

Out-of-Home Care Data Elements with Definitions (45 CFR 1355.44)
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1355.44 (a) General information.
1. IV-E Agency Indicate the title IV-E agency responsible for submitting the AFCARS data in a format according to ACF's specifications.
2. Report date The report date corresponds with the end of the report period. Indicate the last month and the year of the report period.
3. Local agency Indicate the local county, jurisdiction or equivalent unit that has primary responsibility for the child in a format according to ACF's specifications.
4. Child's Record number Indicate the child's record number. This is an encrypted, unique person identification number that is the same for the child, no matter where the child lives while in the placement and care responsibility of the title IV-E agency in out-of-home care and across all report periods and episodes. The title IV-E agency must apply and retain the same encryption routine or method for the person identification number across all report periods. The record number must be encrypted in accordance with ACF standards.
(b) Child information
5. (b.1) Child's date of birth. Indicate the month, day and year of the child's birth. If the actual date of birth is unknown because the child has been abandoned, provide an estimated date of birth. Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the identity of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a "safe haven."
6. (b.2.i) Child's gender Indicate whether the child is "male" or "female," as appropriate.
7. (b.2.ii) Child's sexual orientation For children age 14 and older, indicate whether the child self identifies as "straight or heterosexual," "gay or lesbian," "bisexual," "don't know," "something else," or "decline," if the child declined to provide the information. Indicate "not applicable" for children age 13 and under.
(b.3) Reason to know a child is an "Indian Child" as defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act. For state title IV-E agencies only: Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency researched whether there is reason to know that the child is an Indian child as defined in ICWA in each paragraph (b)(3)(i) through (b)(3)(vii) below.
8. (b.3.i) Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency inquired with the child's biological or adoptive mother. Indicate "yes," "no" or "the biological or adoptive mother is deceased."
9. (b.3.ii)

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Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency inquired with the child's biological or adoptive father . Indicate "yes," "no," or "the biological or adoptive father is deceased." 10. (b.3.iii)
Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency inquired with the child's Indian custodian , if the child has one. Indicate "yes," "no," or "child does not have an Indian custodian." 11. (b.3.iv)
Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency inquired with the child's extended family . Indicate "yes" or "no." 12 (b.3.v)
Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency inquired with the child who is the subject of the proceeding . Indicate "yes" or "no." 13. (b.3.vi)
Indicate whether the child is a member of or eligible for membership in an Indian tribe . Indicate "yes," "no," or "unknown." 14.(b.3.vii)
Indicate whether the domicile or residence of the child, the child's parent, or the child's Indian custodian is on a reservation or in an Alaska Native village . Indicate "yes," "no," or "unknown." 15. (b.4) Application of ICWA. For state title IV-E agencies only: Indicate whether the state title IV-E agency knows or has reason to know, that the child is an Indian child as defined in ICWA . Indicate "yes" or "no." If the state title IV-E agency indicated "yes," then the state title IV-E agency must complete paragraphs (b)(4)(i) and (b)(4)(ii). If the state title IV-E agency indicated "no," then the state title IV-E agency must leave paragraphs (b)(4)(i) and (b)(4)(ii) of this section blank.
16. (b.4.i)
Indicate the date that the state title IV-E agency first discovered the information indicating the child is or may be an Indian child as defined in ICWA. 17. (b.4.ii)
Indicate all federally recognized Indian tribe (s) that may potentially be the Indian child's tribe(s) . The title IV-E agency must submit the information in a format according to ACF's specifications. 18. (b.5) Court determination that ICWA applies For state title IV-E agencies only: Indicate whether a court determined that ICWA applies or that the court is applying ICWA because it knows or has reason to know a child is an Indian child as defined in ICWA in accordance with 25 C.F.R. 23.107(b)(2). Indicate "yes, ICWA applies," "no, ICWA does not apply," or "no court determination."

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<p>If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes, ICWA applies,” the state title IV-E agency must complete paragraphs (b)(5)(i) and (b)(5)(ii).</p>
<p>If the state title IV-E agency indicated “no, ICWA does not apply” or “no court determination,” the state title IV-E agency must leave paragraphs (b)(5)(i) and (b)(5)(ii) of this section blank.</p>
<p>19. (b.5.i)</p>
<p>Indicate the date that the court determined that ICWA applies.</p>
<p>20. (b.5.ii)</p>
<p>Indicate the Indian tribe that the court determined is the Indian child’s tribe for ICWA purposes. The title IV-E agency must submit the information in a format according to ACF’s specifications.</p>
<p>(b.6) Notification.</p>
<p>State title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), the state title IV-E agency must complete paragraphs (b)(6)(i) through (b)(6)(iii). Otherwise, leave paragraphs (b)(6)(i) through (b)(6)(iii) blank.</p>
<p>21. (b.6.i)</p>
<p>Indicate whether the Indian child’s parent or Indian custodian was sent legal notice more than 10 days prior to the first child custody proceeding in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(a). Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>22. (b.6.ii)</p>
<p>Indicate whether the Indian child’s tribe(s) was sent legal notice more than 10 days prior to the first child custody proceeding in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(a). Indicate “yes”, “no” or “the child’s Indian tribe is unknown.”</p>
<p>23. (b.6.iii)</p>
<p>Indicate the Indian tribe(s) that were sent notice for a child custody proceeding as required in ICWA at 25 U.S.C. 1912(a). The title IV-E agency must report the information in a format according to ACF’s specifications.</p>
<p>24. (b.7) Request to transfer to tribal court.</p>
<p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), indicate whether either parent, the Indian custodian, or the Indian child’s tribe requested, orally on the record or in writing, that the state court transfer a foster-care or termination-of-parental rights proceeding to the jurisdiction of the Indian child’s tribe, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1911(b), at any point during the report period. Indicate “yes” or “no.” If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes,” then the state title IV-E agency must complete paragraph (b)(8) of this section. If the state title IV-E agency indicated “no,” the state title IV-E agency must leave paragraph (b)(8) of this section blank.</p>
<p>25. (b.8) Denial of transfer</p>

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For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(7), indicate whether the state court denied the request to transfer the case to tribal jurisdiction. Indicate “yes” or “no.” If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes,” then the state title IV-E agency must indicate in paragraphs (b)(8)(i) through (b)(8)(iii) whether each reason for denial “applies” or “does not apply.” Otherwise leave these paragraphs blank.

26. (b.8.i)

Either of the parents objected to transferring the case to the tribal court.

27. (b.8.ii)

The tribal court declined the transfer to the tribal court.

28. (b.8.iii)

The state court determined good cause exists for denying the transfer to the tribal court.

(b.9) Child’s race.

In general, a child’s race is determined by the child, the child’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Indicate whether each race category listed in the data elements described in **paragraphs (b)(9)(i) through (b)(9)(viii) of this section applies with a “yes” or “no.”**

29. (b.9.i) Race: American Indian or Alaska Native

An American Indian or Alaska Native child has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

30. (b.9.ii) Race: Asian

An Asian child has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

31. (b.9.iii) Black or African American

A Black or African American child has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

32. (b.9.iv) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander child has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

33. (b.9.v) Race: White

A white child has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

34. (b.9.vi) Unknown

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<p>The child or parent or legal guardian does not know or is unable to communicate the race, or at least one race of the child.</p>
<p>35. (b.9.vii) Race: Abandoned</p>
<p>The child's race is unknown because the child has been abandoned. Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the identity of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a "safe haven."</p>
<p>36. (b.9.viii) Race: Declined</p>
<p>The child or parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has declined to identify a race.</p>
<p>37. (b.10) Hispanic/Latino origin</p>
<p>A child is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the child is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin.</p>
<p>38. (b.11.i) Health assessment</p>
<p>Indicate whether the child had a health assessment during the current out-of-home care episode. This assessment could include an initial health screening or any follow-up health screening per section 422(b)(15)(A) of the Act. Indicate "yes" or "no." If the title IV-E agency indicated "yes," the title IV-E must complete paragraphs (b)(11)(ii) and (b)(12); otherwise leave paragraphs (b)(11)(ii) and (b)(12) blank.</p>
<p>39. (b.11.ii) Date of health assessment</p>
<p>Indicate the month, day, and year of the child's most recent health assessment, if the title IV-E agency reported "yes" in paragraph (b)(11)(i); otherwise leave this paragraph blank.</p>
<p>40. (b.12) Timely Health Assessment</p>
<p>Indicate whether the date reported in paragraph (b)(11)(ii) is within the timeframes for initial and follow-up health screenings established by the title IV-E agency per section 422(b)(15)(A) of the Act. Indicate "yes" or "no." If the title IV-E agency reported "no" in paragraph (b)(11)(i), the title IV-E agency must leave this paragraph blank.</p>
<p>41 (b.13) Health, behavioral or mental health conditions</p>
<p>Indicate whether the child was diagnosed by a qualified professional, as defined by the state or tribe, as having a health, behavioral or mental health condition listed below, prior to or during the child's current out-of-home care episode as of the last day of the report period. Indicate "child has a diagnosed condition" if a qualified professional has made such a diagnosis and for each data element described in paragraphs (b)(13)(i) through (b)(13)(xii) of this section indicate "existing condition," "previous condition" or "does not apply," as applicable. Indicate "no exam or assessment conducted" if a qualified professional has not conducted a medical exam or assessment of the child and leave paragraphs (b)(13)(i) through (b)(13)(xii) blank. Indicate "exam or assessment conducted and none of the conditions apply" if a qualified professional has conducted a medical exam or assessment and has concluded that the child does not have one of the conditions listed below and leave paragraphs (b)(13)(i) through (b)(13)(xii) blank. Indicate "exam or assessment conducted but results not received" if a qualified professional has conducted a medical exam or assessment but the title IV-E agency has not yet received the results of such an exam or assessment and leave paragraphs (b)(13)(i) through (b)(13)(xii) blank.</p>
<p>42. (b.13.i) Intellectual disability</p>

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The child has, or had previously, significantly sub-average general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period that adversely affect the child's socialization and learning.

43. (b.13.ii) Autism spectrum disorder

The child has, or had previously, a neurodevelopment disorder, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior. This includes the range of disorders from autistic disorder, sometimes called autism or classical autism spectrum disorder, to milder forms known as Asperger syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.

44. (b.13.iii) Visual impairment and blindness

The child has, or had previously, a visual impairment that may adversely affects the day-to-day functioning or educational performance, such as blindness, amblyopia, or color blindness.

45. (b.13.iv) Hearing impairment and deafness

The child has, or had previously, an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects the child's day-to-day functioning and educational performance.

46. (b.13.v) Orthopedic impairment or other physical condition

The child has, or had previously, a physical deformity, such as amputations and fractures or burns that cause contractures, or an orthopedic impairment, including impairments caused by a congenital anomalies or disease, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, or muscular dystrophy.

47. (b.13.vi) Mental/emotional disorders

The child has, or had previously, one or more mood or personality disorders or conditions over a long period of time and to a marked degree, such as conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, emotional disturbance, anxiety disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, or eating disorder.

48. (b.13.vii) Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The child has, or had previously, a diagnosis of the neurobehavioral disorders of attention deficit or hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or attention deficit disorder (ADD).

49. (b.13.viii) Serious mental disorders

The child has, or had previously, a diagnosis of a serious mental disorder or illness, such as bipolar disorder, depression, psychotic disorders, or schizophrenia.

50. (b.13..ix) Developmental delay

The child has been assessed by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures and is experiencing delays in one or more of the following areas: physical development or motor skills, cognitive development, communication, language, or speech development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development.

51. (b.13..x) Developmental disability

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The child has, or had previously been diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-402), section 102(8). This means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments that manifests before the age of 22, is likely to continue indefinitely and results in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity. Areas of major life activity include: Self-care; receptive and expressive language; learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; and economic self-sufficiency; and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or **extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated**. **If a child is given the diagnosis of "developmental disability," do not indicate the individual conditions that form the basis of this diagnosis separately.**

52. (b.13.xi) Other diagnosed condition

The child has, or had previously, a diagnosed condition or other health impairment other than those described above, which requires special medical care, such as asthma, diabetes, chronic illnesses, a diagnosis as HIV positive or AIDS, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, other neurological disorders, speech/language impairment, learning disability, or substance abuse issues.

53. (b.14) School enrollment

Indicate whether the child is a full-time student at and enrolled in (or in the process of **enrolling in**) "**elementary**" or "**secondary**" education, or is a **full or part-time** student at and **enrolled in "post-secondary education or training" or "college," as of the earlier of the last day of the report period or the day of exit** for a child exiting out-of-home care prior to the end of the report period. A child is still considered enrolled in school if the child would otherwise be enrolled in a school that is **currently out of session**. **An "elementary or secondary school student" is defined in section 471(a)(30) of the Act as a child that is:** enrolled (or in the process of enrolling) in an institution which provides elementary or secondary education, as determined under the law of the state or other jurisdiction in which the institution is located; instructed in elementary or secondary education at home in accordance with a home school law of the state or other jurisdiction in which the home is located; in an independent study elementary or secondary education program in accordance with the law of the state or other jurisdiction in which the program is located, which is administered by the local school or school district; or incapable of attending school on a full-time basis due to the medical condition of the child, which incapability is supported by a regularly updated information in the case plan of the child. Enrollment in "**post-secondary education or training**" refers to **full or part-time** enrollment in any post-secondary education or training, other than an education pursued at a college or university. Enrollment in "**college**" refers to a child that is **enrolled full or part-time at a college or university**. **If child has not reached compulsory school age, indicate "not school-age."** **If the child has reached compulsory school-age, but is not enrolled or is in the process of enrolling in any school setting full-time, indicate "not enrolled."**

54. (b.15) Educational level

Indicate the highest educational level from kindergarten to college or post-secondary education/training completed by the child as of the last day of the report period. If child has not reached compulsory school-age, indicate "**not school-age**." Indicate "**kindergarten**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 1st grade**. Indicate "**1st grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 2nd grade**. Indicate "**2nd grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 3rd grade**. Indicate "**3rd grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 4th grade**. Indicate "**4th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 5th grade**. Indicate "**5th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 6th grade**. Indicate "**6th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 7th grade**. Indicate "**7th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 8th grade**. Indicate "**8th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 9th grade**. Indicate "**9th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 10th grade**. Indicate "**10th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 11th grade**. Indicate "**11th grade**" if the child is **currently in or about to begin 12th grade**. Indicate "**12th grade**" if the child has graduated from high school. Indicate "**GED**" if the child has completed a general equivalency degree or other high school equivalent. Indicate "**Post-secondary education or training**" if the child has completed any post-secondary education or training, including vocational training, other than an education pursued at a college or university. Indicate "**College**" if the child has completed at least a semester of study at a college or university.

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55. (b.16) Educational stability

Indicate if the child is enrolled or is in the process of enrolling in a new elementary or secondary school prompted by an initial placement after entry into foster care or a placement change **during the report period with “yes” or “no” as appropriate.** If “yes,” indicate which of the applicable reason(s) for the change in enrollment as described in paragraphs (b)(16)(i) through (b)(16)(vii) of this section “applies” or “does not apply;” if “no,” the title IV-E agency must leave those data elements blank.

56. (b.16.i) Proximity

The child enrolled in a new school because of the distance to his or her former school.

57. (b.16.ii) District/zoning rules

The child enrolled in a new school because county or jurisdictional law or regulations prohibited attendance at former school.

58. (b.16.iii) Residential facility

The child enrolled in a new school because he or she formerly attended school on the campus of a residential facility.

59. (b.16.iv) Services/programs

The child enrolled in a new school to participate in services or programs (academic, behavioral or supportive services) not offered at former school.

60. (b.16.v) Child request

The child enrolled in a new school because he or she requested to leave former school and enroll in new school.

61. (b.16.vi) Parent/Legal Guardian request

The child enrolled in a new school because his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) requested for the child to leave the former school and enroll in a new school.

62. (b.16.vii) Other

The child enrolled in a new school for a reason other than those detailed in paragraphs (b)(13)(i) through (b)(13)(vi) of this section.

(b.17) Pregnant or parenting

63. (b.17.i)

Indicate whether the child is **pregnant as of the end of the report period.** Indicate “yes” or “no.”

64. (b.17.ii)

Indicate whether the child has ever fathered or bore a child. Indicate “yes” or “no.”

65. (b.17.iii)

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Indicate whether the child and his/her child(ren) are placed **together at any point during the report period**, if the response in paragraph (b)(17)(ii) is “yes.” Indicate “yes,” “no,” or “not applicable” if the response in paragraph (b)(17)(ii) is “no.”

66. (b.18) Special education

Indicate whether the child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) as defined in section 614(d)(1) of Part B of Title I of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and implementing regulations, or an Individualized Family Service Program (IFSP) as defined in section 636 of Part C of Title I of IDEA and implementing regulations, as **of the end of the report period**. Indicate “yes” if the child has either an IEP or an IFSP or “no” if the child has neither.

67. (b.19) Prior adoption(s)

Indicate whether the child experienced a prior legal adoption before the current out-of-home care episode. Include any public, private or independent adoption in the United States or adoption in another country and tribal customary adoptions. Indicate “yes,” “no” or “abandoned” if the information is unknown because the child has been abandoned. Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the identity of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a “safe haven.” If the child has experienced a prior legal adoption, the title IV-E agency must complete paragraphs (b)(19)(i) and (b)(19)(ii); otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave those data elements blank.

#68. (b.19.i) Prior adoption date

Indicate the month and year that the most recent prior adoption was finalized. In the case of a prior intercountry adoption where the adoptive parent(s) readopted the child in the United States, the title IV-E agency must provide the date of the adoption (either the original adoption in the home country or the re-adoption in the United States) that is considered final in accordance with applicable laws.

69. (b.19.ii) Prior adoption intercountry

Indicate whether the child’s most recent prior adoption was an intercountry adoption, meaning that the child’s prior adoption occurred in another country or the child was brought into the United States for the purposes of finalizing the prior adoption. Indicate “yes” or “no.”

70. (b.20i) Prior Guardianship

Indicate whether the child experienced a prior legal guardianship before the current out-of-home care episode. Include any public, private or independent guardianship(s) in the United States that meets the definition in section 475(7) of the Act. This includes any judicially created relationship between a child and caretaker which is intended to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by the transfer to the caretaker of the following parental rights with respect to the child: Protection, education, care and control, **custody, and decision making**. Indicate “yes,” “no,” or “abandoned” if the information is unknown because the child has been abandoned. Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the identity of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a “safe haven.” If the child has experienced a prior legal guardianship, the title IV-E agency must complete paragraph (b)(20)(ii); otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave it blank.

71. (b20.ii) Prior guardianship date

Indicate the month and year that the most recent prior guardianship became legalized.

72. (b.21) Child financial and medical assistance

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Indicate whether the child received financial and medical assistance at any point during the six-month report period. Indicate “child has received support/assistance” if the child was the recipient of such assistance during the report period, and indicate which of the following sources of support described in paragraphs (b)(21)(i) through (b)(21)(xiii) of this section “applies” or “does not apply.” Indicate “no support/assistance received” if none of these apply.

#73. (b.21.i) SSI or Social Security benefits
The child is receiving support from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or other Social Security benefits under title II or title XVI of the Act.
#74. (b.21.ii) Title XIX Medicaid
The child is eligible for and may be receiving assistance under the state's title XIX program for medical assistance, including any benefits through title XIX waivers or demonstration programs.
#75. (b.21.iii) Title XXI SCHIP
The child is eligible for and receiving assistance under a state's Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) under title XXI of the Act, including any benefits under title XXI waivers or demonstration programs.
#76. (b.21.iv) State/Tribal adoption assistance
The child is receiving an adoption subsidy or other adoption assistance paid for solely by the state or Indian tribe.
#77. (b.21.v) State/Tribal foster care
The child is receiving a foster care payment that is solely funded by the state or Indian tribe.
#78. (b.21.vi) Child support
Child support funds are being paid to the title IV-E agency for the benefit of the child by assignment from the receiving parent.
#79. (b.21.vii) Title IV-E adoption subsidy
The child is determined eligible for a title IV-E adoption assistance subsidy.
#80. (b.21.viii) Title IV-E guardianship assistance
The child is determined eligible for a title IV-E guardianship assistance subsidy.
#81. (b.21.ix) Title IV-A TANF
The child is living with relatives who are receiving a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance payment on behalf of the child.
#82. (b.21.x) Title IV-B
The child's living arrangement is supported by funds under title IV-B of the Act.
#83. (b.21.xi) SSBG

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<p>The child's living arrangement is supported by funds under title XX of the Act.</p>
<p>#84. (b.21.xii) Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.</p>
<p>The child is living independently and is supported by funds under the John F. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.</p>
<p>#85. (b.21.xiii) Other</p>
<p>The child is receiving financial support from another source not previously listed above.</p>
<p>#86. (b.22) Title IV-E foster care during report period</p>
<p>Indicate whether a title IV-E foster care maintenance payment was paid on behalf of the child at any point during the report period that is claimed under title IV-E foster care with a “yes” or “no,” as appropriate. Indicate “yes” if the child has met all eligibility requirements of section 472(a) of the Act and the title IV-E agency has claimed, or intends to claim, Federal reimbursement for foster care maintenance payments made on the child's behalf during the report period.</p>
<p>#87. (b.23) Total Number of siblings</p>
<p>Indicate the total number of siblings of the child. A sibling to the child is his or her brother or sister by biological, legal, or marital connection. Do not include the child who is subject of this record in the total number. If the child does not have any siblings, the title IV-E agency must indicate “0.” If the title IV-E agency indicates “0,” the title IV-E agency must leave paragraphs (b)(24) and (b)(25) blank.</p>
<p>#88. (b.24) Siblings in foster care</p>
<p>Indicate the number of siblings of the child who are in foster care as defined in section 1355.20. A sibling to the child is his or her brother or sister by biological, legal, or marital connection. Do not include the child who is subject of this record in the total number. If the child does not have any siblings, the title IV-E agency must leave this paragraph blank. If the child has siblings, but they are not in foster care as defined in section 1355.20, the title IV-E agency must indicate “0.” If the title IV-E agency reported “0,” leave paragraph (b)(25) blank.</p>
<p>#89. (b.25) Siblings in living arrangement</p>
<p>Indicate the number of siblings of the child who are in the same living arrangement as the child, on the last day of the report period. A sibling to the child is his or her brother or sister by biological, legal, or marital connection. Do not include the child who is subject of this record in the total number. If the child does not have any siblings, the title IV-E agency must leave this paragraph blank. If the child has siblings, but they are not in the same living arrangement as the child, the title IV-E agency must indicate “0.”</p>
<p>(c) Parent or legal guardian information</p>
<p>#90. (c.1) Year of birth of first parent or legal guardian</p>
<p>If applicable, indicate the year of birth of the first parent (biological, legal or adoptive) or legal guardian of the child. To the extent that a child has both a parent and a legal guardian, or two different sets of legal parents, the title IV-E agency must report on those who had legal responsibility for the child. We are not seeking information on putative parent(s) in this paragraph. If there is only one parent or legal guardian of the child, that person's year of birth must be reported here. If the child was abandoned indicate “abandoned.” Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the identity of the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a “safe haven.”</p>

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#91. (c.2) Year of birth of second parent or legal guardian
If applicable, indicate the year of birth of the second parent (biological, legal or adoptive) or legal guardian of the child. We are not seeking information on putative parent(s) in this paragraph. If the child was abandoned, indicate “abandoned.” Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the identity of the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a “safe haven.” Indicate “not applicable” if there is not another parent or legal guardian.
#92. (c.3) Tribal membership mother
For state title IV-E agencies only, indicate whether the biological or adoptive mother is a member of an Indian tribe. Indicate “yes,” “no” or “unknown.”
#93. (c.4) Tribal membership father
For state title IV-E agencies only, indicate whether the biological or adoptive father is a member of an Indian tribe. Indicate “yes,” “no,” or “unknown.”
#94. (c.5) Termination/modification of parental rights.
Indicate whether the termination/modification of parental rights for each parent (biological, legal and/or putative) was voluntary or involuntary. Voluntary means the parent voluntarily relinquished their parental rights to the title IV-E agency, with or without court involvement. Indicate “voluntary” or “involuntary.” Indicate “not applicable” if there was no termination/modification and leave paragraphs (c)(5)(i), (c)(5)(ii), (c)(6) and (c)(7) blank.
#95. (c.5.i) Termination/modification of parental rights petition
Indicate the month, day and year that each petition to terminate/modify the parental rights of a biological, legal and/or putative parent was filed in court, if applicable. Indicate “deceased” if the parent is deceased.
#96. (c.5.ii) Termination/modification of parental rights
Enter the month, day and year that the parental rights were voluntarily or involuntarily terminated/modified, for each biological, legal and/or putative parent, if applicable. If the parent is deceased, enter the date of death.
(c.6) Involuntary termination/modification of parental rights under ICWA
For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), and indicated “involuntary” to paragraph (c)(5), the state title IV-E agency must complete paragraphs (c)(6)(i) through (c)(6)(iii).
#97. (c.6i)
Indicate whether the state court found beyond a reasonable doubt that continued custody of the Indian child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(f). Indicate with “yes” or “no.”
#98. (c.6.ii)
Indicate whether the court decision to involuntarily terminate parental rights included the testimony of one or more qualified expert witnesses in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(f). Indicate “yes” or “no.”
#99. (c.6.iii)

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<p>Indicate whether prior to terminating parental rights, the court concluded that active efforts have been made to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and that those efforts were unsuccessful in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(d). Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>#100. (c.7) Voluntary termination/modification of parental rights under ICWA</p>
<p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), and indicated “voluntary” to paragraph (c)(5), indicate whether the consent to termination of parental or Indian custodian rights was executed in writing and recorded before a court of competent jurisdiction with a certification by the court that the terms and consequences of consent were explained on the record in detail and were fully understood by the parent or Indian custodian in accordance with 25 CFR 23.125(a) and (c). Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>(d) Removal Information</p>
<p>#101. (d.1) Date of child’s removal</p>
<p>Indicate the removal date(s) in month, day and year format for each removal of a child who enters the placement and care responsibility of the title IV-E agency. For a child who is removed and is placed initially in foster care, indicate the date that the title IV-E agency received placement and care responsibility. For a child who ran away or whose whereabouts are unknown at the time the child is removed and is placed in the placement and care responsibility of the title IV-E agency, indicate the date that the title IV-E agency received placement and care responsibility. For a child who is removed and is placed initially in a non-foster care setting, indicate the date that the child enters foster care as the date of removal.</p>
<p>#102. (d.2) Removal transaction date</p>
<p>A non-modifiable, computer-generated date which accurately indicates the month, day and year each response to paragraph (d)(1) of this section was entered into the information system.</p>
<p>(d.3) Removals under ICWA</p>
<p>For state title IV-E agencies: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), the state title IV-E agency must complete paragraphs (d)(3)(i) through (d)(3)(iii) for each removal reported in paragraph (d)(1) of this section.</p>
<p>103. (d.3.i)</p>
<p>Indicate whether the court order for foster care placement was made as a result of clear and convincing evidence that continued custody of the Indian child by the parent or Indian custodian was likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(e) and 25 CFR 121(a). Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>104. (d.3.ii)</p>
<p>Indicate whether the evidence presented for foster care placement as indicated in paragraph (d)(3)(i) included the testimony of a qualified expert witness in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(e) and 25 CFR 121(a). Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>105. (d.3.iii)</p>

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<p>Indicate whether the evidence presented for foster care placement as indicated in paragraph (d)(3)(i) indicates that prior to each removal reported in paragraph (d)(1) that active efforts have been made to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and that those efforts were unsuccessful in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(d). Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>#106. (d.4) Environment at removal</p> <p>Indicate the type of environment (household or facility) the child was living in at the time of each removal for each removal reported in paragraph (d)(1) of this section. Indicate “parent household” if the child was living in a household that included one or both of the child’s parents, whether biological, adoptive or legal. Indicate “relative household” if the child was living with a relative(s), the relative(s) is not the child’s legal guardian and neither of the child’s parents were living in the household. Indicate “legal guardian household” if the child was living with a legal guardian(s), the guardian(s) is not the child’s relative and neither of the child’s parents were living in the household. Indicate “relative legal guardian household” if the child was living with a relative(s) who is also the child’s legal guardian. Indicate “justice facility” if the child was in a detention center, jail or other similar setting where the child was detained. Indicate “medical/mental health facility” if the child was living in a facility such as a medical or psychiatric hospital or residential treatment center. Indicate “other” if the child was living in another situation not so described, such as living independently or homeless.</p>
<p>#107. (d.5) Authority for placement and care responsibility</p> <p>Indicate the title IV-E agency’s authority for placement and care responsibility of the child for each removal reported in paragraph (d)(1) of this section. “Court ordered” means that the court has issued an order that is the basis for the title IV-E agency’s placement and care responsibility. “Voluntary placement agreement” means that an official voluntary placement agreement has been executed between the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or child age 18 or older and the title IV-E agency. The placement remains voluntary even if a subsequent court order is issued to continue the child in out-of-home care. “Not yet determined” means that a voluntary placement agreement has not been signed or a court order has not been issued. When either a voluntary placement agreement is signed or a court order issued, the record must be updated from “not yet determined” to the appropriate response option to reflect the title IV-E agency’s authority for placement and care responsibility at that time.</p>
<p>(d.6) Child and family circumstances at removal</p> <p>Indicate all child and family circumstances that were present at the time of the child’s removal and/or related to the child being placed into foster care for each removal reported in paragraph (d)(1) of this section. Indicate whether each circumstance listed in the data elements described in paragraphs (d)(6)(i) through (d)(6)(xxxiii) “applies” or “does not apply” for each removal indicated in paragraph (d)(1) of this section.</p>
<p>#108. (d.6.i) Runaway</p> <p>The child has left, without authorization, the home or facility where the child was residing.</p>
<p>#109. (d.6.ii) Whereabouts unknown</p> <p>The child’s whereabouts are unknown and the title IV-E agency does not consider the child to have run away.</p>
<p>#110. (d.6.iii) Physical abuse</p> <p>Alleged or substantiated physical abuse, injury or maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child’s welfare.</p>
<p>#111. (d.6.iv) Sexual abuse</p> <p>Alleged or substantiated sexual abuse or exploitation of the child by a person who is responsible for the child’s welfare.</p>
<p>#112. (d.6.v) Psychological or emotional abuse</p>

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<p>Alleged or substantiated psychological or emotional abuse, including verbal abuse, of the child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.</p>
<p>#113. (d.6.vi) Neglect</p>
<p>Alleged or substantiated negligent treatment or maltreatment of the child, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, supervision or care by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.</p>
<p>#114. (d.6.vii) Medical neglect</p>
<p>Alleged or substantiated medical neglect caused by a failure to provide for the appropriate health care of the child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare, although the person was financially able to do so, or was offered financial or other means to do so.</p>
<p>#115. (d.6.viii) Domestic violence</p>
<p>Alleged or substantiated violent act(s), including any forceful detention of an individual, that results in, threatens to result in, or attempts to cause physical injury or mental harm. This is committed by a person against another individual residing in the child's home and with whom such person is in an intimate relationship; dating relationship; is or was related by marriage; or has a child in common. This circumstance includes domestic violence between the child and his or her partner and applies to a child or youth of any age (including those younger and older than the age of majority. This does not include alleged or substantiated maltreatment of the child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.</p>
<p>116. (d.6.ix) Abandonment</p>
<p>The child was left alone or with others and the parent or legal guardian's identity is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a "safe haven." This category does not apply when the identity of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is known.</p>
<p>117. (d.6.x) Failure to return</p>
<p>The parent, legal guardian or caretaker did not or has not returned for the child or made his or her whereabouts known. This category does not apply when the identity of the parent, legal guardian or caretaker is unknown.</p>
<p>#118. (d.6.xi) Caretaker's alcohol use</p>
<p>A parent, legal guardian or other caretaker responsible for the child uses alcohol compulsively that is not of a temporary nature.</p>
<p>#119. (d.6.xii) Caretaker's drug use</p>
<p>A parent, legal guardian or other caretaker responsible for the child uses drugs compulsively that is not of a temporary nature.</p>
<p>#120. (d.6.xiii) Child alcohol use</p>
<p>The child uses alcohol.</p>
<p>#121. (d.6.xiv) Child drug use</p>

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The child uses drugs.
#122. (d.6.xv) Prenatal alcohol exposure
The child has been identified as prenatally exposed to alcohol, resulting in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders such as fetal alcohol exposure, fetal alcohol effect or fetal alcohol syndrome.
#123.(d.6.xvi).Prenatal drug exposure
The child has been identified as prenatally exposed to drugs.
#124. (d.6.xvii) Diagnosed Condition
The child has a clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional of a health, behavioral or mental health condition, such as one or more of the following: Intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, hearing, speech or sight impairment, physical disability or other clinically diagnosed condition.
#125. (d.6.xviii).Inadequate access to mental health services
The child and/or child's family has inadequate resources to access the necessary mental health services outside of the child's out-of-home care placement.
#126. (d.6.xix) Inadequate access to medical services
The child and/or child's family has inadequate resources to access the necessary medical services outside of the child's out-of-home care placement.
#127. (d.6.xx) Child behavior problem
The child's behavior in his or her school and/or community adversely affects his or her socialization, learning, growth and/or moral development. This includes all child behavior problems, as well as adjudicated and non-adjudicated status or delinquency offenses and convictions.
#128. (d.6.xxi) Death of caretaker
Existing family stress in caring for the child or an inability to care for the child due to the death of a parent, legal guardian or other caretaker.
#129. (d.6.xxii) Incarceration of caretaker
The child's parent, legal guardian or caretaker is temporarily or permanently placed in jail or prison which adversely affects his or her ability to care for the child.
#130. (d.6.xxiii)Caretakers significant impairment – physical/emotional
A physical or emotional illness or disabling condition of the child's parent, legal guardian or caretaker that adversely limits his or her ability to care for the child.
#131. (d.6.xxiv) Caretaker's significant impairment – cognitive
The child's parent, legal guardian or caretaker has cognitive limitations that impact his or her ability to function in areas of daily life, which adversely affect his or her ability to care for the child. It also may be characterized by a significantly below-average score on a test of mental ability or intelligence.
#132. (d.6.xxv) Inadequate housing

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<p>The child's or his or her family's housing is substandard, overcrowded, unsafe or otherwise inadequate which results in it being inappropriate for the child to reside.</p> <p>#133. (d.6.xxvi). Voluntary relinquishment for adoption</p>
<p>The child's parent has voluntarily relinquished the child by assigning the physical and legal custody of the child to the title IV-E agency, in writing, for the purpose of having the child adopted.</p> <p>#134. (d.6.xxvii) Child requested placement</p>
<p>The child, age 18 or older, has requested placement into foster care.</p> <p>#135. (d.6.xxiii) Sex trafficking</p>
<p>The child is a victim of sex trafficking at the time of removal.</p> <p>136. (d.6.xxix) Parental immigration detainment or deportation</p>
<p>The parent is or was detained or deported by immigration officials.</p> <p>#137. (d.6.xxx) Family conflict related to child's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression</p>
<p>There is family conflict related to the child's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. This includes the child's expressed identity or perceived status as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, or gender non-conforming. This also includes any conflict related to the ways in which a child manifests masculinity or femininity.</p> <p>#138. (d.6.xxxi) Educational Neglect</p>
<p>Alleged or substantiated failure of a parent or caregiver to enroll a child of mandatory school age in school or provide appropriate home schooling or needed special educational training, thus allowing the child or youth to engage in chronic truancy.</p> <p>139. (d.6.xxxii) Public agency title IV-E agreement</p>
<p>The child is in the placement and care responsibility of another public agency that has an agreement with the title IV-E agency pursuant to section 472(a)(2)(B) of the Act and on whose behalf title IV-E foster care maintenance payments are made</p> <p>140 (d.6.xxxiii) Tribal title IV-E agreement</p>
<p>The child is in the placement and care responsibility of an Indian tribe, tribal organization or consortium with which the title IV-E agency has an agreement and on whose behalf title IV-E foster care maintenance payments are made.</p> <p>141. (d.6.xxxiv) Homelessness</p>
<p>The child or his or her family has no regular or adequate place to live. This includes living in a car, or on the street, or staying in a homeless or other temporary shelter.</p> <p>142 (d.7) Victim of sex trafficking prior to entering foster care</p>
<p>Indicate whether the child had been a victim of sex trafficking before the current out-of-home care episode. Indicate "yes" if the child was a victim or "no" if the child had not been a victim.</p>

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<p>143 (d.7.i) Report to Law Enforcement</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency indicated “yes” in paragraph (d)(7), indicate whether the title IV-E agency made a report to law enforcement for entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database. Indicate “yes” if the agency made a report to law enforcement and indicate “no” if the agency did not make a report.</p>
<p>144. (d.7.ii) Date</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency indicated “yes” in paragraph (d)(7)(i), indicate the date that the agency made the report to law enforcement.</p>
<p>145. (d.8) Victim of sex trafficking while in foster care</p> <p>Indicate “yes” if the child was a victim of sex trafficking while in out-of-home care during the current out-of-home care episode. Indicate “no” if the child was not a victim of sex trafficking during the current out-of-home care episode.</p>
<p>#146. (d.8.i) Report to law enforcement</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency indicated “yes” in this paragraph (d)(8), indicate whether the agency made a report to law enforcement for entry into the NCIC database. Indicate “yes” if the title IV-E agency made a report(s) to law enforcement and indicate “no” if the title IV-E agency did not make a report.</p>
<p>#147 (d.8.ii) Date</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency indicated “yes” in paragraph (d)(8)(i), indicate the date(s) the agency made the report(s) to law enforcement.</p>
<p>(e) Living arrangement and provider information</p>
<p>#148. (e.1) Date of living arrangement</p> <p>Indicate the month, day and year representing the first date of placement in each of the child’s living arrangements for each out-of-home care episode. In the case of a child who has run away, whose whereabouts are unknown, or who is already in a living arrangement and remains there when the title IV-E agency receives placement and care responsibility, indicate the date of the VPA or court order providing the title IV-E agency with placement and care responsibility for the child, rather than the date when the child was originally placed in the living arrangement.</p>
<p>#149. (e. 2) Foster family home</p> <p>Indicate whether each of the child’s living arrangements is a foster family home, with a “yes” or “no” as appropriate. If the child has run away or the child’s whereabouts are unknown, indicate “no.” If the title IV-E agency indicates that the child is living in a foster family home, by indicating “yes,” the title IV-E agency must complete the data element Foster family home type in paragraph (e)(3) of this section. If the title IV-E agency indicates “no,” the title IV-E agency must complete the data element Other living arrangement type in paragraph (e)(4).</p>
<p>(e.3) Foster family home type</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency indicated that the child is living in a foster family home in the data element described in paragraph (e)(2), indicate whether each foster family home type listed in the data elements in paragraphs (e)(3)(i) through (e)(3)(vi) of this section applies or does not apply; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank.</p>
<p>#150 (e.3.i.) Licensed home</p>

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<p>The child's living arrangement is licensed or approved by the state or tribal licensing/approval authority.</p> <p>#151. Therapeutic foster family</p>
<p>The home provides specialized care and services.</p> <p>152. Shelter care foster family home</p>
<p>The home is so designated by the state or tribal licensing/approval authority, and is designed to provide short-term or transitional care.</p> <p>#153. Relative foster family</p>
<p>The foster parent(s) is related to the child by biological, legal or marital connection and the relative foster parent(s) lives in the home as his or her primary residence.</p> <p>#154. Pre-adopt home</p>
<p>The home is one in which the family and the title IV-E agency have agreed on a plan to adopt the child.</p> <p>#155. Kin foster family home</p>
<p>The home is one in which there is a kin relationship as defined by the title IV-E agency, such as one where there is a psychological, cultural or emotional relationship between the child or the child's family and the foster parent(s) and there is not a legal, biological, or marital connection between the child and foster parent.</p> <p>#156. (e.4) Other living arrangement type</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency indicated that the child's living arrangement is other than a foster family home in the data element Foster family home in paragraph (e)(2) of this section, indicate the type of setting; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank. Indicate "group home-family operated" if the child is in a group home that provides 24-hour care in a private family home where the family members are the primary caregivers. Indicate "group home-staff operated" if the child is in a group home that provides 24-hour care for children where the care-giving is provided by shift or rotating staff. Indicate "group home-shelter care" if the child is in a group home that provides 24-hour care which is short-term or transitional in nature, and is designated by the state or tribal licensing/approval authority to provide shelter care. Indicate "residential treatment center" if the child is in a facility that has the purpose of treating children with mental health or behavioral conditions. Indicate "child care institution" if the child is in a private child care institution, or a public child care institution which accommodates no more than 25 children, and is licensed by the state or tribal authority responsible for licensing or approving child care institutions. This does not include detention facilities, forestry camps, training schools or any other facility operated primarily for the detention of children who are determined to be delinquent. Indicate "child care institution-shelter care" if the child is in a child care institution as defined above and the institution is designated to provide shelter care by the state or tribal authority responsible for licensing or approving child care institutions and is short-term or transitional in nature. Indicate "supervised independent living" if the child is living independently in a supervised setting. Indicate "juvenile justice facility" if the child is in a secure facility or institution where alleged or adjudicated juvenile delinquents are housed. Indicate "medical or rehabilitative facility" if the child is in a facility where an individual receives medical or physical health care, such as a hospital. Indicate "psychiatric hospital" if the child is in a facility that provides emotional or psychological health care and is licensed or accredited as a hospital. Indicate "runaway" if the child has left, without authorization, the home or facility where the child was placed. Indicate "whereabouts unknown" if the child is not in the physical custody of the title IV-E agency or person or institution with whom the child has been placed, the child's whereabouts are unknown and the title IV-E agency does not consider the child to have run away. Indicate "placed at home" if the child is home with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in preparation for the title IV-E agency to return the child home permanently.</p>
<p>#157. (e.5) Private agency living arrangement.</p>

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<p>Indicate the type of contractual relationship with a private agency for each of the child's living arrangements reported in paragraph (e)(1) of this section. Indicate "private agency involvement" if the child is placed in a living arrangement that is either licensed, managed, or run by a private agency that is under contract with the title IV-E agency. Indicate "no private agency involvement" if the child's living arrangement is not licensed, managed or run by a private agency.</p>
<p>#158. (e. 6) Location of living arrangement</p> <p>Indicate whether each of the child's living arrangements reported in paragraph (e)(1) of this section is located within or outside of the reporting state or tribal service area or is outside of the country. Indicate "out-of-state or out-of-tribal service area" if the child's living arrangement is located outside of the reporting state or tribal service area but inside the United States. Indicate "in-state or in-tribal service area" if the child's living arrangement is located within the reporting state or tribal service area. Indicate "out-of-country" if the child's living arrangement is outside of the United States. Indicate "runaway or whereabouts unknown" if the child has run away from his or her living arrangement or the child's whereabouts are unknown. If the title IV-E agency indicates either "out-of-state or out-of-tribal service area" or "out-of-country" for the child's living arrangement, the title IV-E agency must complete the data element in paragraph (e)(7) of this section; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave paragraph (e)(7) blank.</p>
<p>159. (e. 7) Jurisdiction or country where child is living</p> <p>Indicate the state, tribal service area, Indian reservation, or country where the reporting title IV-E agency placed the child for each living arrangement, if the title IV-E agency indicated either "out-of-state" or "out-of-tribal service area" or "out-of-country" in paragraph (e)(6) of this section; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave paragraph (e)(7) blank. The title IV-E agency must report the information in a format according to ACF's specifications.</p>
<p>(e.8) Available ICWA foster care and pre-adoptive placement preferences</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated "yes" to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated "yes, ICWA applies" to paragraph (b)(5), indicate which foster care or pre-adoptive placements that meet the placement preferences of ICWA in 25 U.S.C. 1915(b) were willing to accept placement for each of the child's living arrangements reported in paragraph (e)(1) of this section. Indicate in each paragraph (i)(8)(i) through (e)(8)(v) of this section "yes" or "no."</p>
<p>160. (e.8.i)</p> <p>A member of the Indian child's extended family</p>
<p>161. (e.8.ii)</p> <p>A foster home licensed, approved, or specified by the Indian child's tribe</p>
<p>162. (e.8.iii)</p> <p>An Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority</p>
<p>163. (e.8.iv)</p> <p>An institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet the Indian child's needs.</p>
<p>164. (e.8.v)</p>

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<p>A placement that complies with the order of preference for foster care or pre-adoptive placements established by an Indian child's tribe, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1915(c).</p>
<p>165. (e.9) Foster care and pre-adoptive placement preferences under ICWA</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated "yes" to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated "yes, ICWA applies" to paragraph (b)(5), for each of the Indian child's foster care or pre-adoptive placement(s) reported in paragraph (e)(1) of this section, indicate whether the placement meets the placement preferences of ICWA in 25 U.S.C. 1915(b) by indicating with whom the Indian child is placed. Indicate "a member of the Indian child's extended family," "a foster home licensed, approved, or specified by the Indian child's tribe," "an Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority," "an institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet the Indian child's needs," "a placement that complies with the order of preference for foster care or pre-adoptive placements established by an Indian child's tribe, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1915(c)" or "placement does not meet ICWA placement preferences." If the state IV-E agency indicated "placement does not meet ICWA placement preferences," then the state IV-E agency must complete paragraph (e)(10). Otherwise, the state title IV-E agency must leave paragraph (e)(10) blank.</p>
<p>166. (e.10) Good cause under ICWA</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated "placement does not meet ICWA placement preferences" in paragraph (e)(9), indicate whether the court determined by clear and convincing evidence, on the record or in writing, a good cause to depart from the ICWA placement preferences in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1915(b) or to depart from the placement preferences of the Indian child's tribe in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1915(c). Indicate "yes" or "no." If the state title IV-E agency indicated "yes," then the state title IV-E agency must indicate the basis for good cause in paragraph (e)(11) of this section. If the state title IV-E agency indicated "no," then the state title IV-E agency must leave paragraph (e)(11) blank.</p>
<p>(e.11) Basis for good cause</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated "yes" to paragraph (e)(10), indicate the state court's basis for determining good cause to depart from ICWA placement preferences by indicating "yes" or "no" in each paragraph (e)(11)(i) through (e)(11)(v) of this section.</p>
<p>167. (e.11.i)</p>
<p>Request of one or both of the Indian child's parents.</p>
<p>168. (e.11.ii)</p>
<p>Request of the Indian child.</p>
<p>169. (e.11.iii)</p>
<p>The unavailability of a suitable placement after a determination by the court that a diligent search was conducted to find suitable placements meeting the placement preferences in ICWA at 25 U.S.C. 1915 but none has been located.</p>
<p>170. (e.11.iv)</p>
<p>The extraordinary physical, mental or emotional needs of the Indian child, such as specialized treatment services that may be unavailable in the community where families who meet the placement preferences live.</p>
<p>171. (e.11.v)</p>

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<p>The presence of a sibling attachment that can be maintained only through a particular placement.</p>
<p>#172 (e.12) Marital status of the foster parent(s)</p> <p>Indicate the marital status of the child's foster parent(s) for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section. Indicate "married couple" if the foster parents are considered united in matrimony according to applicable laws. Include common law marriage, where provided by applicable laws. Indicate "unmarried couple" if the foster parents are living together as a couple, but are not united in matrimony according to applicable laws. Indicate "separated" if the foster parent is legally separated or is living apart from his or her spouse. Indicate "single adult" if the foster parent is not married and is not living with another individual as part of a couple. If the response is either "married couple" or "unmarried couple," the title IV-E agency must complete the data elements for the second foster parent in paragraphs (e)(20) through (e)(25) of this section; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave those data elements blank.</p>
<p>#173. (e.13) Child's relationships to the foster parent(s)</p> <p>Indicate the type of relationship between the child and his or her foster parent(s), for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section. Indicate "paternal grandparent(s)" if the foster parent(s) is the child's paternal grandparent (by biological, legal or marital connection). Indicate "maternal grandparent(s)" if the foster parent(s) is the child's maternal grandparent (by biological, legal or marital connection). Indicate "other paternal relative(s)" if the foster parent(s) is the child's paternal relative (by biological, legal or marital connection) other than a grandparent, such as an aunt, uncle or cousin. Indicate "other maternal relative(s)" if the foster parent(s) is the child's maternal relative (by biological, legal or marital connection) other than a grandparent, such as an aunt, uncle or cousin. Indicate "sibling(s)" if the foster parent(s) is a brother or sister of the child, either biologically, legally or by marriage. Indicate "non-relative(s)" if the foster parent(s) is not related to the child (by biological, legal or marital connection). Indicate "kin" if the foster parent(s) has kin relationship to the child as defined by the title IV-E agency, such as one where there is a psychological, cultural or emotional relationship between the child or the child's family and the foster parent(s) and there is not a legal, biological, or marital connection between the child and foster parent.</p>
<p>#174. (e.14) Year of birth for first foster parent</p> <p>Indicate the year of birth for the first foster parent for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section.</p>
<p>175. (e.15) First foster parent tribal membership</p> <p>Indicate whether the first foster parent is a member of an Indian tribe. Indicate "yes," "no," or "unknown."</p>
<p>(e.16) Race of first foster parent</p> <p>Indicate the race of the first foster parent for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section. In general, an individual's race is determined by the individual. Indicate whether each race category listed in the data elements described in paragraphs (e)(16)(i) through (e)(16)(vii) of this section applies with a "yes" or "no."</p>
<p>#176. (e.16.i.) Race-American Indian or Alaskan Native</p> <p>An American Indian or Alaska Native individual has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America) and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.</p>
<p>#177. (e.16.ii) Race-Asian</p>

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<p>An Asian individual has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.</p>
<p>#178. (e.16.iii) Race—Black or African American</p>
<p>A Black or African American individual has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.</p>
<p>#179. (e.16.iv) Race—Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p>
<p>A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.</p>
<p>#180. (e.16.v) Race—White</p>
<p>A White individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</p>
<p>#181. (e.16.vi) Race—unknown</p>
<p>The foster parent does not know his or her race, or at least one race.</p>
<p>#182. (e.16.vii) Race—declined</p>
<p>The first foster parent has declined to identify a race.</p>
<p>#183. (e.17) Hispanic or Latino origin of first foster parent</p>
<p>Indicate the Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of the first foster parent for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section. In general, an individual's ethnicity is determined by the individual. An individual is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the individual is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Indicate whether this category applies with a "yes" or "no." If the first foster parent does not know his or her ethnicity indicate "unknown." If the individual refuses to identify his or her ethnicity, indicate "declined."</p>
<p>184. (e18) Gender of first foster parent</p>
<p>Indicate whether the first foster parent self identifies as "female" or "male."</p>
<p>185. (e.19) First foster parent sexual orientation</p>
<p>Indicate whether the first foster parent self identifies as "straight or heterosexual," "gay or lesbian," "bisexual," "don't know," "something else," or "declined" if the first foster parent declined to identify his/her status.</p>
<p>#186. (e.20) Year of birth for second foster parent.</p>
<p>Indicate the birth year of the second foster parent for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, if applicable. The title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank if there is no second foster parent according to paragraph (e)(12) of this section.</p>
<p>187 (e21) Second foster parent tribal membership</p>

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<p>Indicate whether the second foster parent is a member of an Indian tribe. Indicate “yes,” “no,” or “unknown.”</p>
<p>(22) Race of second foster parent</p> <p>Indicate the race of the second foster parent for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, if applicable. In general, an individual's race is determined by the individual. Indicate whether each race category listed in the data elements described in paragraphs (e)(22)(i) through (e)(22)(vii) of this section applies with a “yes” or “no.” The title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank if there is no second foster parent according to paragraph (e)(12) of this section.</p>
<p>#188. (e.16.i.) Race-American Indian or Alaskan Native</p> <p>An American Indian or Alaska Native individual has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America) and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.</p>
<p>#189. (e.16.ii) Race-Asian</p> <p>An Asian individual has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.</p>
<p>#190. (e.16.iii) Race—Black or African American</p> <p>A Black or African American individual has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.</p>
<p>#191. (e.16.iv) Race—Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p> <p>A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.</p>
<p>#192. (e.16.v) Race—White</p> <p>A White individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</p>
<p>#193. (e.16.vi) Race—unknown</p> <p>The foster parent does not know his or her race, or at least one race.</p>
<p>#194. (e.16.vii) Race—declined</p> <p>The first foster parent has declined to identify a race.</p>
<p>#195. (e.23) Hispanic origin of the second foster parent</p> <p>Indicate the Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of the second foster parent for each foster family home living arrangement in which the child is placed, as indicated in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, if applicable. In general, an individual's ethnicity is determined by the individual. An individual is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the individual is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Indicate whether this category applies with a “yes” or “no.” If the second foster parent does not know his or her ethnicity, indicate “unknown.” If the individual refuses to identify his or her ethnicity, indicate “declined.” The title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank if there is no second foster parent according to paragraph (e)(12) of this section.</p>

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<p>#196 (e.24) Gender of second foster parent</p> <p>Indicate whether the second foster parent self identifies as “female” or “male.”</p>
<p>197. (e.25) Second foster parent sexual orientation</p> <p>Indicate whether the second foster parent self identifies as “straight or heterosexual,” “gay or lesbian,” “bisexual,” “don’t know,” “something else,” or “declined” if the second foster parent declined to identify his/her status.</p>
<p>(f.) Permanency planning</p> <p>198. (f.1) Permanency plan.</p> <p>Indicate each permanency plan established for the child. Indicate “reunify with parent(s) or legal guardian(s)” if the plan is to keep the child in out-of-home care for a limited time and the title IV-E agency is to work with the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to establish a stable family environment. Indicate “live with other relatives” if the plan is for the child to live permanently with a relative(s) (by biological, legal or marital connection) who is not the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Indicate “adoption” if the plan is to facilitate the child's adoption by relatives, foster parents, kin or other unrelated individuals. Indicate “guardianship” if the plan is to establish a new legal guardianship. Indicate “planned permanent living arrangement” if the plan is for the child to remain in foster care until the title IV-E agency's placement and care responsibility ends. The title IV-E agency must only select “planned permanent living arrangement” consistent with the requirements in section 475(5)(C)(i) of the Act. Indicate “permanency plan not established” if a permanency plan has not yet been established.</p>
<p>199. (f.2) Date of permanency plan</p> <p>Indicate the month, day and year that each permanency plan(s) was established during each out-of-home care episode.</p>
<p>200. (f.3) Date of periodic review</p> <p>Enter the month, day and year of each periodic review, either by a court or by administrative review (as defined in section 475(6) of the Act) that meets the requirements of section 475(5)(B) of the Act.</p>
<p>201. (f.4) Date of permanency hearing</p> <p>Enter the month, day and year of each permanency hearing held by a court or an administrative body appointed or approved by the court that meets the requirements of section 475(5)(C) of the Act.</p>
<p>202. (f.5) Juvenile justice</p> <p>Indicate whether the child was found to be a status offender or adjudicated delinquent by a juvenile judge or court at any time during the report period. A status offense is specific to juveniles, such as running away, truancy or underage alcohol violations. Indicate “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>203. (f.6) Caseworker visit dates</p>

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<p>Enter each date in which a caseworker had an in-person, face-to-face visit with the child consistent with section 422(b)(17) of the Act. Indicate the month, day and year of each visit.</p>
<p>204. (f.7) Caseworker visit location</p> <p>Indicate the location of each in-person, face-to-face visit between the caseworker and the child. Indicate “child’s residence” if the visit occurred at the location where the child is currently residing, such as the current foster care provider’s home, child care institution or facility. Indicate “other location” if the visit occurred at any location other than where the child currently resides, such as the child’s school, a court, a child welfare office or in the larger community.</p>
<p>205. (f.8) Transition plan</p> <p>Indicate whether a child has a transition plan that meets the requirements of section 475(5)(H) of the Act, including plans developed before the 90-day period. Indicate “yes,” “no” or “not applicable.”</p>
<p>206. (f.9) Date of transition plan</p> <p>Indicate the month, day and year of the child’s transition plan, if the title IV-E agency indicated in paragraph (f)(8) that the child has a transition plan that meets the requirements of section 475(5)(H) of the Act; otherwise leave this paragraph blank.</p>
<p>(10) Active Efforts.</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), indicate whether the active efforts in each paragraph (f)(10)(i) through (f)(10)(xiii) “applies” or “does not apply.” The state title IV-E agency must indicate all of the active efforts that apply once the child enters the AFCARS out-of-home care reporting population per section 1355.42(a) through the child’s exit per paragraph (g)(1) of this section and the active efforts made prior to the child entering the out-of-home care reporting population.</p>
<p>207. (f.10.i)</p> <p>Assist the parent(s) or Indian custodian through the steps of a case plan and with developing the resources necessary to satisfy the case plan</p>
<p>208. (f.10.ii)</p> <p>Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the circumstances of the Indian child’s family, with a focus on safe reunification as the most desirable goal</p>
<p>209. (f.10.iii)</p> <p>Identify appropriate services and to help the parent overcome barriers, including actively assisting the parents in obtaining such services</p>
<p>210. (f.10.iv)</p> <p>Identify, notify and invite representatives of the Indian child’s tribe to participate in providing support and services to the Indian child’s family and in family team meetings, permanency planning and resolution of placement issues</p>
<p>211. (f.10.v)</p>

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<p>Conduct or cause to be conducted a diligent search for the Indian child's expended family members, and contacting and consulting with extended family members to provide family structure and support for the Indian child and the Indian child's parents</p> <p>212. (f.10.vi)</p>
<p>Offer and employ all available and culturally appropriate family preservation strategies and facilitate the use of remedial and rehabilitative services provide by the child's tribe</p> <p>213. (f.10.vii)</p>
<p>Take steps to keep siblings together whenever possible</p> <p>214. (f.10.viii)</p>
<p>Support regular visits with parents or Indian custodians in the most natural setting possible as well as trial home visits of the Indian child during any period of removal, consistent with the need to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the child</p> <p>215. (f.10.ix)</p>
<p>Identify community resources including housing, financial, transportation, mental health, substance abuse and peer support services and actively assisting the Indian child's parents or when appropriate, the child's family in utilizing and accessing those resources</p> <p>216. (f.10.x)</p>
<p>Monitor progress and participation in services</p> <p>217. (f.10.xi)</p>
<p>Consider alternative ways to address the needs of the Indian child's parents and, where appropriate, the family, if the optimum services do not exist or are not available</p> <p>218. (f.10.xii)</p>
<p>Provide post-reunification services and monitoring</p> <p>219 (f.10.xiii)</p>
<p>Other active efforts tailored to the facts and circumstances of the case</p>
<p>(g) General exit information - Provide exit information for each out-of-home care episode. An exit occurs when the title IV-E agency's placement and care responsibility of the child ends.</p>
<p>220. (g.1) Date of exit</p> <p>Indicate the month, day and year for each of the child's exits from out-of-home care. An exit occurs when the title IV-E agency's placement and care responsibility of the child ends. If the child has not exited out-of-home care the title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank. If this data element is applicable, the data elements in paragraphs (g)(2) and (g)(3) of this section must have a response.</p>
<p>221. (g.2) Exit transaction date</p>

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A non-modifiable, computer-generated date which accurately indicates the month, day and year each response to paragraph (g)(1) of this section was entered into the information system.

222. (g.3) Exit reason

Indicate the reason for each of the child's exits from out-of-home care. Indicate "not applicable" if the child has not exited out-of-home care. Indicate "reunify with parent(s)/legal guardian(s)" if the child was returned to his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the title IV-E agency no longer has placement and care responsibility. Indicate "live with other relatives" if the child exited to live with a relative (related by a biological, legal or marital connection) other than his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Indicate "adoption" if the child was legally adopted. Indicate "emancipation" if the child exited care due to age. Indicate "guardianship" if the child exited due to a legal guardianship of the child. Indicate "runaway or whereabouts unknown" if the child ran away or the child's whereabouts were unknown at the time that the title IV-E agency's placement and care responsibility ends. Indicate "death of child" if the child died while in out-of-home care. Indicate "transfer to another agency" if placement and care responsibility for the child was transferred to another agency, either within or outside of the reporting state or tribal service area.

223. (g.4) Transfer to another agency

If the title IV-E agency indicated the child was transferred to another agency in the data element Exit reason described in paragraph (g)(3) of this section, indicate the type of agency that received placement and care responsibility for the child from the following options: "State title IV-E agency," "Tribal title IV-E agency," "Indian tribe or tribal agency (non-IV-E)," "juvenile justice agency," "mental health agency," "other public agency" or "private agency."

(h) Exit to adoption and guardianship information

Report information in paragraph (h) only if the title IV-E agency indicated the child exited to adoption or legal guardianship in the data element Exit reason described in paragraph (g)(3) of this section. Otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave the data elements in paragraph (h) blank.

224. (h.1) Marital status of the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s)

Indicate the marital status of the adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Indicate "married couple" if the adoptive parents or legal guardians are considered united in matrimony according to applicable laws. Include common law marriage, where provided by applicable laws. Indicate "married but individually adopting or obtaining legal guardianship" if the adoptive parents or legal guardians are considered united in matrimony according to applicable laws, but are individually adopting or obtaining legal guardianship. Indicate "separated" if the foster parent is legally separated or is living apart from his or her spouse. Indicate "unmarried couple" if the adoptive parents or guardians are living together as a couple, but are not united in matrimony according to applicable laws. Use this response option even if only one person of the unmarried couple is the adoptive parent or legal guardian of the child. Indicate "single adult" if the adoptive parent or legal guardian is not married and is not living with another individual as part of a couple. If the response is "married couple" or "unmarried couple," the title IV-E agency also must complete the data elements for the second adoptive parent or second legal guardian in paragraphs (h)(9) through (14) of this section; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave these data elements blank.

(h.2) Child's relationship to the adoptive parent(s) or guardian(s)

Indicate the type of relationship, kinship or otherwise, between the child and his or her adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Indicate whether each relationship listed in the data elements described in paragraphs (h)(2)(i) through (h)(2)(viii) of this section "applies" or "does not apply."

225. (h.2i) Paternal grandparent(s)

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<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is the child's paternal grandparent(s), by biological, legal or marital connection.</p> <p>226. (h.2.ii) Maternal grandparent(s)</p>
<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is the child's maternal grandparent(s), by biological, legal or marital connection.</p> <p>227. (h.2.iii) Other paternal relative(s)</p>
<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is the child's paternal relative (by biological, legal or marital connection) other than a grandparent, such as an aunt, uncle or cousin.</p> <p>228. (h.2.iv) Other maternal relative(s)</p>
<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is the child's maternal relative (by biological, legal or marital connection) other than a grandparent, such as an aunt, uncle or cousin.</p> <p>229. (h.v) Sibling(s)</p>
<p>The adoptive parent or legal guardian is a brother or sister of the child, either biologically, legally or by marriage.</p> <p>230. (h.2.vi) Kin</p>
<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has a kin relationship with the child, as defined by the title IV-E agency, such as one where there is a psychological, cultural or emotional relationship between the child or the child's family and the adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and there is not a legal, biological, or marital connection between the child and foster parent.</p> <p>231. (h.2.vii) Non-relative(s)</p>
<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is not related to the child by biological, legal or marital connection.</p> <p>232. (h.2.viii) Foster parent(s)</p>
<p>The adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) was the child's foster parent(s).</p> <p>233. (h.3) Date of birth of first adoptive parent or guardian Indicate the month, day and year of the birth of the first adoptive parent or legal guardian.</p>
<p>234. (h.4) First adoptive parent or guardian tribal membership</p> <p>Indicate whether the first adoptive parent or guardian is a member of an Indian tribe. Indicate "yes," "no" or "unknown."</p>
<p>(h.5) Race of first adoptive parent or guardian.</p> <p>In general, an individual's race is determined by the individual. Indicate whether each race category listed in the data elements described in paragraphs (h)(5)(i) through (h)(5)(vii) of this section applies with a "yes" or "no."</p>
<p>235. (h.5.i) Race—American Indian or Alaska Native</p>

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<p>An American Indian or Alaska Native individual has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.</p> <p>236. (h.5.ii) Race—Asian</p>
<p>An Asian individual has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.</p> <p>237. (h.5.iii) Race—Black or African American</p>
<p>A Black or African American individual has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.</p> <p>238. (h.5.iv) Race—Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p>
<p>A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.</p> <p>239. (h.5.v) Race—White</p>
<p>A White individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</p> <p>240. (h.5.vi) Race—Unknown</p>
<p>The first adoptive parent or legal guardian does not know his or her race, or at least one race.</p> <p>241. (h.5.vii) Race—Declined</p>
<p>The first adoptive parent, or legal guardian has declined to identify a race.</p> <p>242. (h.6) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of first adoptive parent or guardian</p>
<p>In general, an individual's ethnicity is determined by the individual. An individual is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the individual is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Indicate whether this category applies with a “yes” or “no.” If the first adoptive parent or legal guardian does not know his or her ethnicity, indicate “unknown.” If the individual refuses to identify his or her ethnicity, indicate “declined.”</p> <p>243. (h.7) Gender of first adoptive parent or guardian</p>
<p>Indicate whether the first adoptive parent self identifies as “female” or “male.”</p> <p>244. (h.8) First adoptive parent or legal guardian sexual orientation</p>
<p>Indicate whether the first adoptive parent or legal guardian self identifies as “straight or heterosexual,” “gay or lesbian,” “bisexual,” “don’t know,” “something else,” or “declined” if the first adoptive parent or legal guardian declined to identify his/her status.</p> <p>245. (h.9) Date of birth of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple</p>
<p>Indicate the month, day and year of the date of birth of the second adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other member of the couple. The title IV-E agency must leave this data</p>

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<p>element blank if there is no second adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other member of the couple according to paragraph (h)(1) of this section.</p>
<p>246. (h.10) Second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple tribal membership</p> <p>Indicate whether the second adoptive parent or guardian is a member of an Indian tribe. Indicate “yes,” “no” or “unknown.”</p>
<p>(h.11) Race of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple</p> <p>In general, an individual's race is determined by the individual. Indicate whether each race category listed in the data elements described in paragraphs (h)(11)(i) through (h)(11)(vii) of this section applies with a “yes” or “no.” The title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank if there is no second adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other member of the couple according to paragraph (h)(1) of this section.</p>
<p>247. (h.11.i) Race—American Indian or Alaska Native</p> <p>An American Indian or Alaska Native individual has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.</p>
<p>248. (h.11.ii) Race—Asian</p> <p>An Asian individual has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.</p>
<p>249. (h.11.iii) Race—Black or African American</p> <p>A Black or African American individual has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.</p>
<p>250. (h.11.iv) Race—Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p> <p>A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.</p>
<p>251. (h.11.v) Race—White</p> <p>A White individual has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</p>
<p>252. (h.11.vi) Race—Unknown</p> <p>The first adoptive parent or legal guardian does not know his or her race, or at least one race.</p>
<p>253. (h.11.vii) Race—Declined</p> <p>The first adoptive parent, or legal guardian has declined to identify a race.</p>
<p>254. (h.12) Hispanic or Latino ethnicity of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple</p> <p>In general, an individual's ethnicity is determined by the individual. An individual is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the individual is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Indicate whether this category applies with a “yes” or “no.” If the second adoptive parent, legal</p>

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guardian, or other member of the couple does not know his or her ethnicity, indicate “unknown.” If the individual refuses to identify his or her ethnicity, indicate “declined.” The title IV-E agency must leave this data element blank if there is no second adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other member of the couple according to paragraph (h)(1) of this section.

255. (h.13) Gender of second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple

Indicate whether the second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple self identifies as “female” or “male.”

256. (h.14) Second adoptive parent, guardian, or other member of the couple sexual orientation

Indicate whether the second adoptive parent or legal guardian self identifies as “straight or heterosexual,” “gay or lesbian,” “bisexual,” “don’t know,” “something else,” or “declined” if the second adoptive parent or legal guardian declined to identify his/her status.

257. (h.15) Inter/Intra-jurisdictional adoption or guardianship

Indicate whether the child was placed within the state or tribal service area, outside of the state or tribal service area or into another country for adoption or legal guardianship. Indicate “interjurisdictional adoption or guardianship” if the reporting title IV-E agency placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship outside of the state or tribal service area but within the United States. Indicate “intercountry adoption or guardianship” if the reporting title IV-E agency placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship outside of the United States. Indicate “intra-jurisdictional adoption or guardianship” if the reporting title IV-E agency placed the child within the same state or tribal service area as the one with placing responsibility. If the title IV-E agency indicates either “interjurisdictional adoption or guardianship” or “intercountry adoption or guardianship” apply for the child's adoption or legal guardianship, the title IV-E agency must complete the data element in paragraph (h)(16) of this section; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave it blank.

258. (h16) Interjurisdictional adoption or guardianship jurisdiction

Indicate the state, tribal service area, Indian reservation or country where the reporting title IV-E agency placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship, in a format according to ACF’s specifications. The title IV-E agency must complete this data element only if the title IV-E agency indicated either “interjurisdictional adoption or guardianship” or “intercountry adoption or guardianship” in paragraph (h)(15) of this section; otherwise the title IV-E agency must leave it blank.

259. (h17) Adoption or guardianship placing agency

Indicate the agency that placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship. Indicate “title IV-E agency” if the reporting title IV-E agency placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship. Indicate “private agency under agreement” if a private agency placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship through an agreement with the reporting title IV-E agency. Indicate “Indian tribe under contract/agreement” if an Indian tribe, tribal organization or consortia placed the child for adoption or legal guardianship through a contract or an agreement with the reporting title IV-E agency.

260. (h18) Assistance agreement type

Indicate the type of assistance agreement between the title IV-E agency and the adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s): “Title IV-E adoption assistance agreement;” “State/tribal adoption assistance agreement;” “Adoption-Title IV-E agreement non-recurring expenses only;” “Adoption-Title IV-E agreement Medicaid only;” “Title IV-E guardianship assistance agreement;” “State/tribal guardianship assistance agreement;” or “no agreement” if there is no assistance agreement.

261. (h19) Siblings in adoptive or guardianship home

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<p>Indicate the number of siblings of the child who are in the same adoptive or guardianship home as the child. A sibling to the child is his or her brother or sister by biological, legal, or marital connection. Do not include the child who is subject of this record in the total number. If the child does not have any siblings, the title IV-E agency must indicate “not applicable.” If the child has siblings, but they are not in the same adoptive or guardianship home as the child, the title IV-E agency must indicate “0.”</p>
<p>(h.20) Available ICWA Adoptive placements</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), indicate which adoptive placements that meet the placement preferences in ICWA at 25 U.S.C. 1915(a) were willing to accept placement. Indicate in each paragraph (h)(20)(i) through (h)(20)(iv) of this section “yes” or “no.”</p>
<p>262. (h.20.i)</p>
<p>A member of the Indian child’s extended family.</p>
<p>263. (h.20.ii)</p>
<p>Other members of the Indian child’s tribe.</p>
<p>264. (h.20.iii)</p>
<p>Other Indian families.</p>
<p>265. (h.20.iv)</p>
<p>A placement that complies with the order of preference for foster care or pre-adoptive placements established by an Indian child’s tribe, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1915(c).</p>
<p>266. (h.21) Adoption placement preferences under ICWA</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” to paragraph (b)(4) or indicated “yes, ICWA applies” to paragraph (b)(5), indicate whether the adoptive placement meets the adoptive placement preferences of ICWA in 25 U.S.C. 1915(a) by indicating with whom the Indian child is placed. Indicate “a member of the Indian child’s extended family,” “other members of the Indian child’s tribe,” “other Indian families,” “a placement that complies with the order of preference for adoptive placements established by an Indian child’s tribe, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1915(c),” or “placement does not meet ICWA placement preferences.” If the state IV-E agency indicated “placement does not meet ICWA placement preferences,” then the state IV-E agency must complete paragraph (h)(22). Otherwise, leave blank.</p>
<p>267. (h.22) Good cause under ICWA</p> <p>For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “placement does not meet ICWA placement preferences” in paragraph (h)(21), indicate whether the court determined by clear and convincing evidence, on the record or in writing, a good cause to depart from the ICWA placement preferences under 25 U.S.C. 1915(a) or to depart from the placement preferences of the Indian child’s tribe under 25 U.S.C. 1915(c). Indicate “yes” or “no.” If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes,” then the state title IV-E agency must indicate the basis for good cause in paragraph (h)(23) of this section. If the state title IV-E agency indicated “no,” then the state title IV-E agency must leave paragraph (h)(23) blank.</p>
<p>(h.23) Basis for good cause</p>

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For state title IV-E agencies only: If the state title IV-E agency indicated “yes” in paragraph (h)(22), indicate the state court’s basis for determining good cause to depart from ICWA adoptive placement preferences by indicating “yes” or “no” in each paragraph (h)(23)(i) through (h)(23)(v) of this section.

268. (h.23.i)

Request of one or both of the child’s parents.

269. (h.23.ii)

Request of the Indian child.

270. (h.23.iii)

The unavailability of a suitable placement after a determination by the court that a diligent search was conducted to find suitable placements meeting the placement preferences in ICWA at 25 U.S.C. 1915 but none has been located.

271. (h.23.iv)

The extraordinary physical, mental, or emotional needs of the Indian child, such as specialized treatment services that may be unavailable in the community where families who meet the placement preferences live.

272. (h.23.v)

The presence of a sibling attachment that can be maintained only through a particular placement.

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1355.45(a) General Information *
(a.1) Title IV-E agency Indicate the title IV-E agency responsible for submitting the AFCARS data to ACF per requirements issued by ACF.
(a.2) Report date The report date corresponds to the end of the current report period. Indicate the last month and the year of the report period.
(a.3) Child record number The child record number is the encrypted, unique person identification number. The record number must be encrypted in accordance with ACF standards. Indicate the record number for the child.
(b) Child Demographics *
(b.1) Child's date of birth Indicate the month, day and year of the child's birth.
(b.2) Child's gender Indicate whether the child is "male" or "female," as appropriate.
(b.3) Child's race
(b.3.i) Race—American Indian or Alaska Native An American Indian or Alaska Native child has origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and maintains Tribal affiliation or community attachment.
(b.3.ii) Race—Asian An Asian child has origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.
(b.3.iii) Race—Black or African America A Black or African American child has origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
(b.3.iv) Race—Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander A Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander child has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.
(b.3.v) Race—White

¹ Items or categories marked with an asterisk (*) are items are duplicative of items in the out-of-home file for children who exit out-of-home care.

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<p>A White child has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</p>
<p>(b.3.vi)Race--Unknown</p> <p>The child or parent or legal guardian does not know the race, or at least one race of the child.</p>
<p>(b.3.vii)Race—Abandoned</p> <p>The child’s race is unknown because the child has been abandoned. Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) identity is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a “safe haven.”</p>
<p>(b.3.viii)Race—Declined</p> <p>The child or parent or legal guardian has declined to identify a race.</p>
<p>(b.4)Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity</p> <p>In general, a child’s ethnicity is determined by the child or the child’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s). A child is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity if the child is a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Indicate whether this category applies with a “yes” or “no.” If the child or the child’s parent or legal guardian does not know or cannot communicate whether the child is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, indicate “unknown.” If the child was abandoned indicate “abandoned.” Abandoned means that the child was left alone or with others and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) identity is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This includes a child left at a “safe haven.” If the child or the child’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) refuses to identify the child’s ethnicity, indicate “declined.”</p>
<p>(c) Adoption and guardianship assistance agreement information</p>
<p>(c.1) Adoption and guardianship Assistance agreement type *</p> <p>Indicate whether the child is or was in a finalized adoption with a title IV-E adoption assistance agreement or in a legal guardianship with a title IV-E guardianship assistance agreement, pursuant to sections 473(a) and 473(d) of the Act, in effect during the report period. Indicate “title IV-E adoption assistance agreement” or “title IV-E guardianship assistance agreement,” as appropriate.</p>
<p>(c.2) Adoption and guardianship Subsidy amount</p> <p>Indicate the per diem dollar amount of the financial subsidy paid to the adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) on behalf of the child during the last month of the current report period, if any. The title IV-E agency must indicate “0” if a financial subsidy was not paid during the last month of the report period.</p>
<p>(d) Adoption finalization or guardianship legalization date *</p> <p>Indicate the month, day and year that the child’s adoption was finalized or the guardianship became legalized.</p>
<p>(e) Agreement termination date</p> <p>If the title IV-E agency terminated the adoption assistance or guardianship assistance agreement or the agreement expired during the report period, indicate the month, day and year that the agreement terminated or expired; otherwise leave this data element blank.</p>