

Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) Quick Reference Items List

Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

Item 1: Timeliness of initiating investigations of reports of child maltreatment. Were the agency's responses to all **accepted child maltreatment reports initiated**, and **face-to-face contact** with the child(ren) made, within time frames established by agency policies or state statutes?

Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

Item 2: Services to family to protect child(ren) in the home and prevent removal or re-entry into foster care. Did the agency make concerted efforts to provide services to the family to **prevent children's entry into foster care or re-entry** after reunification?

Item 3: Risk and safety assessment and management. Did the agency make concerted efforts to **assess and address the risk and safety** concerns relating to the child(ren) in their own homes or while in foster care?

Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

Item 4: Stability of foster care placement. Is the child in foster care in a **stable placement** and were any changes in the child's placement in the best interests of the child and consistent with achieving the child's permanency goal(s)?

Item 5: Permanency goal for child. Did the agency establish **appropriate permanency goals** for the child in a **timely manner**?

Item 6: Achieving reunification, guardianship, adoption, or another planned permanent living arrangement. Did the agency make concerted efforts to **achieve reunification, guardianship, adoption, or another planned permanent living arrangement** for the child?

Permanency Outcome 2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

Item 7: Placement with siblings. Did the agency make concerted efforts to ensure that **siblings in foster care are placed together** unless separation was necessary to meet the needs of one of the siblings?

Item 8: Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care. Did the agency make concerted efforts to ensure that **visitation between a child in foster care and his or her mother, father, and siblings** was of sufficient frequency and quality to promote continuity in the child's relationships with these close family members?

Item 9: Preserving connections. Did the agency make concerted efforts to **preserve the child's connections** to his or her neighborhood, community, faith, extended family, Tribe, school, and friends?

Item 10: Relative placement. Did the agency make concerted efforts to **place the child with**

relatives when appropriate?

Item 11: Relationship of child in care with parents. Did the agency make concerted efforts to promote, support, and/or maintain **positive relationships between the child in foster care and his or her mother and father** or other primary caregivers from whom the child had been removed through activities other than just arranging for visitation?

Well-Being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Item 12: Needs and services of child, parents, and resource caregivers. Did the agency make concerted efforts to **assess the needs** of and **provide services to children, parents, and resource caregivers** to identify the services necessary to achieve case goals and adequately address the issues relevant to the agency's involvement with the family?

Item 13: Child and family involvement in case planning. Did the agency make concerted efforts to involve the **parents and children** (if developmentally appropriate) **in the case planning** process on an ongoing basis?

Item 14: Caseworker visits with child. Were the **frequency and quality of visits between caseworkers and child(ren)** sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child(ren) and promote achievement of case goals?

Item 15: Caseworker visits with parent(s). Were the **frequency and quality of visits between caseworkers and the mothers and fathers** of the child(ren) sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child(ren) and promote achievement of case goals?

Well-Being Outcome 2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Item 16: Educational needs of the child. Did the agency make concerted efforts to assess **children's educational needs**, and appropriately address identified needs in case planning and case management activities?

Well-Being Outcome 3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

Item 17: Physical health of the child. Did the agency address the **physical health needs** of children, including dental health needs?

Item 18: Mental/behavioral health of the child. Did the agency address the **mental/behavioral health needs** of children?