

Round 4 Child and Family Services Review National Call Series

**ONSITE REVIEW INSTRUMENT AND
INSTRUCTIONS (OSRI) REVISIONS
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Agenda

- Objectives of Revisions to the Onsite Review Instrument and Instructions (OSRI)
- Overarching Revisions
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 - Definitions
 - Instructions
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Objectives of OSRI Revisions

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The Children's Bureau's goals for the revision to the OSRI:

- Minimize changes
- Promote ease of use by clarifying Item-specific instructions and incorporating previously issued Frequently Asked Questions
- Continue to reinforce quality practices to achieve safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families

Overarching Revisions



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- Removed the optional nature of the rating narrative fields throughout the OSRI
- Replaced “caretaker” with “caregiver” throughout
- Replaced “Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” with “Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement”
- Incorporated current guidance from the Face Sheet and Round 3 FAQs into the Introduction for:
 - The definition of the Period Under Review (PUR):
The PUR begins with the sampling period start date and ends with the date the case review is completed or the case is closed, whichever comes first.
 - What activity reviewers must consider during the PUR.

Face Sheet

Face Sheet Revisions

- Replaced “county” and “local area” with “site”
- Added the federal regulation definition of “foster care”
- Added the question:
“What is the date the target child was physically returned home from a foster care placement to live with his/her parent(s) or legal guardian?”
- Added the definition of “Open for Services”

Face Sheet Revisions (cont'd)

- Added/revise questions to preserve the actual date of physical removal while establishing the date of entry into foster care per regulations for the purposes of calculating the 15-out-of-22-month requirement in Item 5
- Revised definition of “entry into foster care”:
 - “...either the date of a judicial finding that the child had been subjected to child abuse or neglect (often the adjudicatory hearing), or 60 days after the date on which the child was removed from the home, whichever is earlier.”
- Added an Optional Case Summary field

Safety Outcome 1

Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

Item 1

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations and Reports of Child Maltreatment

Added to Question 1A and B instructions:

- “Requirements refer to any provisions, beyond timeframes, that are noted in state policies or statutes related to initial face-to-face contact with the children in accepted maltreatment reports.”

AND

- “Concerns that delays to initiation or face-to-face contact affected risk/safety should be considered in Item 3.”

Safety Outcome 2

Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

Item 2—Applicability

Services to Family to Protect Child(ren) in the Home and Prevent Removal or Re-Entry Into Foster Care

In Round 3:

- Varying definitions and understandings of safety vs. risk have driven applicability of this item.
- Risk was not to be considered in Item 2, only safety.
- Item 2 was often Not Applicable
 - Missed opportunity to assess response for at-risk children and families
 - Affected CB's ability to capture services to prevent foster care entry and re-entry
 - When only a safety plan was needed

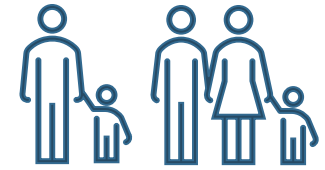


Well-Being Outcome 1

Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Item 12

Needs and Services of Child, Parents, and Foster Parents



- Incorporated existing guidance about the appropriateness of services into Item 12 as well as Items 16, 17, and 18:
 - Tailored to the specific needs of the child(ren)/parent;
 - Culturally appropriate, with providers who can speak the language of the child/parent;
 - Accessible to the child/parent (considering waitlists, transportation, and hours available);
 - Provided in a setting that is the most effective and responsive to needs; and
 - Monitored and adjusted, as needed, to ensure that treatment goals are being achieved and progress is made.



Sub-Item 12A

Needs Assessment and Services to Children



- Added “including kin” as an example of children's needs that should be assessed in this item
- Incorporated Round 3 FAQ guidance about assessing and addressing alternative caregivers’ needs related to their ability to meet the identified needs of the children living with them

Sub-Item 12B

Needs Assessment and Services to Parents



- Revised the Item applicability guidance for Sub-Item 12B and Item 13 to replace “either” and “all parents” with a **“specific parent.”**

Questions in Sub-Item 12B should be answered Not Applicable for a **specific parent** if any of the following applies to that parent (check Yes for any that apply and No for any that do not apply):

- Parental rights remained terminated during the entire PUR. Yes No
- Parent’s identity or whereabouts were not known during the entire PUR despite agency efforts to identify or locate the parent. Yes No
- Parent was deceased during the entire PUR. Yes No
- During the entire PUR, it was documented in the case file that it was not in the child’s best interests to involve the parent in case planning. Yes No
- During the entire PUR, the parent indicated that he or she did not want to be involved in the child’s life and this was documented in the case file. Yes No



Item 14

Caseworker Visits With Child

- Provided additional guidance on how reviewers should rate this item if a child is older than an infant but has not reached the stage in development where they may be comfortable away from the parent

Well-Being Outcome 2

Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Item 16

Educational Needs of the Child



- Clarified Question B Instructions to ensure that reviewers consider only the target child when a foster care case is opened for both in-home services and foster care during the period under review

Well-Being Outcome 3

Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

Item 17

Physical Health of the Child



- Incorporated the same Round 3 guidance into Question A1/A2 Instructions about considering only the target child when a foster care case is opened for both in-home services and foster care during the period under review
- Added guidance in Question A1/A2 Instructions to clarify that well-child examinations should occur according to the guidelines established by agency policies and/or protocols or, if none exist, the schedule established by the EPSDT, unless otherwise recommended by the child's physician



Next Steps

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- Reviewer Briefs
 - Item 2
 - Item 5
 - Item 12
- Other CB-issued OSRI guidance—e.g., Quality Assurance Guide
- The OSRI and the Online Monitoring System (OMS)
- Additional OSRI Training Opportunities

Questions?
