

# QA Connections Newsletter

The Children & Family Services Reviews for North Dakota occurring between October 2024 – March 2025

## CFSR CALENDAR COUNTDOWN



Happy Fall Y'all! This season is a great time to reflect. As we pause, we are thankful to the workers across the state and all of the efforts being made on behalf of the children and families in North Dakota. Also, we are grateful that our ND Round 4 federal Child & Family Services Review (CFSR) process is underway and is going well so far! A few key dates for the CFSR:

### ND R4 CFSR Quarter 1 – 40 foster care cases are scheduled to be reviewed (Q1 reviews began 10/7/24)

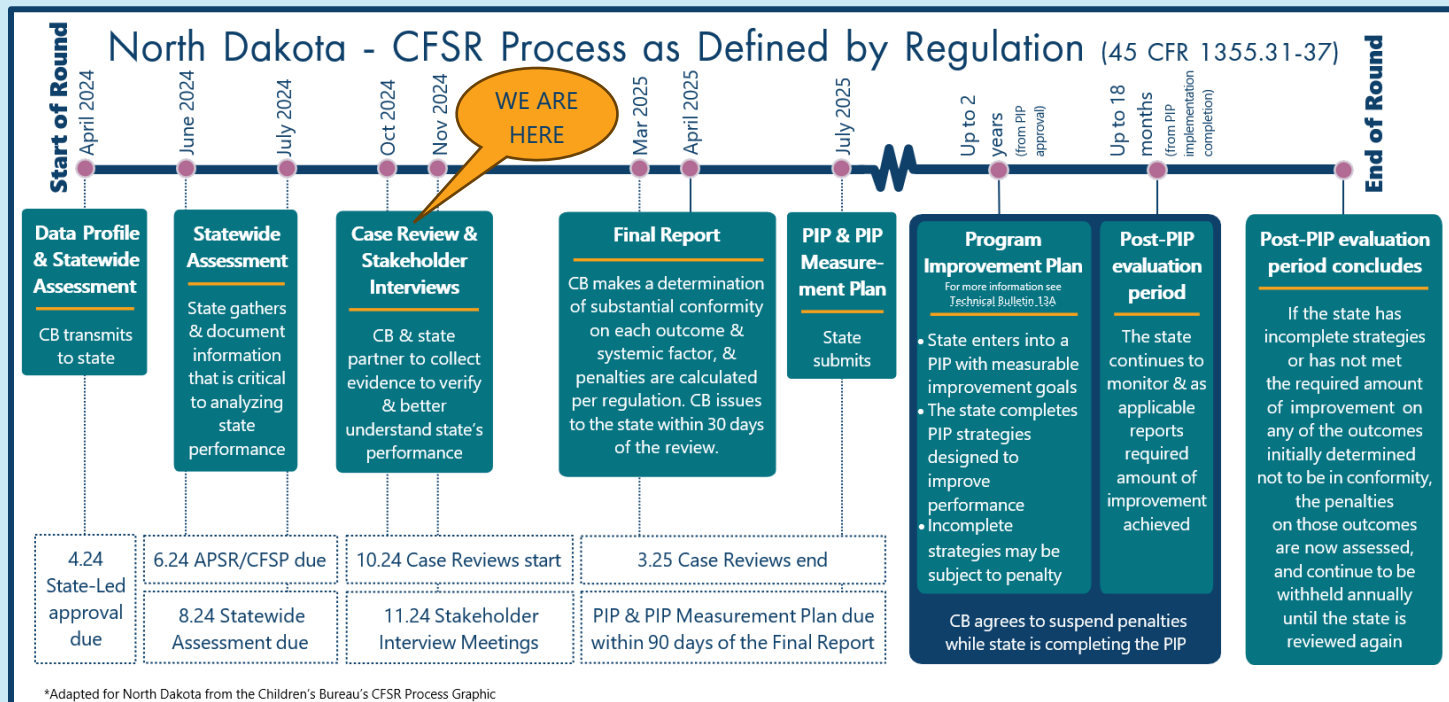
- 🕒 11/18/24 – 11/22/24 – ND R4 CFSR Stakeholder Interviews
- 🕒 12/31/24 – ND R4 CFSR Q1 reviews end

### ND R4 CFSR Quarter 2 – 25 in-home & any needed alternate cases

- 🕒 12/16/24 – 1/17/25 – Case sample outreach for ND R4 CFSR Q2
- 🕒 2/3/25 – ND R4 CFSR Q2 reviews begin
- 🕒 3/31/25 – end of ND's R4 CFSR federal reviews

Thank you for your time, collaboration, & partnership!

A high-level overview of the whole North Dakota CFSR Round 4 process and timeline:



### Who is involved in making these reviews happen?

The Children & Family Services Review case review process requires statewide collaboration and participation from state, tribal, and DJS leaders and staff, state partners including the Court Improvement Project, ND Children Family Services Section members that are serving as supplemental CFSR reviewers, and the ND Quality Assurance unit. Our appreciation also extends to the Children's Bureau regional office and CFSR unit for administering and guiding the CFSR process.

### Where can I get more information?

You can keep up to date by visiting our [QA unit's Insider page](#) or the [CFSTC website](#). Results from the reviews conducted thus far in 2024 are available on our [QA Case Review Reports](#) page. As always please let any of our team members know if you have questions.

- Information specifically about the Children & Family Services Review: [CFSR Overview Video](#), [CFSR General Fact Sheet](#), [CFSR Fact Sheet for Caseworkers](#), and the [Children's Bureau website](#)

If you want to learn more about the R4 Onsite Review Instrument (OSRI), the federal standardized case review instrument used to evaluate safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes in cases, visit: [www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/resources/round-4-resources/cfsr-round-4-instruments-tools-and-guides](http://www.cfsrportal.acf.hhs.gov/resources/round-4-resources/cfsr-round-4-instruments-tools-and-guides)

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS SHOUT-OUT

November:

- 👉 Adoption Month – first celebrated in 1995 (*adoption week can be traced back to 1976*)
  - On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is this year's National Adoption Day, over 30 children's adoptions are being finalized in Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck! Celebrations are also occurring in local communities around the state, including the "red shoe campaign". 👠
- 👉 Career Development Month – first celebrated in 1967 (📢 *to Independent Living Program efforts!*)
- 👉 Family Caregivers Month – first celebrated in 1994
- 👉 Military Family Month – first celebrated in 1996
- 👉 Native American Heritage Month – first celebrated in 1990

December:

- 👉 Universal Human Rights Month – first celebrated in 1948

January:

- 👉 Mentoring Month – first celebrated in 2002
- 👉 Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month – first celebrated in 2010

*safe kids, strong families*

*learning opportunities*

*build on growth*

**collaborative effort**

# QUALITY ASSURANCE

*celebrate success*

*support practice improvement*

**feedback opportunity**