

Colorado administered a survey to gather feedback pertaining to the ANPRM. Feedback was received from various stakeholders including foster parents, child welfare caseworkers and administrators, community mental health providers, and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) task force participants. Index scores were calculated indicating whether or not the new data elements in AFCARS 2.0 were viewed as favorable or unfavorable in the context of a time and cost burden, and whether or not the new data elements were viewed as reliable, necessary, or valuable to collect.

Overall, stakeholder feedback is less favorable towards the collection of new data elements in AFCARS 2.0. However, with an Unfavorable Index of 75 and a Favorable Index of 71, the outcomes are somewhat close, but neither index shows that the survey respondents were strongly opinionated one way or the other.

Generally, survey respondents were concerned that there would be difficulty of gathering information on sexual orientation, whether or not a child was pregnant at the end of the reporting period, if a child was sex trafficked, ICWA related termination of parental rights information, whether or not a child bore a child, and developmental delay information. Survey respondents also voiced concern about the additional workload to capture and record information, redundancy in recording information which resides primarily in another entity (courts for ICWA data), resources needed to change Colorado Rule, additional training of staff to capture information, and programming time to modify the Case Management System to collect and provide an updated AFCARS extract. However, respondents also voiced that there is potential to better connect with children/youth/families and therefore provide better services and possibly outcomes with the additional information which would be required to collect, in particular, the ICWA and gender/sexual orientation information.