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Statewide Data Indicators Update

The CB redistributed to states the Supplemental Context Data files (in MS Excel format) that had been sent out alongside the August Statewide Data Profiles. The updated Supplemental Context Data files, sent in October, corrected the 12-month reporting period labels for three of the statewide data indicators: Permanency in 12 months (12–23 months), Permanency in 12 months (24+ months), and Placement Stability. The data were not changed. The data period labels were corrected to identify 16B17A, 17B18A, and 18B19A as the 12-month reporting periods instead of 14B15A, 15B16A, and 16B17A. The next set of CFSR State Data Profiles and Supplemental Context data is scheduled to be transmitted to states in February 2020.

Status of Approved PIPs

At the end of a CFSR onsite review, states determined not to have achieved substantial conformity in all the areas assessed must develop and implement Program Improvement Plans (PIPs) addressing the areas of nonconformity. The Children's Bureau supports the states with technical assistance and monitors implementation of their plans. States must successfully complete their plans to avoid financial penalties for nonconformity.

The Children's Bureau has approved a total of 42 Round 3 PIPs. All 8 of the states participating in the Year 1 (FY 2015) CFSRs, all 16 of the states participating in the Year 2 (FY 2016) CFSRs, 11 of the 14 states participating in the Year 3 (FY 2017) CFSRs, and 7 of the 13 states participating in the Year 4 (FY 2018) CFSRs have approved PIPs. PIPs and other CFSR official documents are searchable on the CB website from https://library.childwelfare.gov/cwig/ws/cwmd/docs/cb_web/SearchForm.

PIP Evaluation During Non-Overlapping Evaluation Periods

PIP evaluation can extend through what is referred to as a “non-overlapping evaluation period” that follows the conclusion of the 2-year PIP implementation period. The additional observation window provides states additional time to achieve unmet PIP measurement goals, recognizing that more time may be needed to realize the results of implemented PIPs. The non-overlapping evaluation period ends after the completion of 2 full AFCARS periods following the end of the 2-year PIP implementation period.

Vermont recently completed its non-overlapping evaluation period. The following 8 states are currently in their non-overlapping evaluation periods: Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and North Carolina.