



# ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE ANALYSIS AND REPORTING SYSTEM (AFCARS)

FSFN Enhancement

## About This Enhancement

AFCARS collects case-level information on all children in foster care and those who have been adopted with title IV-E agency involvement. The data includes information about children who enter foster care, their entries and exits, placement details, and foster/adoptive parent information. AFCARS data impacts how federal title IV-E foster care and adoption assistance programs are funded. Timely and accurate data collection is essential.



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### UNIVERSE CHANGES

#### AFCARS-91: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES FOR ICWA

The new following ICWA fields will be available in the Base Case Classes Universe.

##### **Group Name: Inquiry Details**

- Did the agency inquire whether the person is an "Indian Child" under ICWA?
- Based on your inquiry, does ICWA potentially apply to this person?
- If Unable to Determine, describe inquiry efforts.
- Date of Inquiry
- If Yes, was notice given to the tribe?
- If Yes, is the inquiry still pending?
- Investigation/Referral ID

##### **Group Name: ICWA Details**

- Does ICWA apply to this person?
- Date the Agency was notified by the Tribe, State, or Tribal court that ICWA applies:
- If yes, was notice given to the tribe at least 10 days prior to the first child custody proceeding in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1912(a)?
- Is the person eligible for membership in a federally recognized Tribe?
- Is the person a member of a federally recognized Tribe?

*Modified the existing structure for Tribe Names as follows:*

- The existing 2 Tribe Names are State Tribes.
- Instead of capturing up to just 2 State Tribes, many can be captured.
- Add Federal Tribes, which can be many as well
- Include Tribal Enrollment # for each State or Federal Tribe record.

*Continued to capture the following, original, pre-existing fields:*

- Tribal Enrollment Number
- Other Tribal Info; If yes, was notice given to the tribe?
- If notice was given, is the inquiry still pending?
- Other Tribe(s)



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**These fields are available in the following Universes:**

- Adoption Detail
- Case Detail
- Independent Living
- Medical Mental Health
- Planning Detail

**NOTE:** Due to duplicate records (one on Investigation and one on Person Management), add one additional column labeled Source when captured in an Investigation. The Source will populate with either Investigation or Person Management. That way, when there are duplicate records, it is easy to distinguish that they represent the same record. Just one is captured on the Investigation and frozen, while the other is on Person Management, which populates once the Investigation is approved for closure.



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### AFCARS-91: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES ICWA

All the new following ICWA fields are available in the Base Case Classes Universe:

#### **Group Name: Inquiry Details have been added:**

- Did the agency inquire whether the person is an "Indian Child" under ICWA?
- Based on your inquiry, does ICWA potentially apply to this person?
- If Unable to Determine, describe inquiry efforts.
- Date of Inquiry
- If yes, was notice given to the tribe?
- If yes, is the inquiry still pending?
- Investigation/Referral ID

#### **Group Name: ICWA Details have been Modified and Added.**

- Does ICWA apply to this person?
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- Continue to capture the following, original, pre-existing fields: Tribal Enrollment Number; Other Tribal Info; If yes, was notice given to the tribe? and If notice was given, is the inquiry still pending?
- Other Tribe(s)

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### AFCARS-92: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES FOR EDUCATION

The new following Education fields will now be available in the Case Details Universe:

- College Semesters Completed
- Does the child have an Individualized Family Service Program (IFSP)?
- Date of most recent IFSP
- Date current Individualized Family Service Program expires

**In addition to the new fields being included, identified above, the following fields, currently in FSN will, also will be included:**

- Education Information tab:
- Is the child an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) student?
- Does the child have an Individualized Education Plan?
- Date of the most recent Individualized Education Plan
- Date current Individualized Education Plan expires
- Copy of Individualized Education Plan in record flag
- Is the IEP a Transitional Individualized Education Plan (TIEP) for a young adult
- Does the child have an education surrogate parent appointed to him/her either by the district superintendent or dependency court?
- ESE Program
- If Other, specify
- Start Date
- End Date
- Maintain Education History pop-up page:
- Number of Hours Currently Enrolled
- Total Credits Earned To Date

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### **AFCARS-93: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES PRIOR ADOPTION AND PRIOR GUARDIANSHIP**

The new Prior Adoption and Prior Guardianship fields will now be available in the Base Case Classes Universe. This includes the following:

- Most Recent Adoption Finalization Date, which will be a date field, as well as include an Unknown checkbox selection.
- Was the most recent, prior adoption, an intercountry adoption?
- Modify the value of 'Unable to Determine', associated with the question 'Child Was Previously Adopted', such that it is now labeled 'Abandoned'.
- Prior Legal Guardianship?
- Most Recent Legal Guardianship Date

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### AFCARS-94: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES OHP AND PLACEMENT CORRECTION

The new following Out of Home and Placement Correction fields will be available in the Case Details (both OHP and Placement Correction) and Service Management (Only OHP) Universes:

#### **Environment at Removal - includes the following values:**

- Parent Household
- Relative Household
- Legal Guardian Household
- Relative Legal Guardian Household
- Justice Facility
- Medical/Mental Health Facility
- Other

#### **New Removal Reasons:**

- Failure to Return
- Prenatal Alcohol Exposure
- Prenatal Drug Exposure
- Inadequate access to mental health services
- Inadequate access to medical services
- Caretakers' significant impairment—physical/emotional
- Caretakers' significant impairment—cognitive
- Parental immigration, detainment, or deportation
- Family conflict related to child's sexual orientation, gender identify, or gender expression
- Educational neglect
- Public agency title IV-E agency agreement
- Tribal title IV-E agreement
- Homelessness
- The following labels have been changed for the existing Removal Reasons:
- "Child's Disability" to "Diagnosed Condition"



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- "Death of Parent(s)" to "Death of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s)"
- "Incarceration of Parent(s)" to "Incarceration of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s)"



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### AFCARS-95: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES FOR SIBLINGS

The new following Sibling fields will now be available in the Base Case Classes

Universe:

#### **Group Name: Siblings**

- Does this child have siblings living out of state (including adult siblings?)
- (Number) # of Siblings
- If Yes, are any of these siblings in Foster Care, under another State agencies care?
- (Number) # of Siblings in care

#### **Group Name: FSFN Siblings**

- Sibling Name (Person ID)
- Case ID
- Provider ID

**These fields will be available in the following Universes:**

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- Case Detail
- Independent Living
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- Planning Detail



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### AFCARS-96: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES FOR ORG PROVIDER

The new Organization Provider fields will now be available in the Provider Universe.

This includes the following new checkboxes in the Further Information group box:

- Tribal Authority
- State Authority



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### AFCARS-97: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES FOR ADOPTION INFORMATION

The new Adoption Information fields are now available in the Adoption Detail Universe, as well as having the old checkbox selections available. This includes the following new checkbox, and checkbox label changes, in the Relationship of Adoptive Parent to Child group box:

**Old values include:**

- 'Other Non-Relative'
- 'Other-Relative'
- 'Foster Parent'
- 'Stepparent'

**New values include:**

- Change 'Other Non-Relative' to 'Non-Relative'
- Change 'Other-Relative' to 'Relative'
- Add 'Fictive Kin'
- Leave 'Foster Parent' as is
- No longer include 'Stepparent'



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### AFCARS-98: BOE UNIVERSE CHANGES FOR MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH AND PREGNANCY DETAILS

The updated reference values are now available in the Medical Mental Health Universe, related to the responses to 'Has the child been clinically diagnosed as having a disability(ies):', as well as identify the existing pregnancy fields, in the Medical/Mental Health Universe, as 'Old', and capturing the new Pregnancy fields in the Base Case Classes Universe. This includes the following:

- Medical/Mental Health Universe:
- Modify the Yes value to be labeled "Child has a diagnosed condition". All pre-existing records will reflect this value, if Yes was selected.
- Inactivate No and Not Yet Determined.
- Add the following additional values:
- No exam or assessment conducted.
- Exam or assessment conducted and none of the conditions apply.
- Exam or assessment conducted but results not received.

**NOTE:** There will be no records, post go-live, that capture the old values. There is a conversion effort that will make all records with No or Undetermined, to be captured as either "Exam or assessment conducted and none of the conditions apply" or made null. Flag all pregnancy fields, on the Medical/Mental Health page, as 'Old' within the Medical/Mental Health Universe.

#### **Base Case Classes Universe:**

##### **Group Name: Pregnancy Details**

- Date Notified of Pregnancy
- Projected Due Date
- Successful Birth
- Date of Child's Birth

##### **Separate field:**

Has the child given birth to, or fathered any children?



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### **Group Name: Birth and Placement Details**

- Child Name
- Person ID
- Date of Child's Birth
- Age

### **Group Name: Child Placed with his/her parent date(s)**

- Parent Begin Date
- Placed with His/her Parent End Date

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