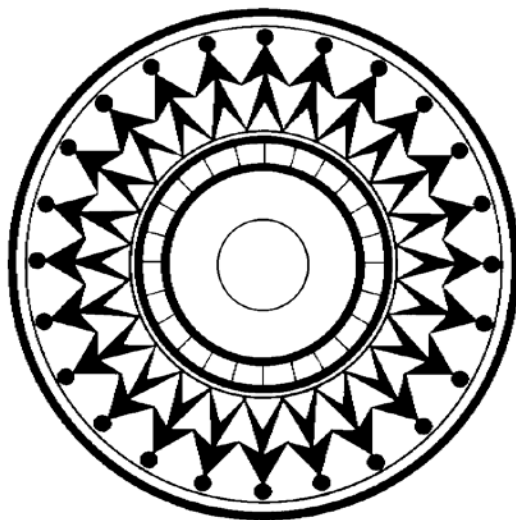


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PURPOSE OF THE 2006 USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT

The AFCARS User's Guide Annual Supplement, 2006 is intended for use with the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) User's Guide and Codebook. The User's Guide contains a general overview of the AFCARS project and detailed descriptions of the variables contained in the adoption and foster care files. This Supplement contains information specific to the 2006 AFCARS Foster Care dataset, FC2006v5. This document contains:

- a table specifying which states submitted data in the years 1995 through 2006
- a count of the number of records submitted by each state for the 2006 v5 files
- a listing of the geographic FIPS codes for counties that had 1000 or more cases in the 2006 v5 foster care dataset
- explanatory footnotes provided by the states

HISTORY OF STATE FOSTER CARE SUBMISSIONS TO AFCARS

By AFCARS regulation, states were required to submit AFCARS data beginning in 1995. It was not until 1998, however, that penalties established by the same regulation became applicable. Data submitted prior to 1998 were often incomplete. The table below indicates the years in which individual states submitted data. Please note that a black dot in a cell below does not imply that a state's data file was complete; some state files contained very few records. The number of records in each state's files is contained in the *State Records Counts Table* for the year. 2001 was the first year that all states (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) submitted data. Since then, all states have submitted data each year.

STATES THAT SUBMITTED FOSTER CARE DATA

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	SINCE 2001
Alabama				•	•	•	•
Alaska	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Arizona	•			•	•	•	•
Arkansas		•		•	•	•	•
California	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Colorado		•	•	•	•	•	•
Connecticut				•	•	•	•
Delaware				•	•	•	•
District of Columbia		•		•	•	•	•
Florida		•	•	•	•	•	•
Georgia			•	•	•	•	•
Hawaii			•	•	•	•	•
Idaho	•			•	•	•	•
Illinois	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Indiana				•	•	•	•
Iowa				•	•	•	•
Kansas				•	•	•	•
Kentucky	•				•	•	•
Louisiana			•	•	•	•	•
Maine		•	•	•	•	•	•
Maryland			•	•	•	•	•
Massachusetts	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Michigan				•	•	•	•
Minnesota				•	•	•	•
Mississippi		•		•	•	•	•
Missouri				•	•	•	•
Montana			•	•	•	•	•
Nebraska					•	•	•
Nevada						•	•

STATE	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	SINCE 2001
New Hampshire					●	●	●
New Jersey	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
New Mexico	●			●	●	●	●
New York				●	●	●	●
North Carolina		●	●	●	●	●	●
North Dakota			●	●	●	●	●
Ohio	●				●	●	●
Oklahoma			●	●	●	●	●
Oregon				●	●	●	●
Pennsylvania				●	●	●	●
Rhode Island	●	●		●	●	●	●
South Carolina	●	●		●	●	●	●
South Dakota					●	●	●
Tennessee					●	●	●
Texas				●	●	●	●
Utah	●	●		●	●	●	●
Vermont	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Virginia				●	●	●	●
Washington		●	●	●	●	●	●
West Virginia				●	●	●	●
Wisconsin				●	●	●	●
Wyoming				●	●	●	●
Puerto Rico				●	●		●

2006 FOSTER CARE UNDUPLICATED RECORD COUNTS

States submit data to AFCARS twice a year; the first reporting period ends April 30 and the second September 30. Prior to each annual release, the Children's Bureau combines submissions for the two reporting periods and removes duplicate records. The table that follows lists the number of records contained in the unduplicated annual 2006 files by state. Figures in blue differ from the previous version.

2006 STATE FOSTER CARE RECORD COUNTS: HISTORY

FIPS	State	v1	v2	v3	v4a	v5
1	Alabama	10,631	10,631	10,631	10,631	10,631
2	Alaska	2,706	2,616	2,616	2,616	2,616
4	Arizona	16,902	16,938	16,968	16,968	16,968
5	Arkansas	7,055	7,055	7,055	7,055	7,055
6	California	118,517	117,473	117,473	117,473	117,473
8	Colorado	15,035	15,035	15,035	15,035	15,035
9	Connecticut	9,418	9,405	9,405	0	9,405
10	Delaware	1,865	1,865	1,865	1,865	1,865
11	District of Columbia	3,309	3,330	3,330	3,330	3,330
12	Florida	50,467	50,467	50,467	50,467	50,467
13	Georgia	23,688	23,688	23,688	23,688	23,688
15	Hawaii	4,363	4,359	4,359	4,359	4,359
16	Idaho	3,321	3,321	3,321	3,321	3,321
17	Illinois	23,904	24,860	24,860	24,860	24,860
18	Indiana	18,100	18,123	18,123	18,123	18,123
19	Iowa	14,319	14,366	14,366	14,366	14,366
20	Kansas	9,045	9,155	9,155	9,155	9,155
21	Kentucky	13,296	13,333	13,333	13,333	13,333
22	Louisiana	8,599	8,599	8,599	8,599	8,599
23	Maine	3,043	3,069	3,069	3,069	3,069
24	Maryland	12,834	12,615	12,615	12,615	12,615
25	Massachusetts	18,246	18,246	18,246	18,246	18,246
26	Michigan	28,837	28,837	28,837	28,837	28,837
27	Minnesota	14,404	14,418	14,418	14,418	14,418
28	Mississippi	5,146	5,144	5,144	5,144	5,144
29	Missouri	16,557	16,589	16,589	16,589	16,589
30	Montana	3,250	3,218	3,218	3,218	3,218
31	Nebraska	9,845	9,845	9,845	9,845	9,845
32	Nevada	8,515	8,563	8,563	8,563	8,563
33	New Hampshire	1,703	1,705	1,705	1,705	1,705
34	New Jersey	17,591	17,547	17,547	17,547	17,547
35	New Mexico	4,418	4,418	4,418	4,418	4,418
36	New York	43,262	43,262	43,262	43,262	43,262

FIPS	State	v1	v2	v3	v4a	v5
37	North Carolina	16,692	16,692	16,692	16,692	16,692
38	North Dakota	2,212	2,212	2,212	2,212	2,212
39	Ohio	27,916	27,299	27,299	27,299	27,299
40	Oklahoma	18,129	18,044	18,044	18,044	18,044
41	Oregon	16,136	16,136	16,136	16,136	16,136
42	Pennsylvania	34,442	34,442	34,442	34,442	34,442
44	Rhode Island	4,424	4,425	4,425	4,425	4,425
45	South Carolina	8,179	8,180	8,180	8,180	8,180
46	South Dakota	3,007	3,007	3,007	3,007	3,007
47	Tennessee	15,459	15,459	15,459	15,459	15,459
48	Texas	45,543	45,543	45,543	45,543	45,543
49	Utah	4,383	4,383	4,383	4,383	4,383
50	Vermont	2,108	2,108	2,108	2,108	2,108
51	Virginia	10,887	10,991	10,991	10,991	10,991
53	Washington	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620	16,620
54	West Virginia	6,807	6,568	6,568	6,568	6,568
55	Wisconsin	12,917	13,005	13,005	13,005	13,005
56	Wyoming	2,346	2,349	2,349	2,273	2,273
72	Puerto Rico	8,182	10,816	10,816	10,816	10,816
	Total	798,580	800,374	800,404	790,923	800,328

IDENTIFIED FIPS CODES IN THE 2006 v5 FOSTER CARE FILE

Below is a listing of the geographic Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes for "state subdivisions" (usually counties) included in the dataset. . For counties with fewer than 1,000 records the FIPS code is not provided, and a value of 8 (*Not provided for reasons of confidentiality*) is assigned

FIPS5	County	Records
1073	Jefferson, AL	2,159
1097	Mobile, AL	1,079
2020	Anchorage, AK	1,058
4013	Maricopa, AZ	8,903
4019	Pima, AZ	4,120
4021	Pinal, AZ	1,050
5119	Pulaski, AR	1,119
6001	Alameda, CA	4,088
6007	Butte, CA	1,184
6013	Contra Costa, CA	2,519
6019	Fresno, CA	3,713
6029	Kern, CA	3,887
6037	Los Angeles, CA	38,901
6047	Merced, CA	1,053
6059	Orange, CA	4,795
6065	Riverside, CA	8,927
6067	Sacramento, CA	6,868
6071	San Bernardino, CA	7,036
6073	San Diego, CA	8,222
6075	San Francisco, CA	2,466
6077	San Joaquin, CA	2,478
6085	Santa Clara, CA	3,581
6107	Tulare, CA	1,815
6111	Ventura, CA	1,002
8001	Adams, CO	1,368
8005	Arapahoe, CO	1,380
8031	Denver, CO	2,657
8041	El Paso, CO	1,757
8059	Jefferson, CO	1,428
8101	Pueblo, CO	1,073
9001	Fairfield, CT	1,361
9003	Hartford, CT	2,487
9009	New Haven, CT	2,682
10003	New Castle, DE	1,165
11001	District of Columbia	3,330
12009	Brevard, FL	1,229
12011	Broward, FL	2,939
12031	Duval, FL	3,641
12033	Escambia, FL	1,394
12057	Hillsborough, FL	5,194

FIPS5	County	Records
12083	Marion, FL	1,465
12086	Miami-Dade, FL	4,640
12095	Orange, FL	2,055
12099	Palm Beach, FL	2,398
12101	Pasco, FL	1,134
12103	Pinellas, FL	3,284
12105	Polk, FL	2,634
12127	Volusia, FL	1,565
13089	De Kalb, GA	1,452
13121	Fulton, GA	2,519
13135	Gwinnett, GA	1,088
15003	Honolulu, HI	2,995
17031	Cook, IL	12,345
17143	Peoria, IL	2,013
17201	Winnebago, IL	1,110
18003	Allen, IN	1,210
18089	Lake, IN	2,524
18097	Marion, IN	4,305
19113	Linn, IA	1,223
19153	Polk, IA	2,469
19193	Woodbury, IA	1,147
20173	Sedgwick, KS	1,846
20177	Shawnee, KS	1,009
21067	Fayette, KY	1,140
21111	Jefferson, KY	2,004
24005	Baltimore, MD	1,024
24510	Baltimore City, MD	7,324
25005	Bristol, MA	2,294
25009	Essex, MA	2,325
25013	Hampden, MA	2,601
25017	Middlesex, MA	3,007
25023	Plymouth, MA	1,027
25025	Suffolk, MA	1,995
25027	Worcester, MA	2,438
26049	Genesee, MI	2,220
26081	Kent, MI	1,393
26099	Macomb, MI	1,505
26125	Oakland, MI	2,183
26163	Wayne, MI	9,519
27053	Hennepin, MN	3,486

FIPS5	County	Records
27123	Ramsey, MN	1,871
29077	Greene, MO	1,135
29095	Jackson, MO	2,255
29189	St. Louis, MO	1,618
29510	St. Louis City, MO	1,819
31055	Douglas, NE	3,375
31109	Lancaster, NE	1,620
32003	Clark, NV	6,117
32031	Washoe, NV	1,461
34007	Camden, NJ	1,730
34013	Essex, NJ	3,055
34017	Hudson, NJ	1,093
34021	Mercer, NJ	1,709
34023	Middlesex, NJ	1,069
34025	Monmouth, NJ	1,146
34039	Union, NJ	1,303
36029	Erie, NY	1,920
36055	Monroe, NY	1,808
36061	New York, NY	25,636
36103	Suffolk, NY	1,635
36119	Westchester, NY	1,141
37119	Mecklenburg, NC	1,620
39035	Cuyahoga, OH	3,891
39049	Franklin, OH	5,711
39061	Hamilton, OH	1,895
39095	Lucas, OH	1,514
39113	Montgomery, OH	1,363
39151	Stark, OH	1,262
39153	Summit, OH	2,017
40109	Oklahoma, OK	5,465
40143	Tulsa, OK	2,655

FIPS5	County	Records
41039	Lane, OR	1,730
41047	Marion, OR	2,346
41051	Multnomah, OR	3,632
41067	Washington, OR	1,612
42003	Allegheny, PA	4,487
42011	Berks, PA	1,280
42045	Delaware, PA	1,013
42049	Erie, PA	1,126
42079	Luzerne, PA	1,003
42101	Philadelphia, PA	10,755
42133	York, PA	1,127
44007	Providence, RI	3,183
45079	Richland, SC	1,018
47037	Davidson, TN	1,690
47157	Shelby, TN	1,658
48029	Bexar, TX	5,079
48113	Dallas, TX	4,372
48201	Harris, TX	6,893
48355	Nueces, TX	1,056
48439	Tarrant, TX	2,201
48453	Travis, TX	1,830
49035	Salt Lake, UT	1,783
53011	Clark, WA	1,219
53033	King, WA	2,879
53053	Pierce, WA	2,084
53061	Snohomish, WA	1,644
53063	Spokane, WA	1,682
53077	Yakima, WA	1,200
55079	Milwaukee, WI	4,383
72127	San Juan, PR	1,374

2006 FOSTER CARE STATE FOOTNOTES

States are encouraged, but not required, to provide explanatory footnotes along with their data submissions. The footnotes allow states to provide additional information they consider necessary for proper interpretation of their data. The footnotes may include such information as:

- general characteristics of the state's foster care system
- characteristics of the population, including whether certain types of placements are included
- state definitions that differ from federal AFCARS definitions.

Footnotes for the 2006 versions of the foster care data follow, sorted by element number and state. General state footnotes that are not specific to an element or period are given an element number of 00. Footnotes have not been updated with new versions.

NDACAN strongly recommends that users review the 2006 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Foster Care data.

Foster Care Footnotes 2006		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F00	California	CA's reported population has decreased due to exclusion of records which don't fit the technical AFCARS definition: children with non-dependent guardian status and youth age 19 and over.
F00	Florida	RECORDS ARE SELECTED BASED ON DATE OF REMOVAL PRIOR TO END OF THE PERIOD AND DISCHARGE TRANSACTION DATE DURING THE PERIOD.
F00	Florida	DETAILED HISTORIC CONVERSION FROM LEGACY SYSTEMS DID NOT OCCUR. SPECIFIC ELEMENTS RELATED TO AFCARS ARE CAPTURED ON A SUMMARY SCREEN.
F00	Florida	LESS THAN 1% OF CASES SUBMITTED REPRESENT CINS/FINS IV-E ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED IN JUVENILE JUSTICE SHELTERS.
F00	Georgia	Please make sure that the following corrections are made to our 2006 data files.
F00	Georgia	Record Number 004303956103 was deleted because it is boarding county case for 007603956103.
F00	Georgia	Record Number 004419262002 was a duplicate so one record was removed on 061306.
F00	Hawaii	AFCARS FOSTER CARE DATA IS BEING RETRANSMITTED FOR FFY 1999,2000,2001,2002 TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE MAPPING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL FIELDS. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE MAPPING OF ELEMENTS 31 THROUGH 40 HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN ERROR.
F00	Hawaii	THIS WAS DUE TO AN ERROR IN OUR FOSTER CARE EXTRACT PROGRAM THAT INCORRECTLY MAPPED THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL FIELDS IN OUR DATABASE TO THE FIELDS ON THE AFCARS FOSTER CARE EXTRACT RECORD.

Foster Care Footnotes 2006		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F00	Hawaii	THIS CREATED A TOTALLY ERRONEOUS REPORT OF WHAT WERE THE ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD AND AS SUCH WILL SKEW ANY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS THAT MAY BE DONE USING THESE FIELDS.
F00	Hawaii	THESE RETRANSMISSIONS WILL ALSO AFFECT ELEMENTS 18,19,23,24 AND 41 DUE TO A CHANGE TO NO LONGER REPORT ON REMOVALS OR PLACEMENTS OF ONE CALENDAR DAY.
F00	Indiana	One explanation for duplication child id is child may appear more than once if the child has been in a case in more than one county during the same reporting period. The other is bad practice by county.
F00	Indiana	The discrepancy between foster care placements closed with a reason of adoption and the number of adoptions reported is recognized, the issue has been corrected in the system but older cases still are a problem.
F00	Indiana	Some children were JD and IVE FC in the previous report period so were part of the AFCARS pull. During the current report period their status changed (and in some cases retroactively) to Non-IVE therefore they are no longer included in the prior report period child had a valued placement and was part of the AFCARS pull. During the current report period that previous entry was errored out as error in data entry, consequently child has "fallen off" the report.
F00	Indiana	Indiana Department of Child Services staff has been reviewing frequency reports and working on data corrections since the AFCARS review conducted by NRC-CWDT/ACF in September, 2006. This subsequent submission for report period 2006B shows s
F00	Indiana	Due to changes made in the programming of Trial Home Visits in ICWIS in 2006, Indiana is resubmitting its 06A AFCARS file. These changes were already included in the submission of the 06B AFCARS. The resubmission of 06A AFCARS data will r
F00	Michigan	APPROXIMATELY 10% OF THE STATE'S SUBSTITUTE CARE POPULATION INCLUDES CHILDREN IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
F00	Nebraska	APPROXIMATELY 14% OF THE STATE'S SUBSTITUTE CARE POPULATION INCLUDES CHILDREN IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
F00	Pennsylvania	Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 2,308.
F00	Pennsylvania	Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 2,459.
F00	Pennsylvania	Subsequent file for 2006/09 is due to the addition of missing TPR data for 41 foster care records.
F00	Utah	DJJS provided the last 130 FC records.
F00	Utah	DJJS provided the last 142 FC records.
F00	Utah	DJJS provided the last 129 FC records.
F01	Utah	This is a resubmission of the 200603a AFCARS file for Utah. Both DCFS and DJJS have been working on data quality and programming issues identified in our AFCARS review.and many of thos
F01	Utah	This is a resubmission of the 200609b AFCARS file for Utah. Both DCFS and DJJS have been working on data quality and programming issues identified in our AFCARS review.and many of thos
F03	Florida	THE LOCAL AGENCY (FIPS CODE) REPRESENTS THE COUNTY OF JURISDICTION IN ALL CASES.
F03	Iowa	Adoption workers cover more than one county. Therefore, foster children awaiting adoption appear to be from a limited number of counties.

Foster Care Footnotes 2006		
<i>Element</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
F03	Nebraska	THE FOLLOWING OFFICES DEAL WITH MORE CASES THAN JUST THOSE IN THEIR COUNTY: ALLIANCE, SIDNEY, NORTH PLATTE, MCCOOK, LEXINGTON, BROKEN BOW, O'NEILL, DAKOTA CITY, COLUMBUS, NORFOLK, SEWARD, NEBRASKA CITY.
F04	Florida	SYSTEM GENERATED PERSON ID NUMBER IS ENCRYPTED.
F04	Florida	THERE IS A RECOGNIZED ISSUE WITH DUPLICATE PERSON RECORDS IN FLORIDA'S SACWIS. A MERGE PROCESS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND IS SCHEDULED TO RUN REGULARLY.
F04	Florida	A PROCESS IS BEING DEVELOPED TO MERGE DUPLICATE PERSONS PRIOR TO AND DURING TRANSITION TO NEW SACWIS SYSTEM.
F04	Iowa	Record numbers are encrypted in data submission.
F04	Nebraska	RECORD NUMBERS IN DATA SET ARE ENCRYPTED STATE IDENTIFIERS.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were approximately 900 record number changes from the previous report period to the 2006/03 report period.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were approximately 440 record number changes from the previous report period to the 2006/09 report period.
F04	Pennsylvania	There were approximately 444 additional dropped records from the previous report period to the 2006/09 report period.
F05	Florida	THIS REPORT MAY NOT INCLUDE DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS THAT MAY ALSO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A JUDICIAL REVIEW.
F05	Iowa	Iowa Citizen Foster Care Review Board Reviews, Court Reviews, and DHS Administrative Reviews are shown in element 5.
F05	Nebraska	ANOTHER STATE AGENCY, FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD, IS MANDATED BY STATE LAW TO CONDUCT THE PERIODIC REVIEW ON ALL CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT FOR 6 MONTHS OR GREATER.
F05	Oklahoma	Compliance Utility shows 689 'C' errors yet all the reviewed rows show the data is missing.
F06	Florida	FLORIDA LAW ALLOWS FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THEIR 23RD BIRTHDAY.
F06	Florida	FLORIDA LAW EFFECTIVE 10-1-02 SEPARATES SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 18) AND YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE (18 UP TO 23RD BIRTHDAY). LAW PERMITTED A PHASE IN PERIOD FOR EXISTING ADULT RECIPIENTS UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003.
F06	Florida	AFTER JUNE 30, 2003, YOUNG ADULTS SHOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM THEIR REMOVAL EPISODES AND ARE NO LONGER EXPECTED TO BE REPORTED IN THE AFCARS FOSTER CARE POPULATION.
F06	Florida	FLORIDA LAW ALLOWS SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE YOUNG ADULTS UP TO THEIR 23 BIRTHDAY. AFTER 6-30-03 YOUNG ADULTS SHOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM THEIR REMOVAL EPISODES AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE REPORTED IN AFCARS FOSTER CARE POPULATION.
F06	Iowa	A date of birth is required. We do not estimate date of birth.
F06	Michigan	CHILDREN IDENTIFIED AS 18 YEARS OR OLDER ARE STILL WARDS OF THE STATE AND ARE CONSIDERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN.
F06	Nebraska	ESTIMATED BIRTH DATE IS JANUARY 1 OF THE ESTIMATED YEAR.??
F06	Nevada	Cleanup effort in place so that children 18 or older who are not in school are not reported.
F08	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORIGIN

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F08	California	Missing data mapped to blank per ACF instructions in the AIP.
F08	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER.
F10	Iowa	A clinical diagnosis is required by a qualified professional.
F10	Nebraska	CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS IS REQUIRED.
F13	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WHO ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND/OR NEEDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR WHEELCHAIR.
F14	Iowa	DSM III diagnostic criteria is used in this data element.
F15	Nebraska	INCLUDES CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND/OR IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
F16	Nebraska	DATE WILL BE KNOWN IF DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ADOPTION.
F17	Nebraska	AGE WILL BE KNOWN IF DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ADOPTION.
F17	Oklahoma	Compliance Utility shows 21 'L' errors. We were told that when element 16 is '1' (YES) then Element 17 cannot be '5' (Unable to Determine). However, Technical Bullentin #8, page 21 says 17 can be '5' when 16 is '1'.
F18	Hawaii	SOME OF THESE WERE NOT ACTUAL REMOVALS BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN 24 HOURS LONG BUT SPANNED TWO CALENDAR DAYS.
F19	Hawaii	WE ARE NO LONGER REPORTING ONE CALENDAR DAY EPISODES.
F19	Hawaii	SOME OF THESE SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS PRIOR REMOVALS BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN 24 HOURS LONG BUT SPANNED TWO CALENDAR DAYS.
F19	Iowa	For every foster care service with an exit date and 1)exit reason of return home or 2)exit reason of transfer custody to other parent, or 3) an exit reason of placemement with a suitable person, counts as one removal.
F19	Nebraska	STATE DID NOT MANDATE THAT HISTORICAL DATA BE CONVERTED. IF A REMOVAL OCCURRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1998, IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE NEW SYSTEM.
F22	Florida	DURING CONVERSION TO FLORIDA'S SACWIS, THE REMOVAL TRANSACTION DATE WAS POPULATED WITH THE DATE OF THE AUTOMATED CONVERSION.
F22	Florida	DATA PURIFICATION AND RE-ENTRY OF CASES FOLLOWING AUTOMATED CONVERSION SERIOUSLY IMPACTED DATA IN THIS FIELD.
F22	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACITON DATE FOR LATEST REMOVAL FROM HOME.
F23	Hawaii	PLACEMENT DATES MAY VARY FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS WE ARE NO LONGER REPORTING ON ONE CALENDAR PLACEMENTS. RUNAWAY WILL NOW BE REPORTED AS THE DATE THE CHILD RAN AWAY.
F24	Florida	FLORIDA COUNTS REPLACEMENT IN A SETTING WHERE A CHILD WAS PREVIOUSLY PLACED AS A NEW AND UNIQUE PLACEMENT.
F24	Florida	FLORIDA REPORTS PLACEMENTS BEGINNING AT POINT OF PHYSICAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE REMOVAL REGARDLESS OF INITIAL PLACEMENT SETTING.
F24	Florida	FLORIDA DOES NOT EXCLUDE PLACEMENTS OF LESS THAN 24 HOUR DURATION FROM PLACEMENT COUNT UNLESS PLACEMENT TYPE WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNT.

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F24	Georgia	Record Number 004418625602 has only six placements instead of nine and the most recent was 052405.
F24	Hawaii	WE ARE NO LONGER REPORTING ONE CALENDAR DAY PLACEMENTS
F24	Hawaii	SOME OF THESE SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED AS PLACEMENT SETTINGS BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN 24 HOURS LONG BUT SPANNED TWO CALENDAR DAYS.
F24	Iowa	Data reflects same day in/out placements, emergency placements respite, day treatment and other short term placements.
F24	Nebraska	STATE DID NOT MANDATE THAT HISTORICAL DATA BE CONVERTED. IF PLACEMENTS OCCURRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1998, IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE NEW SYSTEM.
F26	Iowa	Iowa defines physical abuse as damage to any bodily tissue that must undergo a healing process or results in death.
F27	Iowa	Iowa defines sexual abuse as commission of sexual offenses with or to a child as a result of acts or omissions of a caretaker.
F28	Iowa	Failure of caretaker to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing or other care necessary for child's health & welfare when financially able: health/mental health care, emotional needs, proper supervision & response to infant's survival.
F31	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM (ELEMENT 34).
F31	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD BEHAVIORAL PROBLEM (ELEMENT 34). THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY RELINQUISHMEN
F32	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY RELINQUISHMENT (ELEMENT 39).
F33	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY INADEQUATE HOUSING (ELEMENT 40).
F34	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY DEATH OF PARENT (ELEMENT 35).
F35	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY INCARCERATION OF PARENT (ELEMENT 36).
F36	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CARETAKER INABILITY TO COPE (ELEMENT 37).
F37	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD ALCOHOL ABUSE (ELEMENT 31).
F38	Hawaii	13 YR OLD MALE DIED DUE TO COMPLICATIONS OF POLY-GLANDULAR AUTOIMMUNE SYSTEM AND ACUTE APPENDICITIS. YOUTH WAS ON THE RUN FROM PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY AND STAYING WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER WHO FAILED TO REPORT THAT HE WAS WITH HER.

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F38	Hawaii	WAS CONFIRMED. CASE #73348 CLIENT #87463
F38	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD DRUG ABUSE (ELEMENT 32).
F39	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY CHILD DISABILITY (ELEMENT 33).
F40	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY ABANDONMENT (ELEMENT 38).
F40	Hawaii	THIS FIELD WAS PREVIOUSLY BEING SET TO '1' ERRONEOUSLY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF REMOVAL WAS ACTUALLY ABANDONMENT (ELEMENT 38).
F41	Florida	TRIAL HOME VISITS ARE NOT CAPTURED.
F41	Hawaii	HAWAII IS NO LONGER REPORTING TRIAL HOME VISITS BECAUSE HAWAII'S CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT HRS 587 DOES NOT ALLOW TRIAL HOME VISITS UP TO 6 MONTHS AS IS ALLOWED FOR AFCARS.
F41	Iowa	Juvenile Justice population is included. Categories include: foster family, group care, relative, independent living; psychiatric medical institution for children, shelter, structured juvenile program, & medical institution.
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F41	Nebraska	GROUP HOME INCLUDES GROUP HOMES FOR CHILDREN, TREATMENT GROUP HOMES, EMERGENCY SHELTER CENTERS, AND GROUP HOME FOR ADULTS.
F41	Nebraska	INSTITUTION INCLUDES CENTRES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES, MEDICAL HOSPITALS, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, JAILS, YOUTH LOCKED FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES, AND SCHOOLS.
F41	Nebraska	APPROVED OR UNLICENSED RELATIVE HOMES ARE INCLUDED IN RELATIVE FOSTER HOMES.
F41	Nebraska	SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING INCLUDES BOARDING HOMES, DOMICILLIARY FACILITIES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SITUATIONS.
F43	Nebraska	STATE POLICY DOES NOT DEFINE "LIVE WITH OTHER RELATIVES" AS A CASE PLAN GOAL.
F43	Nebraska	REUNIFY WITH PARENT OR PRINCIPAL CARETAKER INCLUDES CASE PLAN GOALS OF FAMILY PRESERVATION AND REUNIFICATION.
F43	Nebraska	EMANCIPATION INCLUDES CASE PLAN GOALS OF INDEPENDENT LIVING AND SELF SUFFICIENCY.
F44	California	Missing data mapped to blank per ACF instructions in the AIP.
F45	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.

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F46	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
F52	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORIGIN CODE
F52	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
F53	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
F54	California	'USED UNABLE TO DETERMINE' FOR RACE OF HISPANIC OR MEXICAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN OR SOUTH AMERICAN AND 'YES' FOR HISPANIC ORIGIN CODE
F56	Georgia	Record Number 004419279801 is still in care and was erroneously discharged on 120505.
F57	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACTION DATE FOR DISCHARGE FROM FOSTER CARE.
F58	Iowa	Placement with a suitable person includes placement with a relative, guardian or other suitable person. Iowa does not use emancipation. Clients coded as such have aged out of the system.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 178 number and 74.16 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 202 number and 75.37 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 218 number and 86.50 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 223 number and 1.00 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 181 number and 18100.00 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 198 number and 3960.00 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 166 number and 3320.00 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 4. Caused by natural causes (4).
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 6. Caused by: accidents (4); natural causes (2).
F59	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-E ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD. IF THE PLACEMENT IS NOT ELIGIBLE, PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE IV-E.
F59	Tennessee	This is a subsequent file for AFCARS report period Oct 1,2005 - March 31,2006 that contains a correction for data element 59 IVE where this data element was previously under reported as applies.
F60	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-E ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F61	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-A ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F62	Nebraska	TITLE IV-D INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE.
F63	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON TITLE XIX ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.
F64	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON SSI ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILD.

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F66	Florida	INCLUDES ONLY CHILDREN ENTERED IN THE INTERIM CHILD WELFARE SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ICWSIS) AND SACWIS WITH THE SAME CLIENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
F66	Florida	MOST RECENT MONTHLY AMOUNT PAID FOR MAINTENANCE ONLY.
F66	Iowa	The receipt of IVD payments is recorded here, however they are not included in the total, since they are applied to the State of Iowa's general fund, not to the child's individual case.