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## OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN Families and Children Letter FCL 026

**To:** Private and Public Agency Directors, IV-E Court Administrators

**From:** Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director

Office of Families and Children

**Date:** April 29, 2022

**Subject:** Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) 2020 Final Rule

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## **Background:**

The Office of Families and Children sent information about the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System 2020 (AFCARS 2020) Final Rule on March 10, 2022. That letter is attached for your reference.

As a follow up to the previous FCL 024, we are sharing more progress with the AFCARS 2020 implementation in this correspondence. As previously communicated, Ohio specific information for AFCARS 2020 can be accessed in the Ohio SACWIS Knowledge Base Link below. Since the last AFCARS 2020 communication, we added additional articles that your agency will find helpful in planning for AFCARS 2020 changes:

• SACWIS Knowledge Base - AFCARS 2020 (jfskb.com)

In addition, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Families and Children, would like to invite you to a Teams Live Event on **May 17, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** where OFC staff will provide training and review of the first wave of AFCARS 2020 requirements.

During this Teams Live Event we will explain the enhancements that you will see in SACWIS, occurring in Build 4.20, that allow Ohio to collect data for AFCARS 2020. Data collection for AFCARS 2020 will begin October 1, 2022.

This Teams event will be recorded and posted to the SACWIS Knowledge Base. Please use the following link to join the meeting:

• AFCARS 2020 revision for SACWIS Build 4.20

## **Contact:**

Please send any questions regarding the AFCARS 2020 changes to the OFC Help Desk at: <u>HELP-DESK-OCF@jfs.ohio.gov</u>.

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