

Child and Family Services Reviews Update

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CFSR Round 4 Is Underway!

The Round 4, Year 1, Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) are underway. Kansas and Puerto Rico had the first CB-Led Reviews, in April and May, respectively. Several states have also kicked off State-Led Reviews, including Delaware, Indiana, and Massachusetts. Round 4 of the CFSRs is scheduled to run through federal fiscal year 2026.

Some key Round 4 resources include:

- [Reviews schedule](#) lists each state's CFSR review type (State-Led or CB-Led) and the date range for the review.
- [State Planning Package](#) includes the CFSR State Planning documents (the State Planning Package summary, Local Site Coordinator Toolkit, CFSR Logistical Support Fact Sheet, CFSR Equipment Fact Sheet, and CFSR User Request Form).
- [Round 4 Resources](#) includes links to resources for planning for, conducting, and participating in the CFSR process; analyzing and understanding the results; and planning for program improvement and continuous quality improvement (CQI).
- [Round 4 Planning and Implementation](#) includes tools from the [Capacity Building Center for States](#) to help teams prepare for CFSR Round 4, strengthen use of data and evidence, adopt an integrated approach, engage young people and families with lived experience, and identify opportunities to explore and advance equity and inclusion through the CFSR. The Capacity Building Center for States offers publications, tools, peer networking, and technical assistance to help child welfare agencies and their partners plan and implement all phases of CFSR Round 4, from Statewide Assessment planning through Program Improvement Plan (PIP) development and implementation.

APSR Process Integrated With CFSP

Over the last three Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) submissions, the Children's Bureau (CB) has [intentionally integrated the CFSP/Annual Progress and Services Report \(APSR\) process with the CFSR](#). These federal planning, reporting, and monitoring processes require a state's assessment of the effectiveness of the child welfare system to achieve positive outcomes in the domains of safety, permanency, and well-being, as well as the statewide

routine functioning of seven systemic factors that support positive outcomes for the children and families served. States must submit the fourth APSR to the 2020–2024 CFSP to the CB by June 30, 2023.

New OSRI Course Released on E-Learning Academy

Recordings of the first two OSRI Virtual Trainings are now available to all Round 4 [E-Learning Academy](#) users in the State Catalog. The first, which focuses on Item 2 of the Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions (OSRI), is a recording of the online training presented on March 28, 2023. It focuses on critical elements to consider when rating Item 2, including safety vs. risk, appropriate safety-related services vs. services that should be considered in other items, and alternative caregiver arrangements.

The second training, which focuses on Item 5, is a recording of the training presented on May 17, 2023. It focuses on critical elements to consider when rating Item 5 of the OSRI, including instructions on how 15 out of the most recent 22 months should be calculated for children in foster care for CFSR purposes.

New CFSR Overview Video Released

A new CFSR Overview Video is now live on the Round 4 Resources page of the CFSR Information Portal. The video is in the [CFSR Round 4 Process](#) section of the Round 4 Resources page, and is publicly accessible to portal users even if they are not logged in.

Spanish Translations Added to Portal

Spanish translations are posted on the [CFSR Information Portal](#) as they become available. New Spanish translations include:

- CFSR Procedures Manual
- CFSR Technical Bulletin #13A
- Requirements and Benefits of State-Led Reviews
- CFSR Round 4 Statewide Data Indicators Data Dictionary

New Round 4 FAQs Posted

New frequently asked questions (FAQs) are posted on the portal on an ongoing basis. The [OSRI FAQ page](#) provides responses from the Children's Bureau to questions regarding the Round 4 OSRI. In addition to new FAQs, those from Round 3 that are still relevant are now also included on the Round 4 OSRI FAQ page. The questions and their responses are organized by the seven CFSR outcome areas, with an additional "General Questions" category for questions related to the general application of the instrument as a whole and the instrument's Face Sheet section. Only users who have logged into the portal may submit questions.