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Year 2 of the Round 4 CFSTRs is Underway!

Year 2 State-Led Reviews that started in April include the District of Columbia, North Carolina, and Texas. Vermont had a CB-Led Review in May. Next is New York with a CB-Led Review in September. Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Mexico, and North Dakota have State-Led Reviews starting in October. Oregon's State-Led Review starts in November. South Dakota will have a CB-Led Review in March 2025.

Round 4 of the CFSTRs will run through fiscal year 2026. The [schedule of reviews](#) for Year 3 is now available on the [CFSTR Information Portal](#), which offers many resources for Round 4 preparation.

Final Reports released in Round 4 so far are available at [CFSTR Official Reports and Results](#). The Round 4 [Online Monitoring System](#) (OMS) is continually updated as states use it for continuous quality improvement (CQI) reviews and for their Round 4 CFSTRs. As of June 2024, there were 48 states using the Round 4 OMS for CQI purposes.

E-Learning Academy Offers Continuing Education Accredited Courses Online

The [E-Learning Academy's](#) (ELA) Round 4 Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions Course was reaccredited by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for 1 continuing education (CE) contact hour per course (three courses total). The Javier Diaz and Layla Morgan mock cases are also accredited through NASW for 4 CE contact hours.

Training Consultations Available for States

For states conducting their own CFSTRs, training consultations are available for 2024 at no charge. States can also request consultations on using the OMS, and on the functions available to their assigned E-Learning Manager for the ELA. All consultations should be arranged through the Children's Bureau Regional Office.

Center for States Offers Tools to Support Planning and Implementation of Round 4

The Capacity Building Center for States offers an array of fillable tools to support teams in [planning and implementing the CFSTRs](#):

- Identify opportunities to build on and integrate system improvement efforts using the [CFSR Connections and Integration Tool](#).
- Get organized for the Statewide Assessment with the [CFSR Statewide Assessment Readiness Checklist, Timelines, and Organization tool](#). (A companion project management tool for the Program Improvement Plan is coming soon!)
- Set a foundation for meaningful engagement using the [Preparation Checklist for Engagement of Young People and Families in the CFSR](#).
- Explore statewide data indicator performance following tips in the [Guide for Using the State Data Profile and Context Data](#) and its companion [example](#). Find additional information on each indicator and answers to FAQs on the [CFSR Statewide Data Indicators webpage](#).
- Identify existing and needed data sources to demonstrate systemic factor functioning by completing [Systemic Factor Data Planning Worksheets](#).

Contact your [Center for States liaison](#) for more information or customized technical assistance on planning and implementing the CFSR.

Program Improvement Planning Support Services Available Now

More states are engaging in Program Improvement Plan (PIP) development now, and one approved PIP (Kansas) has been posted on the [CFSR Information Portal](#).

Resources for PIP development are available on the [portal](#) and on the [Capacity Building Collaborative website](#). The Collaborative includes Capacity Building Centers for [States](#), [Courts](#), and [Tribes](#). The Children's Bureau encourages states to reach out early to the Centers to explore what's available as they delve into program improvement planning.

Spanish Translations Updated on Portal

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