to determine compliance, but the reviews occurred 9 months prior to 3/31/01.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	62	2	
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	64		
#8 Child Race	1	63	
a. American Indian or Alaskan Native	49	2	The two records were marked as “does not apply” and the reviewer found that the response should have been “applies”.
b. Asian	50	1	The record was marked as “applies” and it should have been “does not apply.”
c. Black or African American	49	2	One record should have been “does not apply” and the other should have been marked “applies.” One record should have reflected the child as multi-racial.
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	64	All records were marked as “applies” for this element.
e. White	0	64	All records were marked as “does not apply” for this element.

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f. Unable to Determine	64		
#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	64		
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	49	15	
#11 Mental Retardation	63	1	
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	64	0	
#13 Physically Disabled	64	0	
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	55	9	
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	54	10	
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	61	3	One record showed the child had previously been adopted and the child had not been adopted. One record should have been reported as "yes."
#17 Age at Previous Adoption 0 = Not Applicable 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older 5 = Unable to Determine	61	3	

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#18 Date of First Removal from Home	22	40	<p>Two records were not included in the analysis.</p> <p>3 records had a difference in the dates of 2 days. 5 records had a difference in the dates of 1 month. 4 records had a difference in the dates of 2 months. 1 record had a difference in the dates of 8 months. 3 records had a difference in the dates of 4 months. 2 records had a difference in the dates of 6 months. 1 record had a difference in the dates of 7 months. 1 record had a difference in the dates of 10 months. 5 records had a difference in the dates of 1 year. 1 records had a difference in the dates of 2 years. 5 records had a difference in the dates of 3 years. 1 records had a difference in the dates of 4 years.</p> <p>Notes from the debriefing: Dates of 1st removal were a common problem. In some cases the date of the court hearing was reported instead of the date when the child was removed.</p>
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	26	35	<p>Of the 40 that were incorrect in element #18, 12 had incorrect counts. Ten records had two removals, and two had three removals. (All were reported as having only 1 removal.)</p> <p>Three records were not included in the analysis because element #18 could not be analyzed.</p>
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	51	11	Two records were not included in the analysis.
#21 Date of Latest Removal	30	33	One record was not included in the analysis.
#23 Date of Placement in	46	18	

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Current Setting			
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	37	27	<p>All of the incorrect records showed one placement setting in AFCARS. The actual number of placements were:</p> <p>2 placements = 9 3 placements = 6 4 placements = 2 5 placements = 2 6 placements = 2 10 placements = 1 11 placements = 1</p> <p>Debriefing Notes: The staff shared that the number of placements are too low. They believe that the data is in the system because there are incident screen prints in the paper files listing all the placements, but AFCARS did not capture all the placements.</p>
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	48	16	<p>Six records were reported as “voluntary,” but the reviewers reported the finding as “court ordered.”</p> <p>Nine were marked “voluntary” and the reviewers noted they were “protective custody.”</p> <p>1 record was marked as “court ordered” and it was actually “voluntary.”</p>
#26 - #40	37	26	One record was not included in the analysis.
#26 Physical Abuse	62	2	One record should have been “applies” the other “does not apply.”
#27 Sexual Abuse	62	2	One record should have been “applies” the other “does not apply.”

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#28 Neglect	56	8	
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	62	2	
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	54	10	
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	63	1	
#32 Child Drug Abuse	63	1	
#33 Child Disability	64	0	
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	63	1	This reason was given in every one of the Juvenile Justice/CHINS records. Reviewers did find drug abuse and alcohol abuse (child) in two records.
#35 Death of Parent	63	1	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	61	3	
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	62	2	
#38 Abandonment	64	0	
#39 Relinquishment	64	0	
#40 Inadequate Housing	61	3	
#41 Current Placement Setting 1 = Pre-Adoptive Home 2 = Foster Family Home (Relative) 3 = Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) 4 = Group Home 5 = Institution 6 = Supervised Independent	60	4	Two children were on "trial home visits," but were not reported as such to AFCARS. Notes from the Debriefing: Reviewers reported that there are problems with the placements that occurred prior to conversion. In the old information system, if the child was placed in multiple foster homes, it was only counted as one home.

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Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit			
#42 Out of State Placement	62	2	
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal 1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	52	12	Four records were reported to AFCARS as “not yet established” and the child had been in care for more then 60 days. One child had been in care since 1998. Case plan goals were found for all of the records except for one. Seven records were reported with a goal of “reunify” and in 4 records the goal had changed to “adoption.”
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	55	7	Two records were not included in the analysis.
#45 1st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	51	9	Four records were not included in the analysis.
#46 2nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	43	18	Three records were not included in the analysis.

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#47 Mother's Date of TPR	56	8	For elements #47 and #48, six records were found to have a case plan goal of “adoption” but there were no TPR dates.
#48 Father's Date of TPR	58	6	
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	48	11	<p>Five records were not included in the analysis.</p> <p>Three records were reported as “not applicable,” but information for element #41 was reported as “family foster home.”</p> <p>One record showed the family structure as married, but the individual was a widow.</p> <p>Notes from the Debriefing: Reviewers noted that foster caretaker information for the Casey Family program case records was not included in AFCARS.</p>
#50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	27	28	<p>Nine records were not included in the analysis because the information was not available.</p> <p>Twenty of the incorrect records were blank. However, there should have been information reported because the foster care setting was a family foster home.</p> <p>1 was incorrect because the placement setting was wrong.</p> <p>1 record had the wrong birth date.</p>
#51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	32	17	<p>Fifteen records were not included in the analysis.</p> <p>The incorrect records were blank and should not have been because the family structure was “married” or “unmarried” couple.</p>

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#52 1st Foster Caretaker's Race	17	43	<p>Four records were “not applicable” for #49, but #41 showed the placement as a family foster home and element #52 was blank.</p> <p>1 was incorrect because the placement setting was incorrect. 19 were blank and should not have been.</p> <p>Four records were not included in the analysis.</p>
a. American Indian or Alaska Native			
b. Asian			
c. Black or African American			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			All records were marked as “apply” for this element.
e. White			All records were marked as “does not apply” for this element.
f. Unable to Determine			
#53 1st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	27	27	<p>Ten records were not included in the analysis.</p> <p>23 records were blank for this element and they should not have been.</p> <p>3 records were reported as being “not applicable” for element #49, and this element was blank. However, the child was in a family foster home.</p>
#54 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race	27	33	Seven records were reported as being “not applicable” for element #49, and this element was blank. However, the child was in a family foster home.

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			18 records were blank and should not have been. Four records were not included in the analysis.
a. American Indian or Alaska Native			
b. Asian			
c. Black or African American			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			
e. White			
f. Unable to Determine			
#55 2nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	35	26	17 records were blank and should not have been. 6 records were reported as being “not applicable” for element #49, and this element was blank. However, the child was in a family foster home. Three records were not included in the analysis.
#56 Date of Discharge	53	11	Five children had actually been discharged. One record had a discharge date, but the child was still in care.
#58 Reason for Discharge 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) 2 = Living with Other Relative(s)	58	6	Five children had actually been discharged. One record had a discharge date, but the child was still in care.

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3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship 6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway 8 = Death of Child			
#59 Title IVE Foster Care		10	<p>For elements #59-#66, information could not be validated for most records because the information was only in CHRIS. Therefore the number of correct files is not given.</p> <p>For elements #59, #61 - #62 and #64 – #65, all records had “does not apply” submitted for the AFCARS file for the child welfare children.</p>
#60 Title IVE Adoption		1	
#61 Title IVA AFDC			
#62 Title IVD Child Support		2	
#63 Title XIX Medicaid		17	
#64 SSI		6	
#65 None of the Above		3	
#66 Monthly Amount	38	8	

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#4 State Agency Involvement 1 = Yes 2 = No	8		
#5 Child Date of Birth	8		
#6 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	8		
#7 Child Race		8	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native		1	The incorrect record was marked as “no” and should have been “yes.”
b. Asian			
c. Black or African American			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		8	
e. White		8	
f. Unable to Determine			
#8 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	8		
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	8		
#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs 0 = Not Applicable	8		

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1 = Racial/Original Background 2 = Age 3 = Membership in a Sibling Group 4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities 5 = Other			
#11 Mental Retardation	8		
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	8		
#13 Physically Disabled	8		
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	8		
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	8		
#16 Mother's Birth Year	2	6	
#17 Father's Birth Year	5	3	
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	7	1	
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	7	1	
#20 Date of Father's TPR	8		
#21 Date Adoption	8		

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Legalized			
#22 Adoptive Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	8		
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	8		
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	8		
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race		8	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native		1	Should have been marked as "applies."
b. Asian			
c. Black or African American			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		8	
e. White		8	
f. Unable to Determine			
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	8		
#27 Adoptive Father's Race		8	

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a. American Indian or Alaska Native			
b. Asian			
c. Black or African American			
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		8	
e. White		8	
f. Unable to Determine			
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	8		
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	8		
#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	8		
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	8		
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	8		
#33 Child Was Placed from	8		

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1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country			
#34 Child Was Placed by 1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	8		
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	8		
#36 Monthly Amount	8		
#37 Adoption Assistance	7	1	