

Overview of DC Child and Family Services Agency

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) 2016

- ❖ The federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) will be conducted for the DC Child and Family Services Agency in 2016.
- ❖ The CFSR is the Federal government's program for assessing the performance of State child welfare agencies with regard to achieving positive outcomes for children and families.
- ❖ Purpose of CFSR:
 - The overall goals of the CFSR are to:
 - Ensure conformity with title IV-B and IV-E child welfare requirements using a framework focused on safety, permanency and well-being through seven outcomes and seven systemic factors. (see attachment)
 - Determine what is happening to children and families as they are engaged in child welfare services.
 - Assist states in helping children and families achieve positive outcomes.
 - The CFSR will continue the partnership of federal and state staff and involve a two-level process: (1) a statewide assessment, and (2) an onsite review.
 - After receiving the results of the review, states that are not in substantial conformity with title IV-B and IV-E requirements must enter into a PIP to address areas that the Children's Bureau determines require improvement.
- ❖ CFSR's last review was in 2007. Results:
 - The Agency was found to be in substantial conformity with all 7 Systemic Factors.
 - Improvement was needed with the 7 Outcomes.
- ❖ Although the review is almost a year away, the Agency is preparing to select cases for the sample in 2015. Cases and interviews will be in 2016. There potentially may be interviews with Agency stakeholders in 2016.
- ❖ Statewide Assessment, case reviews and interviews:
 - The Agency submitted the 2015-2019 Child and Family Services Plan in June 2014 which required states to assess their performance on the CFSR's seven outcomes and seven systemic factors related to the Agency's goals and objectives.
 - In each Annual Progress and Services Report, the Agency will update this information, revise and refine goals and objectives as needed.
 - A total of 65 cases will be randomly selected for the review to include 40 out-of-home (foster care) cases and 25 in-home cases to gather performance information on the seven outcomes.
 - Stakeholder interviews will be conducted during the period when case reviews are conducted to inform the determination of the Agency's functioning on the seven systemic factors.
- ❖ MACCAN assisted CFSR this year by reviewing the 2014 APSR and providing feedback on upcoming Agency goals for the 2015-2019 CFSP.