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Hola,

The following comment is in response to your request for suggestions from the public on how to redesign the Child and Family Services Review.

1. How could ACF best promote and measure continuous quality improvement in child welfare outcomes and the effective functioning of systems that promote positive outcomes for children and families?

The sample of cases to be reviewed should include a number of cases being served in local program initiatives, such as the ones modeled after the Homebuilders Model, for example. In Puerto Rico, our internal monitoring efforts evidenced that the cases served using this intensive intervention method met the outcomes measured in the CFSR. However, not a single case was represented in the sample of cases reviewed in the CFSR held this past year.

Singling out the results of individual initiatives within the CFSR process, could help to point out more clearly the direction that local efforts should take in improving the child welfare system. In addition, the internal support for expanding these types of services would be expected to increase and the evidence supporting the effectiveness of these models and other types of local initiatives will get stronger.

Thank you for the opportunity,

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