

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

FSFN Enhancement Summary of Changes

October 1, 2022

#### **EDUCATION ENHANCEMENTS**

**Impacted Users:** All Child Welfare Professionals



# **AFCARS-43: EDUCATION HISTORY - COMPLETION STATUS**

#### **Education Policy**

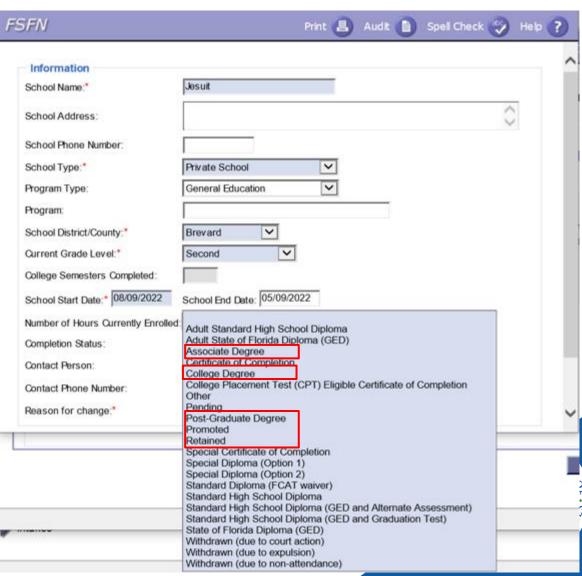
- ■65C-28.018, F.A.C., Meeting the Child's Educational Needs
- ■39.0016, F.S., Education of abused, neglected, and abandoned children; agency agreements; children having or suspected of having a disability
- ■39.4023, F.S., Placement and Education transitions; transition plans



AFCARS-43: EDUCATION HISTORY - COMPLETION

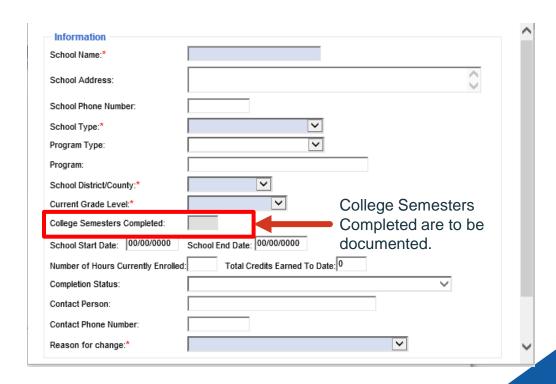
**STATUS** 

- Education History Tab document the following:
  - Completion Status when the End Date is entered on the Maintain Education History pop-up page.
  - When a child/youth has completed their grade level, and either been promoted or retained. The new added values to the Completion Status drop-down on the Maintain Education History pop-up page are:
    - Associate Degree
    - ■College Degree
    - ■Post-Graduate Degree
    - Promoted
    - Retained



# AFCARS-44: EDUCATION HISTORY - COLLEGE SEMESTERS COMPLETED

- A new field has been added to display directly below the current grade level, labeled College Semesters Completed, which will accept numeric values, up to 2 digits, including zero.
- ■When the Current Grade Level is Some College or Post-Graduate Work, this field will be conditionally enabled and required; otherwise, disabled and grayed out.





### AFCARS-45: EDUCATION HISTORY - CURRENT GRADE LEVEL

- ■The Current Grade Level drop-down, on the Maintain Education History pop-up page, inactivates the following values: College Degree; Post-Graduate Degree; Associate Degree.
  - Please Note: You will no longer be able to select values from the Current Grade Level drop-down that indicate a "degree."
- •Upon accessing a pre-existing page where these values were selected, the value will display as "Inactive Value: <value>.

NOTE: The Education History tab should also reflect the "Grade" as "Inactive Value."



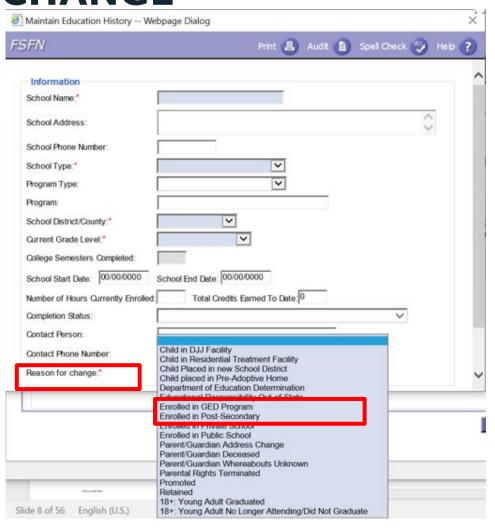
#### **AFCARS-46: EDUCATION HISTORY - SCHOOL TYPE**

Users will be able to indicate that the school type the participant is attending is a GED school.

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☐ Information		^
School Name:*		
School Address:		
School Phone Number:		
School Type:*		
Program Type:	Alternative School Charter School	
Program:	Child Care Program Day Treatment Program Farly Childhood Program	
School District/County:*	GED	
Current Grade Level:*	Group Home Program Head Start	
College Semesters Completed:	Home School Juvenile Detention/Corrections	
School Start Date: 00/00/0000	Private School Public School	
Number of Hours Currently Enrolled:		
Completion Status:	2 year College 4 year College or University	
Contact Person:		
Contact Phone Number:		
Reason for change:*	V	<b>~</b>



### AFCARS-47: EDUCATION HISTORY - REASON FOR CHANGE



The ability to indicate the reason a child is changing from a previous school to the school being documented.

- The following values are added to the Reason for Change drop-down, on the Maintain Education History pop-up page, accessed from the Education History tab:
  - Enrolled in Post-Secondary
  - Enrolled in GED Program



# AFCARS-48: EDUCATION RECORD - VALIDATION TO SAVE

A validation is added to the Education record such that upon saving the Education record, whether upon initial save or any subsequent save, at least one Education record must be documented.



# AFCARS-49: EDUCATION RECORD - EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)

- It is no longer a requirement to indicate if the child is an ESE student to document if the child has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- ■Upon creating or accessing a pre-existing Education record, the question "Does the child have an Individualized Education Plan?" will be enabled irrespective of whether the question "Is the child an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) student?" is answered or not.
- ■The question should be enabled but not required when ESE question is not answered. Continue existing logic that if ESE is Yes, then a response is required for IEP.
- ■The remaining questions should remain as they are, which is driven based on Yes being selected to IEP.



# AFCARS-50: EDUCATION RECORD - INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM (IFSP)

- ■The ability to indicate if the child has an Individualized Family Service Program for children between the ages of 0-3.
- A new question has been added, "Does the child have an Individualized Family Service Program (IFSP)?" with a Yes/No selection.
- This question will be displayed directly below the question "Date Current Individualized Education Plan Expires: " and will be conditionally enabled but not required if the person is 0-3 based on DOB; and if no DOB, based on Est. Age; if there is no DOB or Est. Age, then we conditionally enable the field,
- ■Upon selecting Yes or No, a validation message will pop up asking DOB or Est. Age.
- ■If a child is >3, it will be disabled and grayed out.



#### AFCARS-49: EDUCATION RECORD - ESE AND IFSP

Exceptional Student Education (ESE)/Individualized Education Plan  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:  Does the child have an Individualized Education Plan Expires:  Does the child have an Individualized Family Service Program (FSP)?  Date of most recent IFSP:  Date Current Individualized Family Service Program Expires:  Exceptional Student Program(s)  ESE Program *  If Other, specify  Start Date*  End Date Action	articipant Name : <u>IVBVH, KATLYN</u> ast Updated By:	DOB: Date Last	: Updated:	Sch	nool District/Count	ry:		
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#### **ADOPTION**

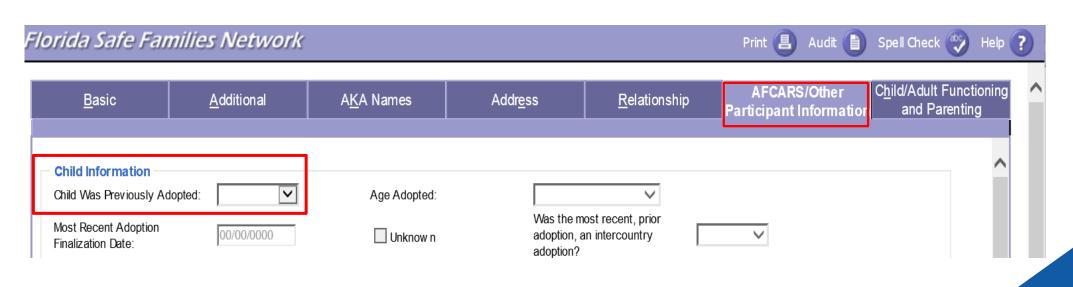
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Management, and Adoption Staff



#### **AFCARS-52: PERSON MANAGEMENT - PRIOR ADOPTION**

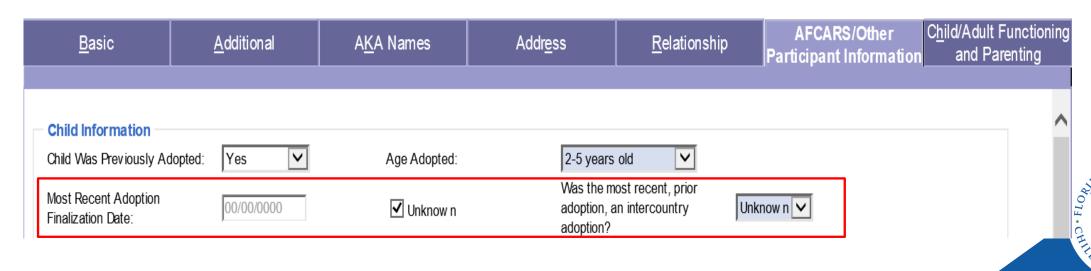
- Child Welfare Professionals were required to document if a child was previously adopted on the Person Management tab.
- The AFCARS/Other Participant Information tab has been modified to capture the "Most Recent Adoption Finalization Date"
  - The new date field is conditionally enabled and required upon selecting Yes to the existing question "Child Was Previously Adopted"; the date can be current or past, but not future.





#### **AFCARS-52: PERSON MANAGEMENT - PRIOR ADOPTION**

- If known, the Child Welfare Professional will need to enter the "Most Recent Adoption Finalization Date"
- If the date of the most recent adoption is unknown, the Child Welfare Professional would select the "Unknown" checkbox.
  - Upon selecting the Unknown checkbox, the Most Recent Adoption Finalization Date field will be disabled, grayed out and not required
- Child Welfare Professionals must document "Was the most recent, prior adoption, an intercountry adoption?"
  - The selection of Yes, No or Unknown is conditionally enabled and required upon selecting Yes to the existing question "Child Was Previously Adopted."
- •All pre-existing records with Unable to Determine will reflect Abandoned.



#### **GUARDIANSHIP**

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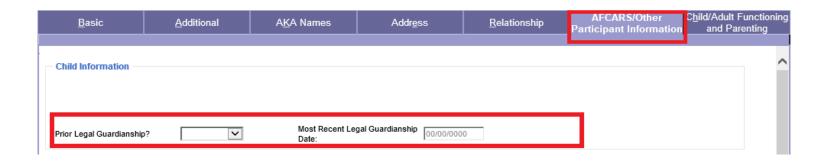
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#### **AFCARS-53: PERSON MANAGEMENT - PRIOR GUARDIANSHIP**

- The AFCARS/Other Participant Information tab has been modified to include the following two new fields Prior Legal Guardianship and Most Recent Legal Guardianship Date.
- Prior Legal Guardianship question has a drop-down containing the options 'Yes', 'No' and 'Abandoned'.
  - When the 'No' or 'Abandoned' option is selected a date is not required;
  - When the 'Yes' option is selected a date is required;
  - The "Most Recent Legal Guardianship Date" field can be current or past, but not a future date\*.

\*Upon hovering over the question, "Prior Legal Guardianship, display the following text: Prior Guardianship includes any child closed in permanent guardianship; or any private guardianships.





#### MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH

Impacted Users: All Child Welfare Professionals

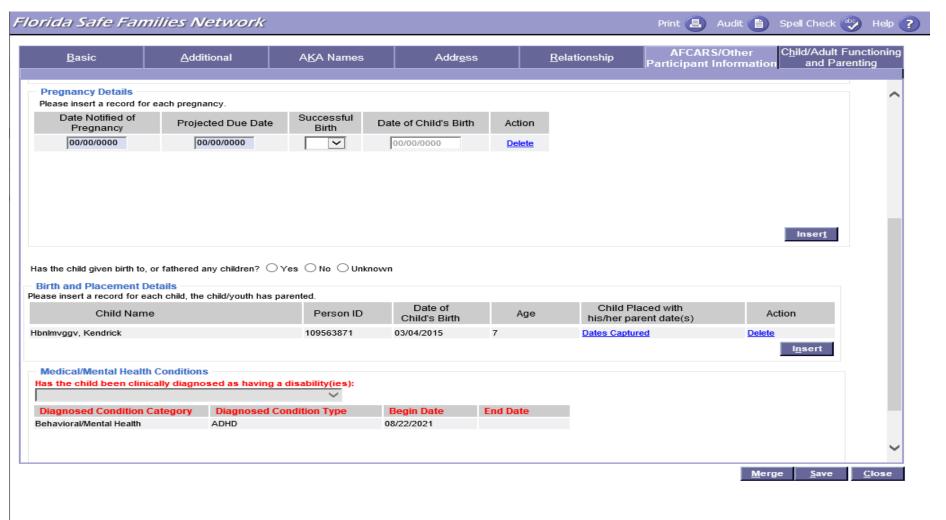


### AFCARS-72 MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH PAGE-PREGNANCY INFORMATION

- Child welfare professionals CANNOT document pregnancy details on the Medical/Mental Health page. The Medical/Mental Health page Disability and Pregnancy tab has been changed to Disability Information.
- •Any pre-existing records where there is at least one record inserted within the Pregnancy and Parenting Information group box will remain, but the Insert button will always be disabled and grayed out. Any pre-existing records will continue to be modifiable, but no new records will be able to be inserted.
- ■For any pre-existing records where there are No records inserted within the Pregnancy and Parenting Information group box, and for all newly created Medical/Mental Health pages, the group box will no longer display.



### EXISTING: PREGNANCY GROUP BOX/MEDICAL MENTAL CONDITIONS





#### AFCARS 88:MEDICAL / MENTAL HEALTH - DISABILITY TAB

- Child welfare professionals CAN capture if a child has a diagnosed condition, assessment and no condition, assessment but awaiting results, or no assessment conducted on the disability information tab.
- Drop-down values were modified to capture the following:
  - Child has a diagnosed condition.
  - No exam or assessment conducted.
  - > Exam or assessment conducted and none of the conditions apply.
  - > Exam or assessment conducted but results not received.
- Pre-existing records will reflect the following:
  - Yes = Child has a diagnosed condition.
  - ➤ No and not yet determined with no record = null.
  - No and not determined with at least 1 or more record = no exam or assessment conducted and none of the conditions apply.



General Information				
Name:	lvbvh, Carter Ray	Gender:	Race:	
SSN:		Date of Birth:	Ethnicity:	
Medicaid Number:				
M <u>e</u> dical Profile	Medications	Mental Health Profile	Medic <u>a</u> l History	<u>D</u> isability Information
— Medical/Mental Health  Has the child been clinic	Conditions ally diagnosed as having a dis	sability(ies): Child has a diagnosed of	condition	
Diagnosed Condition C	category * Diagnosed Cor	ndition Type * Exam or assessment co	onducted and none of the conditions ap onducted but results not received	oply Action
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Caregiver(s) Information	on at Time of Intake			
Em otionally Disturbed:	Learning Disa	bility: Visually or Hearin	ng Im paired: Y Physic	cally Disabled:
Other Medical Condition:	Drug Abuse:	Mental Retardation	on: Alcoho	ol Abuse:



#### PREGNANCY DETAILS

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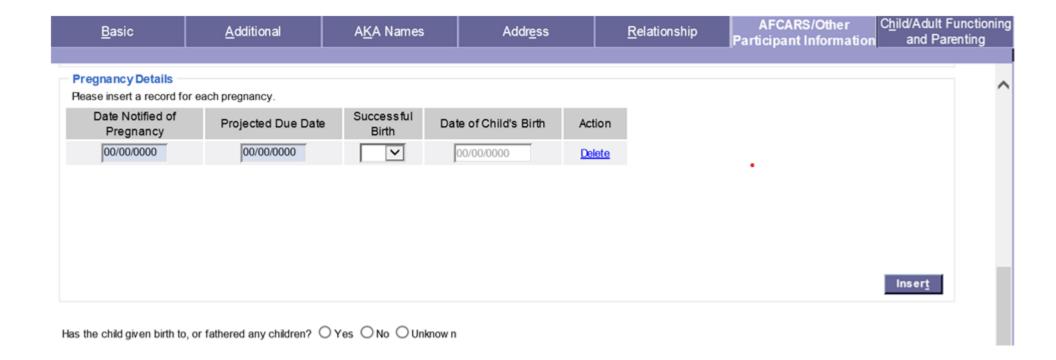


# AFCARS-73 NEW PREGNANCY DETAIL GROUP BOX ON PERSON MANAGEMENT PAGE

- Child Welfare Professionals will now document Pregnancy and Parenting Information on Person Management.
- The AFCARS/Other Participant Information tab has been modified to include a new group box labeled Pregnancy Details.

  This group box displays directly below the new Sibling Information group box.
- The Insert button is disabled if the Gender is not documented or if the Gender is Male or Unknown. The Insert button is conditionally enabled only if the Gender is Female.
- ■Upon clicking the Insert button, a new row populates the table, and the Date Notified of Pregnancy and Projected Due Date are enabled and required.
- The Date Notified of Pregnancy will allow a current or past date, but not a future date. Upon entering a future date and clicking save, the following validation message displays, "Date Notified of Pregnancy cannot be a future date." The Projected Due Date can be prior to, equal to or greater than the Date Notified of Pregnancy, and can be past, current or future dated.

# AFCARS-73: NEW PREGNANCY DETAIL GROUP BOX ON PERSON MANAGEMENT PAGE



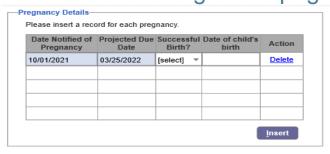


### NEW PREGNANCY DETAIL GROUP BOX ON PERSON MANAGEMENT PAGE

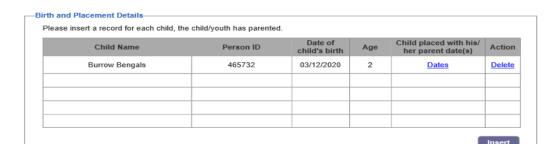
- ■The Successful Birth field is enabled but not required. The values available are Yes or No. Upon selecting Yes, the Date of Child's Birth is conditionally enabled and required; otherwise, disabled and grayed out. When Yes is selected for "Successful birth", upon attempting to save the page without entering the date of child's birth, the following validation message displays, "Please enter data in the required field."
- The Date of Child's Birth can be prior to, equal to, or greater than the Projected Due Date; it can be a current or past date but cannot be a future date. Upon entering a future date and clicking save, the following validation message displays, "Date of Child's Birth cannot be a future date." Any record inserted will have a Delete hyperlink displayed, allowing the user to delete an inserted record, in the event it was inserted in error
- If there is at least one record in the Pregnancy Details group box and the user changes the Gender from Female to Male or Unknown, upon attempting to save a validation message is received that states that: You are attempting to change the gender of this participant, while there is at least 1 Pregnancy Details record documented on the AFCARS/Other Participant Information tab. If you are intending to change the Gender, please remove all the Pregnancy Details records in order to save.

# AFCARS-74: NEW QUESTION AND BIRTH AND PLACEMENT DETAILS GROUP BOX WITH FIELDS

- Child Welfare Professionals CAN document if the child has given birth to or fathered any children in a new group box labeled Birth and Placement Details. This field is user selected, unless at least 1 record in the Pregnancy Details group box has Yes selected for "Successful Birth?"; if so, it is system derived as Yes, disabled, and grayed out.
- If yes is selected on given birth to or fathered a child, at least 1 record must be captured in the Birth and Placement Details group box to save the Person Management page.



Has the child given birth to, or fathered any children? Yes No Unknown

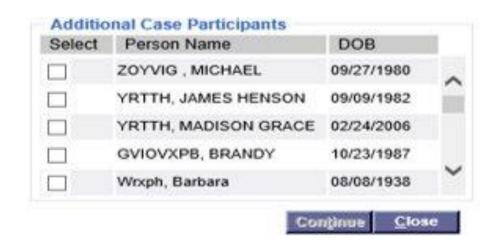




# AFCARS-75: BIRTH AND PLACEMENT DETAILS - PARTICIPANT SELECTION POP-UP PAGE

- The new Participant Selection pop-up page will display when needing to add participants, the pop-up page will capture a group box labeled Case Participants. A repeating table will be displayed, and will pre-fill with all FSFN Case Participants who are under the age of 18, based on their DOB; if no DOB, it will look at Est Age; if no DOB or Est Age, it will treat them as if they are 18 or over
- A Continue and Close button will be displayed in the bottom right corner. Upon selecting at least 1 checkbox, the Continue button will be conditionally enabled; otherwise, disabled. Close button is always enabled. Upon selecting at least 1 checkbox, clicking Continue, and returning to the Person Management page, a new record will be captured in the table, and the user must click Save to commit the selection to the database. Upon selecting Close, if at least one checkbox was selected, the user will receive a prompt asking if they are sure they wish to Close without saving their selection, with a Yes and No button. Upon selecting Yes, the user will be returned to the Person Management page without having a selection made. Upon selecting No, the user will remain on the Participant Selection pop-up page.
- Once a child is included in this table, if the user attempts to remove the Date of Birth or Estimated Age or modify the age of that child which results in the child not having a DOB or Estimated Age, or being 18 or older, respectively, a validation message will be displayed that states the following: "You are attempting to either remove or modify the DOB or Estimated Age, which will result in this child not having a DOB or Estimated Age, or being 18 or older, while this child is currently identified as a child to a young adult parent". Please update the Parenting Information for Person ID on their Person Management record in order to make the change to this child's DOB or Estimated Age.

# AFCARS-75: BIRTH AND PLACEMENT DETAILS - PARTICIPANT SELECTION POP-UP PAGE





# AFCARS-76: BIRTH AND PLACEMENT DETAILS - ADD DATES POP-UP PAGE AND FUNCTIONALITY

- Users will be able to document Birth and Placement Details. Upon inserting a record into the Birth and Placement Details group box, an Add Dates hyperlink displays in the column labeled: Child Placed with his/her parent date(s). Upon clicking the Add Dates hyperlink, a new pop-up page displays labeled "Child Placed with His/her Parent Date(s)". The new pop-up page will capture a group box labeled "Child Placed with His/her Parent Date(s)" and will contain a repeating
- Upon inserting one or more records, the Continue button will be conditionally enabled; otherwise, disabled.



#### **SIBLINGS**

Impacted Users: All Child Welfare Professionals



#### **AFCARS-64: # OF SIBLINGS GROUP BOXES AND FIELDS**

- Child Welfare Professionals will be able to document if a child has siblings, who are living out of state, and are not already being counted within FSFN
- On the AFCARS/Other Participant Information tab, on Person Management, a new group box labeled Siblings has been added.
  - Another group box will be displayed below # of Siblings in care labeled Identified Siblings in FSFN. This group box will contain a
    repeating table with the following columns: Sibling Name (Person ID); Case ID and Provider ID.

Does this child have siblings living out of state (including adult siblings)?			
# of Siblings: 2			
If Yes, are any of these siblings in Foster Care, under another State agencies care? ● γes ○ No			
# of Siblings in care: 1			
Identified Siblings in FSFN			
Sibling Name (Person ID)	Case ID	Provider ID	
MBVH, KATLYN ( )			
MBVH, BRIANNA M (	•		
lvbvh, Carter Ray (			
		# of Siblings: 3	



**Siblings** 

#### REMOVAL AND PLACEMENTS

Impacted Users: Child Protective Investigators, Case Managers, and

**FSFN Placement Entry Staff** 



#### **AFCARS ELEMENT 71: ENVIRONMENT AT REMOVAL**

Indicate the type of environment the child was living in at the time of each removal.

- Parent Household: If the child was living in a household that included one or both child's parents, whether biological, adoptive, or legal.
- Relative Household: If the child was living with a relative(s), the relative(s) is not the child's legal guardian, and neither of the child's parents were living in the household.
- **Legal Guardian Household**: If the child was living with a legal guardian(s), the guardian(s) is not the child's relative, and neither of the child's parents were living in the household.
- Relative Legal Guardian Household: If the child was living with a relative(s) who is also the child's legal guardian.
- Justice Facility: If the child was in a detention center, jail, or other similar settings where the child was detained.
- Medical/Mental Health Facility: If the child was living in a facility such as a medical or psychiatric hospital or residential treatment center.
- Other: If the child was living in another situation not so described, such as living independently or homeless.

Note: If the agency received placement & care responsibility while the child was on Runaway, indicate the environment from which the child ran away.

#### **AFCARS ELEMENT 71: ENVIRONMENT AT REMOVAL**

FSFN: Out-of-Home Placement page – Removal/Placement tab - Child Removal From Home

Child Removal From Home		
Removal Begin Date and Time:	09/15/2022 00:00 OAM OPM	
Initial Removal Reasons		
Manner of Removal:	~	
<b>Environment at Removal:</b>		
Caregiver Structure:	Justice Facility Legal Guardian Household Medical/Mental Health Facility	
Child Placement Inform Placement Begin Date and Time:	Other	

Note: For pre-existing removals, the new 'Environment at Removal' field will be required when modifying or entering a placement through Placement Corrections.



### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – EXISTING REASONS

Indicate <u>all</u> child and family circumstances present at the time of the child's removal and/or related to the child being placed into foster care for each removal.

■ **Abandonment**: The child was left alone or with others, and the parent or legal guardian's identity is unknown and cannot be ascertained. This does not include a child left at a "safe haven." This category does not apply when the identity of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is known.

Note: This is the sole response to be used when the parent's identity is unknown.

- Relinquishment: The child's parent has voluntarily relinquished the child by assigning the physical and legal custody of the child to the Title IV-E agency, in writing, to have the child adopted. This includes a child left at a "safe haven."
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Child (CSEC): The child is a victim of sex trafficking at the time of removal SEPARTA

### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – EXISTING REASONS

- Physical Abuse: Alleged or substantiated physical abuse, injury, or maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare.
- **Sexual Abuse**: Alleged or substantiated sexual abuse or exploitation of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare.
- **Emotional Abuse/Neglect**: Alleged or substantiated psychological or emotional abuse, including verbal abuse, of the child by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.
- **Physical Neglect:** Alleged or substantiated negligent treatment or maltreatment of the child, including failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, supervision, or care by a person responsible for the child's welfare.
- Medical Neglect: Alleged or substantiated medical neglect caused by a failure to provide for the child's appropriate health care by a person responsible for the child's welfare, although the person was financially able to do so or was offered financial or other means to do so.

### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – EXISTING REASONS

■Domestic Violence: Alleged or substantiated violent act(s), including any forceful detention of an individual that results in, threatens or attempts to cause physical injury or mental harm. A person commits this act against another individual residing in the child's home and with whom such person is in an intimate relationship, dating relationship, is or was related by marriage, or has a child in common. This circumstance includes domestic violence between the child and their partner and applies to a child or youth of any age, including those younger and older than the majority. This situation does not include alleged or substantiated maltreatment of the child by a person responsible for the child's welfare.

•Diagnosed Condition (changed from 'Child's Disability'): The child has a clinical diagnosis by a qualified professional of health, behavioral or mental health condition, such as one or more of the following: Intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, hearing, speech or sight impairment, physical disability or other clinically diagnosed condition.

### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – EXISTING REASONS

- **Child Behavior Problem**: The child's behavior in school and/or community adversely affects their socialization, learning, growth, and/or moral development. This situation includes all child behavior problems, adjudicated and non-adjudicated status or delinquency offenses and convictions.
- ■Alcohol Abuse (Parent): A parent, legal guardian, or other caretaker responsible for the child uses alcohol compulsively that is not of a temporary nature.
- Drug Abuse (Parent): A parent, legal guardian or another caretaker responsible for the child uses drugs compulsively that are not of a temporary nature.
- Alcohol Abuse (Child): The child uses alcohol.
- Drug Abuse (Child): The child uses drugs.



### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL: EXISTING REASONS

■ **Death of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s)** (changed from 'Death of "Parent(s)): Existing family stress in caring for the child or an inability to care for the child due to the death of a parent, legal guardian or another caretaker.

Incarceration of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s): (changed from 'Incarceration of Parent(s)') Existing family stress in caring for the child or an inability to care for the child due to the death of a parent, legal guardian, or another caretaker.

■ Inadequate Housing: The child's or his or her family's housing is substandard, overcrowded, unsafe, or otherwise inadequate, resulting in it being inappropriate for the child to reside.

■ Extended Foster Care 18+: The child - age 18 or older - has requested placement into foster care.



### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL: NEW REASONS

- Runaway: The child has left, without authorization, the home or facility where the child was residing.
- Whereabouts Unknown: The child's whereabouts are unknown but not considered to have run away.
  Note: 'Runaway' and 'Whereabouts Unknown' should not be selected together. These two values will be added to FSFN on 11/04/2022.
- Failure to Return: The parent, legal guardian, or caretaker did not or has not returned for the child or made his or her whereabouts known. This category does not apply when the identity of the parent, legal guardian or caretaker is unknown.
- **Prenatal Alcohol Exposure**: The child has been identified as prenatally exposed to alcohol, resulting in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders such as fetal alcohol exposure, fetal alcohol effect, or fetal alcohol syndrome.
- Prenatal Drug Exposure: The child has been identified as prenatally exposed to drugs.



### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – NEW REASONS

- ■Caretaker's Significant Impairment-Physical/Emotional: A physical or emotional illness or disabling condition of the child's parent, legal guardian or caretaker that adversely limits his or her ability to care for the child.
- ■Caretaker's Significant Impairment-Cognitive: The child's parent, legal guardian or caretaker has cognitive limitations that impact his or her ability to function in areas of daily life, which adversely affect his or her ability to care for the child. It also may be characterized by a significantly below-average score on a test of mental ability or intelligence.
- ■Inadequate Access to Mental Health Services: The child and/or child's family has inadequate resources to access the necessary mental health services outside of the child's out-of-home care placement.
- ■Inadequate Access to Medical Services: The child and/or child's family has inadequate resources to access the necessary medical services outside of the child's out-of-home care placement.

### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – NEW REASONS

- **Educational Neglect**: Alleged or substantiated failure of a parent or caregiver to enroll a child of mandatory school age in school or provide appropriate home schooling or needed special educational training, thus allowing the child or youth to engage in chronic truancy.
- Family Conflict Related to Child's Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, or Gender Expression: There is family conflict related to the child's expressed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. This includes any conflict related to the ways in which a child manifests masculinity or femininity.

■Homelessness: The child or their family has no regular or adequate place to live. This includes living in a car, or on the street, or staying in a homeless or other temporary shelter.

■ Parental Immigration, Detainment, or Deportation: The parent is or was detained or deported by immigration officials.

### AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL – NEW REASONS

- ■Public Agency Title IV-E Agency Agreement: The child is in the placement and care responsibility of another public agency that has an agreement with the title IV-E agency pursuant to section 472(a)(2)(B) of the Act and on whose behalf title IV-E foster care maintenance payments are made.
- **Tribal Title IV-E Agreement**: The child is in the placement and care responsibility of an Indian tribe, tribal organization or consortium with which the title IV-E agency has an agreement and on whose behalf title IV-E foster care maintenance payments are made.

**NOTE:** These are only used to identify children in the reporting population who are under a title IV-E agreement with a public or tribal agency and are receiving a title IV-E foster care maintenance payment. These elements would not be reported for a child under the placement and care responsibility of the reporting title IV-E agency.

## AFCARS ELEMENTS 75-105: CHILD AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AT REMOVAL

Removal from Home Reasons		
Abandonment	Homelessness	
Adoption Dissolution	☐ Inadequate Access to Medical Services	
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	☐ Inadequate Access to Mental Health Services	
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	☐ Inadequate Housing	
Caretaker's Inability to Cope	☐ Inadequate Supervision	
Caretaker's Significant Impairment - Cognitive	☐ Incarceration of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s)	
Caretaker's Significant Impairment - Physical/Emotional	☐ Labor Trafficking	
Child's Behavior Problem	Medical Neglect	
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Child (CSEC)	Parental Immigration, Detainment, or Deportation	
Death of Parent(s)/Caretaker(s)	Physical Abuse	
☐ Diagnosed Condition	Physical Neglect	
☐ Domestic Violence	Prenatal Alcohol Exposure	
☐ Drug Abuse (Child)	Prenatal Drug Exposure	
Drug Abuse (Parent)	Public Agency Title IV-E Agency Agreement	
Educational Neglect	Relinquishment	
Emotional Abuse/Neglect	Sexual Abuse	
Extended Foster Care 18+	Sexual Abuse-Sexual Exploitation	
☐ Failure to Return	☐ Tribal Title IV-E Agreement	
☐ Family Conflict Related to Child's Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, or Gender Expression		

FSFN: Out-of-Home
Placement page –
Removal/Placement tab –
Initial Removal Reasons

Child Removal From Home
Removal Begin
Date and Time:
Initial Removal Reasons



#### **NEW VALUE:**

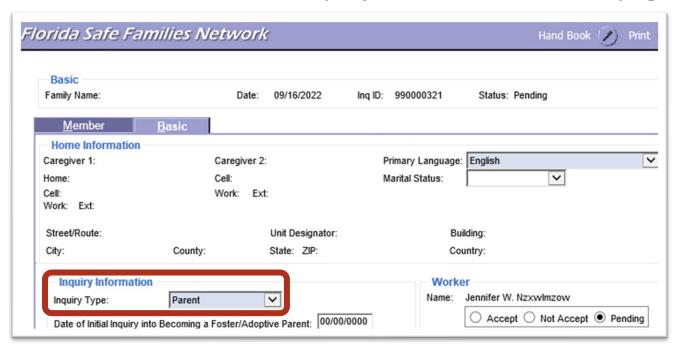
■Placed At Home: If the child is home with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in preparation for the title IV-E agency to return the child home permanently. This may also be referred to as a trial home visit.

#### **IMPACT:**

- ■Parents must be created a 'Person' providers with their accurate demographic and location information.
- •Out-of-Home Placement is created for any visitation with a parent regardless of the number of nights the visit is planned to occur.



FSFN: Person Provider Inquiry and Person Provider page

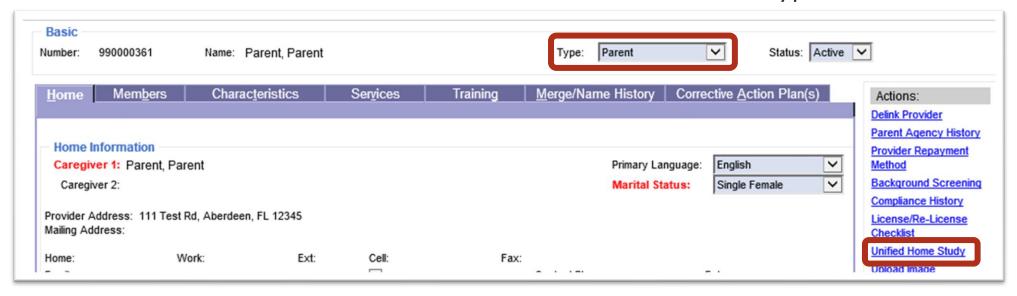


Value of 'Parent' added to Person Provider Inquiry page as an Inquiry Type.



FSFN: Person Provider Inquiry and Person Provider page

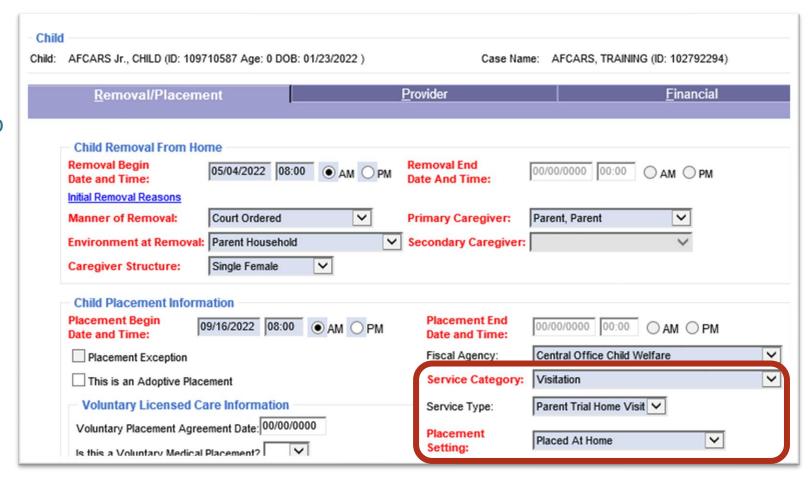
Value of 'Parent' added to Person Provider as a 'Type'



A Unified Home Study should not be created for a 'Parent' Person Provider. A Progress Update must be completed to capture all home study components when implementing reunification.

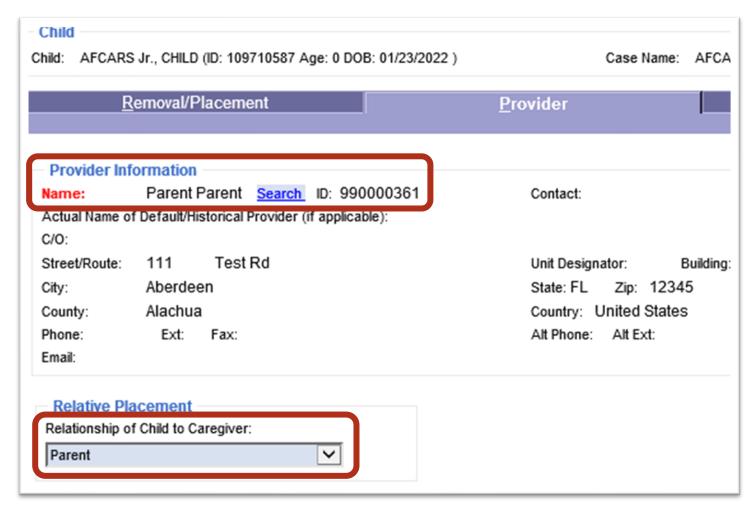


FSFN:Out-of-Home
Placement page –
Removal/Placement tab
– Child Placement
Information



Service Category = Visitation Service Type = Parent Trial Home Visit Placement Setting = Placed At Home

FSFN:Out-of-Home Placement page – Provider tab



Parent Provider linked under Provider Information Relationship of Child to Caregiver = Parent



# AFCARS ELEMENT 124: CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE FOSTER PARENT(S)

The relationship of the child to the caregiver is required to be documented for out-of-home placements where the 'Placement Setting' is one of the following:

- Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)
- Foster Family Home (Relative)
- Pre-Adoptive Home
- Placed At Home



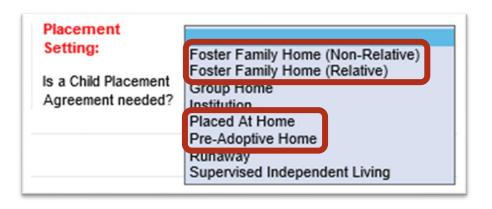
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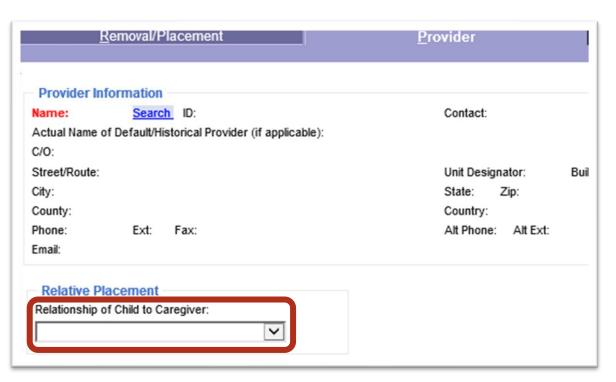
- ■Relative, as defined by s. 39.01(73), F.S., means a grandparent, great-grandparent, sibling, first cousin, aunt, uncle, great-aunt, great-uncle, niece, or nephew, whether related by the whole or half blood, by affinity, or by adoption. The term does not include a stepparent.
- Fictive Kin, as defined by s. 39.01(28), F.S., means a person unrelated by birth, marriage, or adoption who has an emotionally significant relationship, which possesses the characteristics of a family relationship, to a child.

■Non-relative, as defined by s. 39.01(52), F.S., means a person unrelated by blood or marriage or a relative outside the fifth degree of consanguinity.

# AFCARS ELEMENT 124: CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE FOSTER PARENT(S)

FSFN: Out-of-Home Placement page – Provider tab – Relationship of Child to Caregiver





#### **AFCARS ELEMENT 155: EXIT REASON**

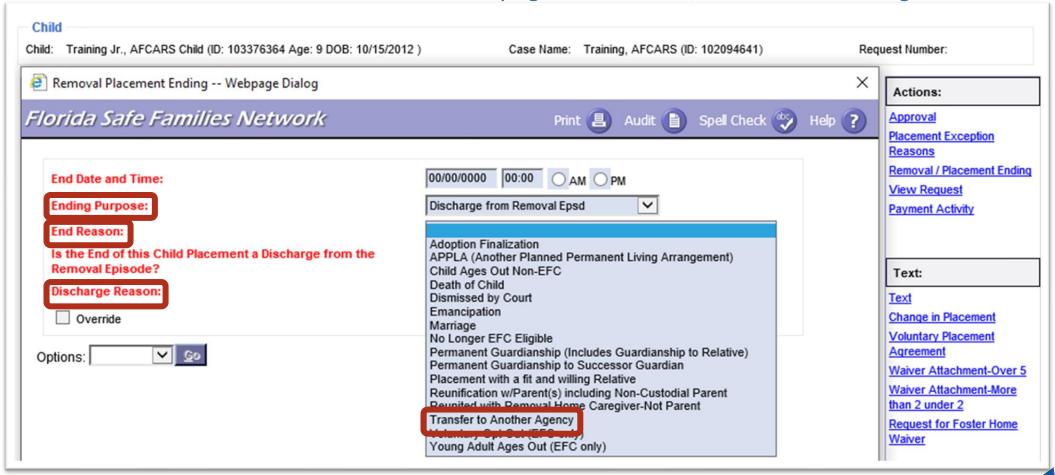
Indicate the reason for each of the child's exits from out-of-home care.

- ■Reunify with Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s): If the child was returned to his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the title IV-E agency no longer has placement and care responsibility.
- **Adoption**: If the child was legally adopted.
- ■Guardianship: If the child exited due to a legal guardianship of the child.
- **Live with Other Relatives**: If the child exited to live with a relative (related by a biological, legal or marital connection) other than his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- **Emancipation**: If the child exited care due to age.
- ■Runaway or Whereabouts Unknown: If the child ran away or the child's whereabouts were unknown at the time that the title IV-E agency's placement and care responsibility ends.
- Death of Child: If the child died while in out-of-home care.
- ■Transfer to Another Agency: If placement and care responsibility for the child was transferred to another agency, either within or outside of the reporting state or tribal service area.



#### **AFCARS ELEMENT 155: EXIT REASON**

FSFN: Out-of-Home Placement page – Removal / Placement Ending



'Transfer to Another Agency' moved from 'Discharge Reason' to 'End Reason'.

#### **AFCARS ELEMENT 155: EXIT REASON**

FSFN: Out-of-Home Placement page – Removal / Placement Ending



Pending approvals for ending placements should be completed by COB on 9/30/2022.

- Licensed Private Agency (Adoption): Intervention by a licensed Child Placing Agency
- Non-Licensed Entity (Adoption): Intervention by a non-licensed attorney
- State IV-E Agency: Transfer jurisdiction to another state
- Tribal IV-E Agency: Transfer jurisdiction to a tribal agency that has an IV-E state plan
- Indian Tribe or Tribal Agency (non-IV-E): Transfer jurisdiction to a tribe or non-IV-E tribal agency
- Juvenile Justice Agency: Transfer jurisdiction to a juvenile justice agency
- Mental Health Agency: Transfer jurisdiction to a mental health agency

Note: Other Public Agency and Private Agency: Do not use unless approved by OCFW.



### **THANK YOU!**

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