



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear State Child Welfare Administrator,

This letter seeks to inform you of our release of the final Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) Statewide Data Indicators and National Standards that will be used in CFSR Round 3.

On October 10, 2014, we published a document in the Federal Register on the Round 3 indicators. The Federal Register document provides information on how we arrived at the final indicators and responds to the comments that you and other interested parties provided in response to our initial proposal. You can obtain a copy of the *Federal Register* document online at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/10/10/2014-24204/statewide-data-indicators-and-national-standards-for-child-and-family-services-reviews> . We are also attaching an executive summary of the Federal Register document to this letter.

We are also issuing CFSR Technical Bulletin #8, which is attached. This bulletin provides additional information on the technical aspects of measuring performance on the statewide data indicators and performance measurement associated with the case review items and systemic factor items. We also provide information in the bulletin information on how we will determine CFSR Round program improvement plan completion based on round 3 standards, if applicable, and planned content of forthcoming data profiles.

Attached to this letter is a set of excel workbooks that provide our initial assessment of each state's performance on the national standards. As explained in the Federal Register document and the bulletin, this initial assessment of state performance is subject to change.

We are planning discussions with you about the final indicators and your state's performance in a couple of ways: first via a national webinar with other state child welfare administrators and CFSR leads on Friday, October 24, 2014 at 3pm EDT; and, subsequently via state-specific discussions about your data profiles. More information on the national webinar will be forthcoming shortly via your CB Regional Office.

We look forward to continuing our work with you on behalf of children and families.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Commissioner
Children's Bureau

Enclosures:

Child and Family Services Review Technical Bulletin #8
Executive Summary of Federal Register
Excel Workbooks of State CFSR Performance as of 10/10/2014