Getting Ready for the Federal CFSR

June 27-July 1, 2016

In June 2016, the District will have our third federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). As the primary administrator of federal funding for child welfare, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is mandated by law to conduct periodic reviews of child welfare systems in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Jurisdictions must comply with federal requirements and standards in order to continue to receive federal funds. It’s in the District’s best interest to do well on this review!

Opportunities

- Showcase District child welfare capability
- Find out how we’re performing on a national scale
- Keep all our federal funding for child welfare

Key Players

- Social workers with cases in the random sample: Will need to prepare the case files
- Individuals involved in cases in the random sample: May be interviewed during the review
- Local reviewers (from CFSA and stakeholders): Will partner with federal reviewers to conduct the review

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Random Sample
Total of 65 cases open at any time since April 2015
- 40 out-of-home cases
- 20 in-home cases
- 5 family assessments

Important Dates

- March 25: District “Statewide” Assessment due to ACF
- March 31: CFSA holds info session for reviewers
- April 30: CFSA receives the random sample of cases to be reviewed
- May 2-31: Social workers prep case files in the random sample
- June 15-31: CFSA trains local reviewers

June 27-July 1: CFSR on site at CFSA