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In response to question #1, I strongly believe that the federal Child Welfare review process needs to remain outcome focused, in response to process focused, and that the national standards must be maintained. The CFSRs have vastly raised consciousness and improved practice among Child Welfare agencies across the U.S., and have resulted in states finally being aware of what expected practice/best practice is. The reviews need to remain intact in some fashion. I also believe that it's important for the states to continue to assess themselves, in order for them to have a mechanism to assess areas of strength and weakness, so that they may constantly be striving for improvement.

Question 2, the national child welfare databases should continue to be used in monitoring states' accountability, to the fullest extent needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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