

## Child and Family Services Reviews Update

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### Round 4 Year 1 States Are Gearing Up!

Round 4 Year 1 states are gearing up for their onsite reviews. Several Year 1 states have submitted their Statewide Assessments and others have begun working on them. The first Round 4 CB-Led Reviews in 2023 will be in Kansas (April 17–21), Puerto Rico (May 8–12), and Missouri (July 24–28). The first State-Led Reviews will be in Delaware, Indiana, and Massachusetts (all between April 1 and September 30, 2023).

Resources:

- [Review schedule](#)
- [Round 4 Resources](#), including the new “Infographic: Connections Between the Court Improvement Program and the Child and Family Services Review”
- [Round 4 Planning and Implementation](#), Capacity Building Center for States

### New Mock Case Course Released on E-Learning Academy

The Layla Morgan Mock Case course is now on the Round 4 [E-Learning Academy](#) (ELA). The course is accredited through the National Association of Social Workers for 4 continuing education (CE) contact hours. It is available to all Round 4 ELA users and includes access to the Mock State Child Welfare Information System (MSCWIS), which stores case documents for online access. The course also provides an Online Monitoring System training site for each ELA user that can be used to create and rate the mock case.

Each ELA course includes a quiz that enrolled learners must pass with a score of 80 percent or better. After passing the quiz, the learner must also complete a course evaluation form before receiving a continuing education certificate, which may be printed or saved as a PDF.

### Spanish Translations Added to Portal

Spanish translations are posted on the [CFSR Information Portal](#) as they become available. New Spanish translations include:

- OSRI Quality Assurance Guide
- Case-Related Interview Guides and Instructions

- Reviewer Brief: Calculating 15 Out of 22 Months for the Purpose of Meeting Termination of Parental Rights Requirement
- Reviewer Brief: Strengthening How Reviewers Determine Effectiveness of Agencies' Assessment of Underlying Needs and Provision of Services (Item 12)

### **New Round 4 FAQs Posted**

New frequently asked questions (FAQs) have been posted on the portal regarding siblings of a target child who has had parental rights terminated but remains in foster care; visitation during short periods of separation; and how to correctly identify the role of a child's legal guardian(s).

The [OSRI FAQ page](#) provides responses from the Children's Bureau to questions regarding the Round 4 Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions (OSRI). The questions and their responses are organized by the seven CFSR outcome areas, with an additional "General Questions" category for questions related to the general application of the instrument as a whole and the instrument's Face Sheet section. Only users who have logged into the portal may submit questions.

### **Child Welfare Reviews Project Upcoming Presentations**

JBS International, Inc.'s Child Welfare Reviews Project will be presenting on behalf of the Children's Bureau at several upcoming conferences:

- At the Child Welfare League of America's April 2023 [National Conference, "Stronger Together: Uniting to Advance Change,"](#) a workshop, "Promising Practices to Strengthen Engagement With Young People With Lived Experience." Respecting youth with lived experience and regarding them as experts is a critical step toward improved child and family outcomes. This workshop will present results from a qualitative study in which 18 youth with lived expertise were asked about the best methods for recruiting, engaging, supporting, and retaining youth in child welfare monitoring efforts, such as the Child and Family Services Reviews. Promising practices for engaging youth will be discussed so attendees may apply lessons learned in their own work.
- At the [National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#) in April 2023:
  - A poster, "Advancing Equity Through Data Accessibility"
  - A poster, "Advancing Equity Through Data Analysis and Data Visualization"
    - In collaboration with the complementary Capacity Building Center for States' workshop, "Advancing Equity Through Continuous Quality Improvement"