

AFCARS Proposed Rule Information Session for Tribal agencies

**Friday, February 20, 2015
3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

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Agenda

3:00 – 3:10 p.m. Welcome and Purpose of the Session Joo Yeun Chang

- This is an information session for the Children’s Bureau to provide an overview/summary of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), which was published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2015.
- The NPRM is available for review and comment at www.regulations.gov. Link to NPRM: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-09/pdf/2015-02354.pdf>.
- The comment period for the NPRM is from February 9, 2015 – April 10, 2015.
- When the proposed rule is finalized and implemented, it would apply to Tribal title IV-E agencies (Indian tribes, Tribal organizations and consortiums that are approved to operate a direct title IV-E program per section 479B of the Social Security Act) and State title IV-E agencies.
- AFCARS regulations were first published in 1993 and this is the first update to the regulations since then.
- We will be issuing an Information Memorandum about the NPRM on our website shortly. Other written materials will also be posted on our website.

3:10 - 3:50 p.m. 40 minutes: Overview of the NPRM Kathy McHugh/Jana Bertucci

- In the overview we will be discussing the following topics:
 - Background: Current AFCARS, Statutory Requirements, How the Data is Used
 - Purpose of the NPRM and Background
 - Why Revise AFCARS?
 - Prior Regulatory Activity
 - Overview of Proposal
 - Reporting Populations
 - Data Reporting Requirements
 - Historical Data for Longitudinal Analysis
 - Out-of-Home Care Data Elements
 - Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Data Elements
 - Compliance and Penalties

3:50 – 4:00 p.m. Wrap-up/Adjourn/Next steps Joo Yeun Chang