

2007 Child and Family Service Review: Report on Findings

“What Gets Rated and Where Do Ratings Come From”

Ratings for	Based on	Comes from
Federal Performance Measures (National standards)	The Federal Data Profile is the sole source of information applied to rating the state’s performance on federal performance measures. The state must meet the “national standard” score to be rated a strength.	Provided to the state by the Administration of Children and Families (ACF). Based on a twelve month period of Adoption and Foster care, and Child Abuse and Neglect data.
Outcomes and Performance Items	<p>A standardized case review process and rating instrument, and case-related interviews are used to arrive at ratings on outcomes and performance items. Ratings are aggregated across all cases and must meet a threshold of 95 percent for outcomes and 90 percent for performance items to be rated a strength.</p> <p>Performance on federal performance measures is applied to ratings for two outcomes.</p>	On-site review of 65 cases conducted by state/federal review teams in three sites that includes interviews with persons directly involved in the case.
Systemic Factors	<p>Stakeholder interviews with required ‘persons/groups’ are conducted by the federal staff at the state level and each local review site. Efforts are made to solicit statements that apply to all performance items and systemic factors.</p> <p>The statewide assessment, prepared by state staff in consultation with community input.</p>	<p>Statements from stakeholders interviewed by federal staff at the state level and at each local review site are recorded by federal staff.</p> <p>The statewide assessment includes quantitative performance data, trend data, findings from the state’s QA process and input from experts in the state’s child welfare system.</p>