

Child and Family Services Reviews Update

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Year 2 of the Round 4 CFSRs Approaches!

Year 2 of the Round 4 Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) approaches! Arizona had its Year 1 CB-Led Review in December. Georgia's State-Led Review will kick off in January 2024. Year 1 will conclude with California, Georgia, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Wyoming, whose State-Led Reviews end in March 2024. The [schedule of reviews](#) for Years 1 and 2 is now available on the CFSR Information Portal. The CFSR Information Portal offers many resources for Round 4 preparation. For example:

- Scroll down the [home page](#) to see announcements of new postings. Updates include, among others, [Site Selection Proposals](#) (scroll down) and the [QA Guide](#) (under "Onsite Review Instrument (OSRI) and Guidance").
- The [State Planning Package](#) includes the CFSR State Planning documents, including the State Planning Package summary, the Local Site Coordinator Toolkit, the CFSR Logistical Support Fact Sheet, the CFSR Equipment Fact Sheet, and the CFSR User Request Form.
- Spanish translations are posted on the portal as they become available. Updated Spanish translations include [Site Selection Proposals](#) (scroll down) and the [QA Guide](#) (under "Onsite Review Instrument (OSRI) and Guidance").

Training Consultations Available to States for 2024

For states conducting their own reviews, training consultations are available for 2024. States can also request consultations on using the [Online Monitoring System](#) (OMS), and on the functions available to their assigned E-Learning Manager for the Round 4 [E-Learning Academy](#). All consultations should be arranged through the Children's Bureau Regional Office.

Capacity Building Centers Provide a Variety of Resources

The [Capacity Building Collaborative](#) includes the Capacity Building Centers for [States](#), [Courts](#), and [Tribes](#). The Centers provide a variety of resources. For example:

- The [Engaging Partners to Achieve Timely Permanency for Children and Youth Waiting to Be Adopted](#) series provides tips and strategies to engage organizations, families, and youth to reduce the number of children waiting for permanency.
- [Systemic Factor Data Planning Worksheets](#) identify data sources for assessing systemic factor functioning during the statewide assessment phase of the CFSR. The series includes worksheets on the Quality Assurance System; the Statewide Information System; the Service Array and Resource Development; Foster Parent Licensing, Recruitment, and Retention; and Staff and Provider Training.
- [Spotlight on Starting CFSR Round 4 Strong](#) offers advice and considerations from Year 1 state teams along with links to related resources.
- [How and Why to Involve the Courts in Your Child and Family Services Review \[CFSR\]: Suggestions for Agency Administrators](#) discusses how involving courts and attorneys in the CFSR can support making effective improvements to state child welfare programs.

Program Improvement Planning Gets Underway; New PIP Review Site Added to OMS

Program improvement planning work is starting in a number of states. The Program Improvement Plan (PIP) is designed to create lasting and statewide system change in key areas identified in the CFSR, while also addressing the practice and process concerns found during the review that affect the system's ability to meet the needs of children and families served. The CB firmly believes that strong leadership in both state agencies and external partners is necessary to create the change and innovation envisioned by the PIP process. The buy-in, commitment, and support from leadership assists with successful implementation of efforts to improve outcomes in the domains of safety, permanency, and well-being. States must submit their PIPs to the CB Regional Office for approval within 90 calendar days from the date the state receives written notification from the CB that it is not operating in substantial conformity with any one of the seven outcomes or seven systemic factors in the CFSR. The written notification is in the form of the CFSR Final Report. Additional resources for PIP development are available on the [CFSR Information Portal](#) and on the [Capacity Building Collaborative website](#).

To support jurisdictions and the CB in PIP monitoring, a PIP Review site has been added to the [Online Monitoring System](#) (OMS) for Round 4. This new site provides jurisdictions with a dedicated space to complete the case reviews that are part of PIP measurement while still retaining a separate dedicated continuous quality improvement (CQI) site. Those states that did case reviews in addition to PIP monitoring will no longer need to identify the PIP-monitored cases by clicking a checkbox. Once the jurisdiction's PIP measurement plan is endorsed by the CB, CWRP will assist in establishing the jurisdiction's PIP Review site in the OMS.

More information on the requirements for PIP measurement is provided in [Technical Bulletin 13A](#).

Spanish Translations Added to Portal

Spanish translations of many CFSR materials are posted on the [CFSR Information Portal](#) as they become available, next to their English versions. New Spanish translations include:

- OSRI QA Guide update
- CFSR Round 4 Program Improvement Plan Development Guidance