

2014 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 2014 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.

NDACAN strongly recommends that users review the 2014 footnotes that follow before attempting to analyze the AFCARS Foster Care data.

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Element	State	Note
F00	Georgia	Several children were submitted with a new record number in the prior submission due to untimely identification and merging of the new child to the old child which did not occur prior to the end of last submission period. They are listed below.
F00	Louisiana	SEVERAL AFCARS DATA EXTRACTION CODE REVISIONS WERE COMPLETED PER TA REPORT FROM NRCCWDT.
F00	Louisiana	SEVERAL AFCARS DATA EXTRACTION CODE REVISIONS WERE COMPLETED PER AIP REPORT FROM ACF.
F00	Michigan	APPROXIMATELY 10% OF THE STATE'S SUBSTITUTE CARE POPULATION INCLUDES CHILDREN IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
F00	Michigan	THE STATE HAS CEASED REPORTING ON OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE POPULATION THAT IS EXCLUSIVELY PLACED IN SECURE RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS.
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: 1,253.
F00	Pennsylvania	Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 1,411.
F00	Utah	DJJS provided the last 162 FC records.

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F03	Florida	THIS ELEMENT HAS BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THE ACCURATE FIPS CODE (12086) FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RATHER THAN THE OBSOLETE 120025 FOR DADE COUNTY. THE VALIDATOR DOES NOT YET RECOGNIZE THIS CODE AS VALID.
F03	Iowa	Adoption workers cover more than one county. Therefore, foster children awaiting adoption appear to be from a limited number of counties.
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	Georgia	Record Number 000010148730 has been given a new record number 000802204101.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010775564 has been given a new record number 006039908706.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 900000614421 has been given a new record number 011200792303.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010302893 has been given a new record number 009494439402.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010009449 has been given a new record number 007503356902.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 100010013316 has been given a new record number 005704922803.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010604568 has been given a new record number 007101309203.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 800010236436 has been given a new record number 015001232603.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 900000971721 has been given a new record number 010600088001.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010624493 has been given a new record number 006047272603.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 700010665889 has been given a new record number 005704549002.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010012457 has been given a new record number 006040706003.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 900000345738 has been given a new record number 014501677301.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 800000018826 has been given a new record number 004001289703.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 000010151594 has been given a new record number 004420483701.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 100010133594 has been given a new record number 010600892301.

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F04	Georgia	Record Number 800000900529 has been given a new record number 012107941303.
F04	Georgia	Record Number 900000315096 has been given a new record number 002903037602.
F04	Iowa	Record numbers are encrypted in data submission.
F04	Nebraska	RECORD NUMBERS IN DATA SET ARE ENCRYPTED STATE IDENTIFIERS.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001722207292 was reported as 007824247297 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 000424217284 was reported as 005227267254 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number 002928229284 was never removed, removal episode was deleted from KIDS (KAHD 72116).
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number 003626239286 was never removed, removal episode was deleted from KIDS (KAHD 71630).
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number 006929239243 was placed with minor, removed mother for the entire removal and therefore is not part of the AFCARS population.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number 001020256219 exited care for Adoption in the 13B period. Removal End Date was lifted for Foster Care payment correction and not replaced timely.
F04	Oklahoma	There was no placement in the 13B period for Record Number 003729230287. Only placement is Trial Reunification, therefore child is not part of AFCARS population.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 007724207279 was reported as 003127237239 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001423234240 was reported as 002523264203 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005422224240 was reported as 007522274203 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 000823267266 was reported as 005421204294 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 007129237234 was reported as 009327294216 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009224244234 was reported as 009226274234 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.

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F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005228254279 was reported as 009121200243 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001529274229 was reported as 007728200203 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005928254255 was reported as 003428200231 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003427254279 was reported as 004925236220 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003424274279 was reported as 004923246220 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006723246262 was reported as 003427266268 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001026200293 was reported as 003327206293 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 000520256224 was reported as 005126226211 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 007027286215 was reported as 002229236250 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 002020236290 was reported as 005027256233 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 008523244242 was reported as 000224279222 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001424210269 was reported as 002323249220 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 008428200264 was reported as 005229279279 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 008429286234 was reported as 005923209273 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.

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F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001623216252 was reported as 000827289274 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
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F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006722286200 was reported as 004121269247 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003528277274 was reported as 003627269201 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 002125299227 was reported as 006822279209 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001622236222 was reported as 005527209260 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003723239295 was reported as 001424279292 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006627239260 was reported as 006428209287 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009723259288 was reported as 000420299281 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001423209285 was reported as 006028239286 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005724246268 was reported as 002824279288 in the 13B period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In the 13B period Record Number is 005926207220 was never removed. Child was living with Guardian, not mother.
F04	Oklahoma	There was no placement in the 13B period for Record Number 007021254270. Child's only placement is Acute Psych, therefore child is not part of AFCARS population.
F04	Oklahoma	There was no placement in the 13B period for Record Number 005725204245. Only placement is Trial Reunification, therefore child is not part of AFCARS population.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number 003025274260 exited care in the 13B period. Guardianship was not properly documented.

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F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 004828207297 was reported as 007526234200 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 002726294225 was reported as 000928290273 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number is 004122209217 was reported in 14A and dropped from 14B - Only placement is Trial Reunification.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number is 002423286232 was reported in 14A and dropped from 14B - Child was never removed. Child was abducted by parents before OKDHS could remove.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number is 002423266232 was reported in 14A and dropped from 14B - Child was never removed. Child was abducted by parents before OKDHS could remove.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number is 002423226214 was reported in 14A and dropped from 14B - Child was never removed.
F04	Oklahoma	Record Number is 008527290215 was reported in 14A and dropped from 14B - Only placement is Trial Reunification.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009028290221 was reported as 006324220297 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 007925209259 was reported as 000321260282 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009621294235 was reported as 006228206200 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 009228287289 was reported as 004120216265 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 005722204253 was reported as 002323236294 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 001020267289 was reported as 001229246253 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003220240289 was reported as 003525246236 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003428260214 was reported as 001421239278 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.

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F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 006720267284 was reported as 001722259205 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 003625206249 was reported as 002924259206 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Oklahoma	In this period, the row where Record Number is 004822296288 was reported as 004629289281 in the 14A period, due to Client Merge where we always retain the earliest client ID.
F04	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania is continuing to phase in the use of the Department of Public Welfare's Master Client Index (MCI) numbers as unique record ID's during this report period.
F04	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania is resubmitting due to phase in of the Department of Public Welfare's Master Client Index (MCI) numbers as unique record ID's.
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F05	Florida	THIS REPORT MAY NOT INCLUDE DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS THAT MAY ALSO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A JUDICIAL REVIEW.
F05	Florida	EXCLUDES CHILDREN WHOSE MOST RECENT REVIEW IS AFTER THEIR DISCHARGE DATE.
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.
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	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.

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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.
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 placement 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	Nebraska	STATE HAS CAPACITY TO GENERATE THE TRANSACITON DATE FOR LATEST REMOVAL FROM HOME.
F24	Florida	FLORIDA DOES NOT EXCLUDE PLACEMENTS OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS DURATION FROM PLACEMENT COUNT UNLESS PLACEMENT TYPE WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNT.
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.
F41	Florida	FLORIDA IS NOT A TRIAL HOME VISIT STATE.
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.
F41	Nebraska	SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING INCLUDES BOARDING HOMES, DOMICILLIARY FACILITIES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SITUATIONS.
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.

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F41	Nebraska	APPROVED OR UNLICENSED RELATIVE HOMES ARE INCLUDED IN RELATIVE FOSTER HOMES.
F43	Florida	THERE ARE KNOWN ISSUES WITH THE PROGRAMMING ON THIS ELEMENT AND IT IS BEING REVIEWED FOR CORRECTION. IT WILL BE COMPLIANT ON RESUBMISSION.
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.
F43	Nebraska	STATE POLICY DOES NOT DEFINE "LIVE WITH OTHER RELATIVES" AS A CASE PLAN GOAL.
F45	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
F46	Michigan	IN SOME CASES WHEN THE EXACT YEAR OF BIRTH WAS UNKNOWN AN ESTIMATED YEAR WAS ENTERED.
F47	Montana	Customary adoptions through tribal courts require a tribal court to have legal authority over the child and modify the custodial and legal relationship of the birth parents with the child but do not terminate the birth parent's rights.
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F52	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
F53	Nebraska	UNABLE TO DETERMINE INCLUDES PERSONS WITH RACE INDICATED AS OTHER
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	Nebraska	SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION TO CORRECT ERRORS TO DISCHARGE REASON FIELD
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 64 number and 92.75 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 69 number and 86.25 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 64 number and 95.52 percent of all guardianship.
F58	Nevada	Frequency of children released to a legal relative guardian = 63 number and 85.13 percent of all guardianship.

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F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 5. accident (1); natural causes (4).
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 3. Child Abuse (1); Homicide (1); natural causes
F58	Pennsylvania	Total Number of Deaths: 3. Child Abuse (1); Homicide (1); natural causes (1).
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.
F60	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-E PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CHILD DURING THE REPORT PERIOD.
F61	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-A PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CHILD DURING THE REPORT PERIOD.
F62	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON IV-D PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CHILD DURING THE REPORT PERIOD.
F62	Nebraska	TITLE IV-D INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE.
F63	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON TITLE XIX PAYMENTS TO THE CHILD DURING THE REPORT PERIOD.
F64	Florida	THIS ELEMENT IS CODED BASED ON SSI PAYMENTS BEING MADE TO THE CHILD DURING THE REPORT PERIOD.
F65	Oklahoma	30 were in care less than 30 days;
F65	Oklahoma	0 are IV-E Eligible but no payment was made and Element 59 was set to 0;
F65	Oklahoma	39 were made IV-E Ineligible by KIDS when the removal ended and the child did not have a compensable placement;
F65	Oklahoma	135 were documented with No Income;
F65	Oklahoma	214 children were forced to 1. Of these:
F65	Oklahoma	10 had no other documentation.
F65	Oklahoma	26 were made IV-E Ineligible by KIDS when the removal ended and the child did not have a compensable placement;
F65	Oklahoma	123 were documented with No Income;
F65	Oklahoma	180 children were forced to 1. Of these:
F65	Oklahoma	28 were in care less than 30 days;
F65	Oklahoma	3 had no other documentation.
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.
fF0	Pennsylvania	0 Number of shared case management with Juvenile Justice System: 1,411.