

Changes to the CFSR Round Three: What Does it Mean for the OCWTP?

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The goal of the federal [Child and Family Services Review](#) (CFSR) is to help states improve child welfare services and achieve the national safety, permanency, and family and child well-being outcomes. The third round of CFSR runs from 2015 to 2018, with Ohio scheduled for 2017.

Included in the CFSR is an assessment of seven systemic factors that affect outcomes for children and families: statewide information system, case review, quality assurance, service array and resource development, agency responsiveness to the community, foster and adoptive parent licensing, recruitment, and retention, and staff and provider training.



Ohio passed the first two CFSR rounds on staff and provider training, as did most states, but in round three, the Children's Bureau is requiring very different kinds of information about the training system. In rounds one and two, the Children's Bureau was willing accept descriptive narrative about the training systems laws, procedures, policies, or processes, to show that the system was functioning; this is no longer the case. The Children's Bureau now focuses on training system outcomes, not just process issues.

For round three, Ohio must provide relevant quantitative/qualitative data that show:

- Staff and caregivers receive training pursuant to a state's requirements and timeframes
- How well the training system addresses staff and caregivers skills and knowledge needs

And, for the first time, round three specifically requires information about supervisors – data to show that supervisors are receiving training pursuant to the state's requirements and timeframes, and that the training system is addressing supervisor's skills and knowledge.

You will be hearing more about Ohio's CFSR staff and provider training requirements from ODJFS, your Regional Training Center, and IHS.