

1. Fold the CFSR/PIP into the CFSP/APSR. Develop a five year cycle flow that builds on and encourages continuous improvement and provides federal accountability. Simplify and reorganize the structure of the current reporting mechanisms into one streamlined document to be submitted every five years as the comprehensive CFSP. 2. Need to develop refined measures that are accurate, valid, reliable and comprehensible to child welfare stakeholders and staff. The measures need to provide valuable information applicable across geographic areas and demographics. Safety, Permanency and Well-Being are essential domains for measurement. States should be able to set own improvement goals using our own quantitative and qualitative data as the baseline. 3. States should be allowed to use their own systems if capable of producing qualitative and quantitative data to drive state performance and meet federal review and accountability requirements. 4. States should be able to prioritize improvement areas and set their own improvement goals using their own QA systems. 5. All Child Welfare oversight efforts should complement each other and work cohesively for continuous improvement in child welfare. 6. States should be able to develop their own improvement area priorities. States should have the ability to make changes in strategies as needed and in a timely fashion. Measures and methods should be sound before used for accountability. 7. Same requirements and processes should be in place for tribes operating their own IV-E programs.