

Title IV-E FCM Preliminary Review & Upcoming Federal Eligibility Review

- We will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.
- Please type in any questions.
- We will answer questions at points throughout the presentation.



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PRELIMINARY REVIEW

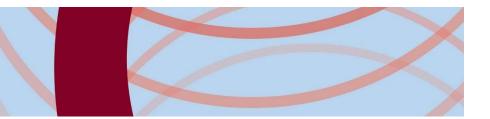
- Policy Staff reviewed 100 Foster Care Maintenance (FCM) cases that were randomly selected from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).
- To be selected, the child had to be determined eligible and reimbursable during the period under review (PUR) October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and receive at least one payment.
- Cases pulled were from 42 different counties.
- Policy staff used the Federal Review Instrument dated July 2015.

COMPONENTS OF THE REVIEW

- Legal Responsibility
- Required Judicial Determinations
- Age
- Deprivation
- Need
- Specified Relative

- Safety Requirements/BCII
- Reasonable Efforts to finalize the child's permanency plan
- Licensed Setting

FINDINGS FROM THE PRELIMINARY REVIEW

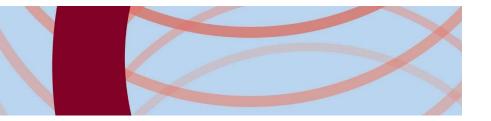


ERROR CASES

- (2) cases No reasonable efforts within 60 days of removal
- (1) case ADC relatedness (deprivation) not met
- (1) case Safety checks on foster parent not provided

INELIGIBLE PAYMENTS OUTSIDE THE PUR

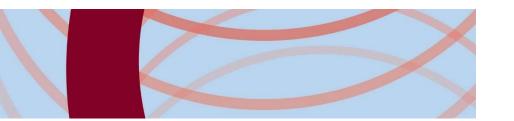
 (1) case - Untimely annual reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan



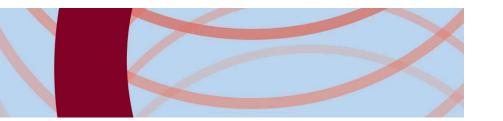
- The Children's Bureau (CB) has confirmed the week of November 4 – 8, 2019 for the next review.
- 80 cases will be reviewed + 20 cases in the oversample.
 (<u>Waiver county cases will not be reviewed</u>)
- The period under review is October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.
- OFC expects to receive the case sample by September 2019.

- The review will be held in Columbus, OH at the OFC Central Office.
- Staff will be in contact with agencies that have cases pulled in order to arrange a time to pick up the case(s) and bring them back to the Central Office.
- All cases will need to be brought to the Central Office prior to November.
- Once the cases are at Central Office, the cases will be reviewed to ensure that all the necessary documentation is available for the review.

- Each agency will need a contact person who will be the person responsible for gathering the case(s) documentation for the review.
- This person will be contacted by OFC staff regarding the case(s) pulled for the review.
- The agency contact will need to be available during the month of September and October for communication with OFC staff regarding the case(s).
- The agency contact will need to be available the week of November 4 – 8, 2019 for any questions or additional information needed for the case(s).



- Cases will remain at the Central Office until the results of the review are known.
- Let OFC staff know if your agency records are copies and can be shredded.
- Any cases that cannot be shredded will be returned to your agency by the end of year.



- OFC staff will notify each agency of any error findings or improper payments outside the period under review (PUR).
- Cases with a disallowance of FFP will need repaid via paper check within 30 days of being notified by the Children's Bureau.
- Ohio can have no more than 4 error cases statewide to pass the review.
- If Ohio is found in non-compliance with the IV-E eligibility requirements, a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) will be necessary.

- (F) Relevant dates on pages 2 and 3.

Question 10. On what date was the child removed from the home? Enter Removal date:

Question 11. On what date did the child enter foster care? Entry date _____.

This is the date of the adjudication or within 60 days of the removal date, whichever occurs earlier.

 (J) Ongoing judicial Activity Reasonable efforts to finalize the permanency plan on pages 12 and 13.

Questions 19, 19(a), 19(b), 19(c) and 19 (d).

- The "Entry date" on page 3, sets the timeframe for the annual reasonable efforts finding.
- The due date is 12 months from the "Entry date" unless it is a subsequent finding and then it is due 12 months from the date of the last annual finding.

 (N) Placement in licensed foster care settings on pages 24 through 31.

Questions 28 through 37

- The type of setting the child was placed in during the PUR
- The safety checks completed on the provider(s).

Foster care:

- If the provider was licensed prior to Oct. 1, 2008, then the first BCI and FBI check that was completed after Oct. 1, 2008 is required.
- If the provider was licensed on or after Oct. 1, 2008, then the BCI and FBI check that was completed at their initial licensure is required.

- Each agency will be responsible for providing every license and required background (safety) checks for all foster care placements during the PUR.
- Each agency will be responsible for providing the license for all residential centers or group homes for every placement during the PUR.
- OFC staff will obtain the background checks completed on the staff in the residential centers and group home for all placements during the PUR.

ONGOING MONITORING

- The Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services (OFMS) conducts on-going reviews of FCM cases for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) as part of the requirement for self-monitoring.
- OFMS uses the same process for obtaining their random sample. The size of the agency determines the number of cases pulled.
- OFMS staff uses the July 2015 Eligibility Review Instrument.

ONGOING MONITORING

- OFMS staff need to see verification of all requirements
 - SACWIS Inquiry with CRIS-e, OIES or Ohio Benefits
 - Questionnaires signed by parents
 - Check stubs, bank information or taxes
 - Activity logs
 - Information gathered during the assessment by the caseworker
 - Complaints and all Court orders
- If OFMS finds an error case(s), the agency is contacted by sending a JFS 04194. The agency responds to the finding by sending back the JFS 04195 to OFMS. All error findings are shared with OFC IV-E policy staff for corrective action.
- OFMS staff will be assisting OFC staff with the actual review in November.

UPCOMING TRAINING

- A new FCM worker training has been scheduled for April 9th or April 24th. This is a one day training. Staff need to only attend one. Registration information will be out soon.
- A one hour webinar regarding court orders and IV-E will be held on May 1st at 10:00 a.m.
- A one hour webinar regarding ADC relatedness will be held on May 29th at 10:00 a.m.



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