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#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	65	8	0	2	<p>In four agency error cases, the reviewer found a later date than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In two agency error cases, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one of the agency cases, the AFCARS response was blank but the reviewer found a date of a periodic review.</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the date reported to AFCARS did not represent a periodic review.</p>
#6 Child Birth Date	75	0	0	0	
#7 Child Sex  1 = Male 2 = Female	75	0	0	0	
#8 Child Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	74	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been "yes" instead of "no."
b. Asian	75	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	75	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or	75	0	0	0	

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Other Pacific Islander					
e. White	75	0	0	0	
f. Unable to Determine	75	0	0	0	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin  1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	60	15	0	0	In 13 error cases, the response should have been “no” instead of “unable to determine.”  In one error case, the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”  In one error case, the response should have been “no” instead of “yes.”
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	59	16	0	0	In all of the error cases, the response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”
#11 Mental Retardation	73	2	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	73	2	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#13 Physically Disabled	74	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	62	13	0	0	The responses should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”

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#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	70	5	0	0	In five of the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted?  1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	75	0	0	0	
#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	75	0	0	0	
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	67	8	0	0	In two error cases, the reviewers found that the date of first removal from home was earlier than the one reported to AFCARS.  In one error case there was a

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					<p>difference of one day between what was reported and what the reviewer found. It was the difference between the actual removal date and the court order date.</p> <p>In five error cases, the child's initial placement was a hospital and the date reported to AFCARS was the court order date and not the date the child entered the foster care setting.</p>
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	75	0	0	0	
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	73	2	0	0	In the two error cases the date reported should actually have been a later date.
#21 Date of Latest Removal	67	8			<p>In two error cases, the reviewers found that the date of first removal from home was earlier than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In six error cases, the child's initial placement was a hospital and the date reported to AFCARS was the court order date and not the date the child entered the foster care setting.</p>
#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	65	10	0	0	In six of the error cases, the reviewer found a later date than what was reported to AFCARS.

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					<p>This was due to the child’s placement at the end of the reporting period being a “trial home visit” and that date was not reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found an earlier date than what was reported.</p> <p>The remaining errors were related to either more or less placements being found by the reviewer.</p>
#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	60	15	0	0	<p>In seven error cases, there were more placements than what was reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In eight error cases, there were fewer placements.</p>
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode  1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	75	0	0	0	
#26 Physical Abuse	72	3	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”

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					In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#27 Sexual Abuse	74	1	0	0	In the error case the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#28 Neglect	57	18	0	0	In 17 error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	73	2	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	66	9	0	0	In eight error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	73	2	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#32 Child Drug Abuse	68	7	0	0	In six error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”

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					In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#33 Child Disability	74	1	0	0	In the error case, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	73	2	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#35 Death of Parent	75	0	0	0	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	72	3	0	0	In two error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In one error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	70	5	0	0	In three error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In two error case, the response should have been “does not apply” instead of “applies.”
#38 Abandonment	69	6	0	0	In four error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In two error case, the response

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#39 Relinquishment	75	0	0	0											
#40 Inadequate Housing	71	4	0	0	In the error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”										
#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 Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit	69	6	0	0	In each of the error cases the child was returned home while the agency still maintained responsibility for placement and care.										
#42 Out of State Placement	74	1	0	0	The response should have been “yes” instead of “no.”										
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal  1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s) 2 = Live with Other Relative(s)	54	21	0	0	In the error cases, the reviewers found: <table border="1" data-bbox="1528 1203 1992 1365"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Reported as:</b></th> <th><b>Reviewer found:</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not yet established</td> <td>Reunify (10)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not yet established</td> <td>Adoption (4)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reunify</td> <td>Adoption (2)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reunify</td> <td>Guardianship (1)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Reported as:</b>	<b>Reviewer found:</b>	Not yet established	Reunify (10)	Not yet established	Adoption (4)	Reunify	Adoption (2)	Reunify	Guardianship (1)
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Number of cases in sample: 80  
Number of cases reviewed: 75  
Number of cases analyzed: 75

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#44 Caretaker Family Structure  1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	70	5	0	0	<p>In the error cases, the reviewers found:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Reported as:</b></th> <th><b>Reviewer found:</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Married couple</td> <td>Single Female (1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single female</td> <td>Married couple (1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single female</td> <td>Unmarried couple (1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single female</td> <td>Single male (1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unmarried couple</td> <td>Married couple (1)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Reported as:</b>	<b>Reviewer found:</b>	Married couple	Single Female (1)	Single female	Married couple (1)	Single female	Unmarried couple (1)	Single female	Single male (1)	Unmarried couple	Married couple (1)
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#45 1 <sup>st</sup> Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	70	5	0	0	Errors were related to the wrong person (3) and no date reported but the reviewer found one.												
#46 2 <sup>nd</sup> Primary Caretaker's	71	4	0	0													

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Birth Year					
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	72	3	0	0	In each case the reviewer found a date (or a deceased date (1)) and the AFCARS field was left blank.
#48 Father's Date of TPR	71	4	0	0	In each case the reviewer found a date (or a deceased date (2)) and the AFCARS field was left blank.
#49 Foster Family Structure  0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	67	8	0	3	In six error cases a marital status was reported but the child was not in a foster home based on information the reviewers found regarding the latest placement.  In one error case, the response should have been "married couple" instead of "single female." In another, the response should have been "unmarried couple."
#50 1 <sup>st</sup> Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	69	6	0	4	There was one error where the date reported to AFCARS was 1901 but the reviewer found a year of birth 1955.  The other errors were for cases where the child was not in foster care based on findings in element #41 and #49.
#51 2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	64	7	0	4	In one error case the AFCARS field was blank but the reviewer found a

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					date.  The other errors were for cases where the child was not in foster care based on findings in element #41 and #49.
#52 1 <sup>st</sup> Foster Caretaker's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	65	6	0	4	The errors were related to the findings for foster care element #41.
#53 1 <sup>st</sup> Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	54	17	0	4	Six of the errors were related to the findings for foster care element #41.  In 11 of the error cases, the response should have been “no” instead of “unable to determine.”
#54 2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster Caretaker's Race a. American Indian or Alaska Native	70	1	0	4	The error noted here was because the elements were blank but the reviewer found that the foster parent marital status was “married couple.”
#55 2 <sup>nd</sup> Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin	60	11	0	4	In eight of the error cases, the response should have been “no” instead of “unable to determine.”
#56 Date of Discharge	66	9	0	0	In six error cases, a date was reported but the child was still in foster care under the agency’s

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					<p>responsibility for placement and care. The child’s current living arrangement as of the end of the report period should have been “trial home visit.”</p> <p>In one error case, the reviewer found an earlier date than the one reported to AFCARS.</p> <p>In two cases, the child was in foster care as of the end of the report period. The date reported to AFCARS was after the end of the report period.</p>
<p>#58 Reason for Discharge</p> <p>0 = Not Applicable            1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)            2 = Living with Other Relative(s)            3 = Adoption            4 = Emancipation            5 = Guardianship            6 = Transfer to Another Agency            7 = Runaway</p>	66	9	0	0	See the notes in element #56.

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8 = Death of Child					

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#4 State Agency Involvement  1 = Yes 2 = No	28	0	0	0	
#5 Child Date of Birth	28	0	0	0	
#6 Child Sex  1 = Male 2 = Female	28	0	0	0	
#7 Child Race  a. American Indian or Alaska Native	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of “yes.”
b. Asian	28	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	27	1	0	0	The response should have been “yes” instead of “no.” (This was an additional race for the child.)
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28	0	0	0	
e. White	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of “yes.”
f. Unable to Determine	28	0	0	0	
#8 Child Hispanic Origin  1 = Yes 2 = No	25	2	0	1	In the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “unable to determine” instead of “no.”

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3 = Unable to Determine					
#9 Has Agency Determined Special Needs	23	5	0	0	<p>In one error case, the response was incorrectly marked “yes” instead of “no.”</p> <p>In four error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of “yes.”</p>
<p>#10 Primary Basis for Determining Special Needs</p> <p>0 = Not Applicable                      1 = Racial/Original Background                      2 = Age                      3 = Membership in a Sibling Group                      4 = Medical Conditions or Mental, Physical or Emotional Disabilities                      5 = Other</p>	20	8	0	0	<p>In two error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “age” instead of “membership in a sibling group.”</p> <p>In one error case, the response was incorrectly marked “racial/origin background” instead of “membership in a sibling group.”</p> <p>In one error case, the response was incorrectly marked “age” instead of “not applicable.”</p> <p>In two error cases, the element was blank and should have been “membership in a sibling group.”</p> <p>In one error case, the AFCARS file was left blank but the reviewer found the child was determined to be special needs due to medical conditions.</p> <p>In one error case this element was</p>

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					blank but element #35 indicted the child is receiving a monthly subsidy.
#11 Mental Retardation	28	0	0	0	
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	27	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#13 Physically Disabled	27	1	0	0	The response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#14 Emotionally Disturbed	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “yes, applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	26	2	0	0	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “yes, applies” instead of “does not apply.”  In one error cases, the response should have been “applies” instead of “does not apply.”
#16 Mother's Birth Year	27	0	0	1	
#17 Father's Birth Year	24	1	0	3	In the error case, the response was incorrectly left blank, but the reviewer found the birth year.
#18 Mother Married at Time of Birth  1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	21	6	0	1	In one of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “unable to determine” instead of “yes.”  In two of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “unable to determine” instead of “no.”

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					<p>In one of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “yes” instead of “no.”</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of “yes.”</p> <p>In one error case, the AFCARS field was blank but the reviewer was able to determine that the mother had been married at the time of the child’s birth.</p>
#19 Date of Mother's TPR	18	10	0	0	<p>In six of the error cases, the reviewers found later TPR dates than those submitted in the file.</p> <p>In four of the error cases, the reviewers found earlier TPR dates than those submitted in the file. In one of the cases, the mother’s TPR date was overwritten with the father’s TPR date.</p>
#20 Date of Father's TPR	20	8	0	0	<p>In four of the error cases, the reviewers found later TPR dates than those submitted in the file.</p> <p>In three of the error cases, the reviewers found earlier TPR dates than those submitted in the file.</p> <p>In one of the error cases, the file was</p>

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					incorrectly marked with a date instead of being left blank.
#21 Date Adoption Legalized	24	0	0	4	
#22 Adoptive Family Structure  1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male	26	2	0	0	In one error case the AFCARS element was left blank. The reviewer noted the adoptive parents were a married couple.  In one of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “unmarried couple” instead of “married couple.”
#23 Adoptive Mother's Year of Birth	25	3	0	0	In the error cases, the reviewers found earlier dates than those submitted to the file.
#24 Adoptive Father's Year of Birth	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the reviewers found earlier dates than those submitted to the file.
#25 Adoptive Mother's Race	28	0	0	0	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	28	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of “yes.”
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28	0	0	0	
e. White	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the response was

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					incorrectly marked “yes” instead of “no.”
f. Unable to Determine	28	0	0	0	
#26 Adoptive Mother's Hispanic Origin	23	2	0	3	In one of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “unable to determine” instead of “yes.”  In one of the error cases, the response was incorrectly marked “unable to determine” instead of “no.”
#27 Adoptive Father's Race	27	1	0	0	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of “yes.”
a. American Indian or Alaska Native					
b. Asian	28	0	0	0	
c. Black or African American	28	0	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	28	0	0	0	
e. White	27	1	0	0	This was an additional race that should have been indicated on the adoptive father.
f. Unable to Determine	28	0	0	0	
#28 Adoptive Father's Hispanic Origin	23	2	0	3	In the error cases, the responses were incorrectly marked “unable to determine” instead of “no.”
#29 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Stepparent	28	0	0	0	

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#30 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Relative	28	0	0	0	
#31 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Foster Parent	21	7	0	0	In the error cases, the responses were incorrectly marked “does not apply” instead of “yes, applies”
#32 Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child - Other Non-Relative	24	4	0	0	In the error cases, the responses were incorrectly marked “does not apply” instead of “yes, applies”
#33 Child Was Placed from  1 = Within State 2 = Another State 3 = Another Country	28	0	0	0	
#34 Child Was Placed by  1 = Public Agency 2 = Private Agency 3 = Tribal Agency 4 = Independent Person 5 = Birth Parent	28	0	0	0	
#35 Receiving Monthly Subsidy	27	0	0	1	
#36 Monthly Amount	21	6	0	1	In the error cases, the amounts reported in the files were less than the actual amounts.
#37 Adoption Assistance	26	1	0	1	In the error case, the response was incorrectly marked “no” instead of

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