

AFCARS Foster Care Data Element Names Only
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(Note: Title IV-E agencies are required to report these data elements in the manner they do currently.)

1. Title IV-E Agency
2. Report period ending date
3. Local agency FIPS code or other ACF assigned code
4. Record number

General Information

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5. Most recent periodic review date
 6. Date of birth
 7. Sex
 8. Race
 9. Hispanic origin
 10. Child diagnosed with disabilities
 11. Mental retardation
 12. Visually or hearing impaired
 13. Physically disabled
 14. Emotionally disturbed
 15. Other diagnosed conditions
 16. Has child ever been adopted
 17. Age of child when adopted

Child's Demographic Information

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18. Date of first removal from home
 19. Total number of removals
 20. Discharge date from last episode
 21. Date of latest removal
 22. Computer-generated date
 23. Placement date in current setting
 24. Number of previous settings in episode

**Removal / Placement
Setting Indicators**

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25. Manner of removal for episode
 26. Physical abuse
 27. Sexual abuse
 28. Neglect
 29. Parent alcohol abuse
 30. Parent drug abuse
 31. Child alcohol abuse
 32. Child drug abuse
 33. Child disability
 34. Child's behavior problem
 35. Death of parent
 36. Incarceration of parent
 37. Caretaker inability to cope
 38. Abandonment
 39. Relinquishment
 40. Inadequate housing
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**Circumstances Associated
with Removal**

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41. Current placement setting	Current Placement Settings
42. Out-of- State/Tribal service area placement	
43. Most recent case plan goal	Most Recent Case Plan Goal
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44. Caretaker family structure	Principal Caretaker Information
45. 1 st principal caretaker birth year	
46. 2 nd principal caretaker birth year	
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47. Date of mother's TPR	Parental Rights Termination
48. Date of father's TPR	
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49. Foster family structure	Foster Parent Data
50. 1 st foster caretaker's year of birth	
51. 2 nd foster caretaker's year of birth	
52. 1 st foster caretaker's race	
53. 1 st foster caretaker's Hispanic origin	
54. 2 nd foster caretaker's race	
55. 2 nd foster caretaker's Hispanic origin	
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56. Date of discharge from foster care	Discharge Data
57. Computer generated date	
58. Reasons for discharge	
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59. Title IV-E (foster care)	Sources of Federal Financial Support / Assistance for Child
60. Title IV-E (adoption assistance)	
61. Title IV-A (AFDC)	
62. Title IV-D (Child Support)	
63. Title XIX (Medicaid)	
64. SSI or other social security	
65. None of the above	
66. Amount of monthly payment	

AFCARS Adoption Data Elements
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1. Title IV-E Agency Code
2. Report period ending date
3. Record number
4. Title IV-E Agency involvement

General Information

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5. Child's date of birth
 6. Sex
 7. Race
 8. Hispanic origin

Child's Demographic Information

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9. Special needs – agency determined
 10. Special needs - primary basis
 11. Mental retardation
 12. Visually/hearing impaired
 13. Physically disabled
 14. Emotionally disturbed
 15. Other diagnosed condition

Special Needs Status

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16. Mother's year of birth
 17. Father's year of birth
 18. Mother married at time of child's birth

Birth Parents

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19. Date of mother's TPR
 20. Date of father's TPR
 21. Date adoption legalized

Court Actions

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22. Adoptive family structure
 23. Mother's year of birth
 24. Father's year of birth
 25. Adoptive mother's race
 26. Hispanic origin - mother
 27. Adoptive father's race
 28. Hispanic origin - father
 29. Relationship - stepparent
 30. Relationship - other relative
 31. Relationship - foster parent
 32. Relationship - other non-relative

Adoptive Parent Data

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33. Child was placed from
 34. Child was placed by

Placement Information

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35. Monthly subsidy
 36. Monthly amount
 37. Title IV-E Adoption assistance

Financial Adoption Support