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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES **Administration on Children, Youth and Families** 1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024

## Dear Child Welfare Administrators:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the enclosed Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Technical Bulletin #7, which announces the initiation of the next round of reviews.

As you know, we have been considering improvements to the reviews and are now restarting our systematic monitoring efforts of state title IV-B and IV-E programs, including the functioning of state systems to meet federal plan requirements, and the safety, permanency and well-being outcomes and experiences of children and families. This technical bulletin outlines the general direction of improvements in the reviews and the tentative schedule. We are planning for onsite reviews to begin in federal fiscal year 2015 and continue through 2018, with preparations for the first states beginning this summer.

Please note that we are scheduling several opportunities for you to engage directly with the Children's Bureau about the third round of the CFSRs including an initial conference call for child welfare administrators on March 19 at 1pm EST. Invitations for this call and other briefing sessions will be sent to you directly under separate cover from our contract partner JBS which manages the Child Welfare Reviews Project.

We look forward to working with you as we strive toward our mutual goal of improving the child welfare system. If you have any questions or should you need further information on the enclosed, please contact CB's Child Welfare Regional Program Manager in your Regional Office.

Sincerely,

JooYeun Chang Associate Commissioner Children's Bureau

Enclosure:

Child and Family Services Review Technical Bulletin #7