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This new report analyzes the Round 3 results from the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs), spotlights improvement projects from across the United States, and provides recommendations for collaboration between child welfare agencies and the legal and judicial communities. The report can be accessed via https://www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/resources/cfsr-findings.

Statewide Data Indicator Profiles Updated

In mid-March, the February Statewide Data Indicator Profiles were sent to states alongside Context Data prepared by the Children's Bureau's CFSR Data and Research Team. These data can be used, in conjunction with other relevant information (e.g., state agency data, and legal and judicial administrative data), as part of an ongoing Continuous Quality Improvement effort to regularly assess state performance toward Safety- and Permanency-related goals. The data covered September 2015–September 2020 (AFCARS) and 2016–2019 (NCANDS) and were used to calculate a new round of states' Observed Performance, Risk-Standardized Performance, and Data Quality.

Quality Assurance Overview Training

The first module of the three-module OSRI Quality Assurance (QA) Course is now available on the E-Learning Academy (ELA). The module, QA Overview, provides a high-level overview of the QA process used during case reviews involving the Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions (OSRI). This includes an overall definition of QA and an explanation of how the process differs between reviewers and QA staff. It also includes an explanation of the various resources, all available for download, that can be used to assist the QA process. The remaining modules in the course will cover QA from the different perspectives of reviewers (Module 2) and QA staff (Module 3) and will be available later this year. The QA Overview module is available to logged-in CFSR Information Portal users at https://www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/e-learning/osri-quality-assurance/qa-overview.