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Role of Legal and Judicial Professionals in the CFSRs Highlighted

The Children's Bureau continues in its efforts to promote engagement by the legal and judicial communities in the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). Several Legal-Judicial Child Welfare Specialists and judges are advising on the reviews. Collaborative efforts are also being led by the [Capacity Building Center for Courts](#). A [new video on the role of legal and judicial professionals in the CFSRs](#) is now available.

CB Reminds Jurisdictions About Providing Evidence on Systemic Factors

The Children's Bureau (CB) continues to encourage jurisdictions to provide the strongest evidence available to show the extent to which systemic factors are functioning across the state. [Assessing Systemic Factor Functioning Using Data and Evidence](#) and the related systemic factor tools (see below) may be helpful to jurisdictions in their efforts to generate the supporting data and evidence.

During the onsite review week, stakeholder interviews are conducted so that the CB can gather relevant information needed to rate an item when there is insufficient data/information in the CFSR Statewide Assessment. Interviews are scheduled after discussions with the state.

Jurisdictions can complete the Capacity Building Center for States' [Systemic Factor Data Planning Worksheets](#) to identify existing and needed data sources for demonstrating systemic factor functioning in the Statewide Assessment.

Are You Ready for Program Improvement Planning?

The [Capacity Building Center for States](#) (CBCS) has released the [CFSR Program Improvement Plan Readiness Checklist, Timelines, and Organization](#). CBCS notes that planning ahead is essential to developing a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) within the required timelines. While the CFSR statewide assessment and onsite review processes are underway, state teams can use these worksheets to set the groundwork for PIP development activities. State staff can complete the fillable worksheets to:

- Identify existing capacity and needs to develop a PIP
- Consider your organizational structure to get the work done
- Identify system partners for exploring challenges and selecting strategies for improvement
- Set timelines for key tasks

New Video Series Explores Practice Performance Report and Multi-Item Data Analysis Tool

The “Understanding Your Practice Using the OMS Reports” video series (three videos on the Practice Performance Report and the Multi-Item Data Analysis Tool [MIDAT]) is available now on the CFSR Information Portal under [OMS Materials and Resources](#). That page also includes the MIDAT User Guide and the OMS User Manual, among other resources.

Round 4 Continues With CB-Led and State-Led Reviews

New York just completed its 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 CFSRs will run through fiscal year 2026. The [schedule of reviews](#) for Year 3 is now available on the [CFSR Information Portal](#), which offers many resources for Round 4 preparation.

Final Reports released in Round 4 so far are available at [CFSR Official Reports and Results](#).

States Are Using the OMS for Their CQI Reviews and CFSRs

The Round 4 [Online Monitoring System](#) (OMS) is continually updated. There are three types of reviews available for states to use in the Round 4 CFSR Online Monitoring System (OMS): CFSRs, Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) reviews, and Program Improvement Plan (PIP) reviews. To date in Round 4, 49 states have set up and are using a CQI review in the OMS. New in Round 4, rather than designating certain cases as “PIP monitored” cases in their CQI reviews (as was done in Round 3), states will instead complete PIP measurement cases within a dedicated PIP review.

CB works with states to identify review sites, PUR Start Date(s), state and CB users and their roles, and—in the case of the PIP reviews—the number of Measurement Periods and their dates. CB confirms these details and approves user access for both CFSRs and PIP reviews. States can set up, manage, and approve access to their CQI reviews without CB approval or involvement.

States conducting PIP reviews following their CFSR should be sure they are completing cases in their dedicated PIP review in the OMS, and not in their CQI review. States will have the option to pull both CFSR case data and PIP review case data into their CQI reports. The CB and the [CWRP Help Desk](#) are available to assist states at each stage of setting up and conducting case reviews in the state’s CFSR, PIP reviews, and CQI reviews.

Training Reminders

- Training consultations are available for states in 2024. Email cw-mail@jbsinternational.com for details.

- Training videos and materials are available via the [Round 4 E-Learning Academy](#).

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.