



Federal Child and Family Services Review Data Source and Case Selection Summary

Data Profile

Sources: National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)
Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)

Years: Calendar Years: 1998, 1999 and 2000 for NCANDS
Federal Fiscal Years: 1998, 1999 and 2000 for AFCARS

Type: Safety profile from NCANDS or alternate data source
Point-in-time permanency profile from AFCARS
First-time-entry cohort profile from AFCARS

Case Sample Selection

Case Sample Universe: 300 cases (150 foster care and 150 in-home) randomly selected from child welfare services and probation cases.

Total Case Sample: 50 (out of 100,000 foster cases in the state)

Case Sampling Period: Out-of-Home Cases: April 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001
In-Home Cases: April 1, 2001 to November 30, 2001

Case Reviews

Three Locations:	Los Angeles County	26 Cases
	San Mateo County	12 Cases
	Stanislaus County	12 Cases

Required Interviews

Per case = 5 **Case Plan Participants:** child, child's parent, child's foster parent, child's social worker and one service provider.

Per Site = 7 **Local Stakeholders:** county child welfare director, foster parents (group), juvenile court judge, social workers (group), Guardian Ad Litem (group), agency attorneys, representatives of administrative review bodies (e.g., foster care review boards).

Per State = 5 **State Level Stakeholders:** CDSS Director and/or CFSD Deputy Director, CDSS Children's Services Branch Chief and/or Foster Care Branch Chief, court system representatives, major tribal representatives, representatives of administrative review bodies (e.g., foster care review boards).