

# Federal Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Review 2013

## Preliminary Findings

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## Overview

- ▶ Review week
- ▶ Documentation
- ▶ Courts
- ▶ Removals
- ▶ Voluntary Placement Agreements (VPA's)
- ▶ Placement and Care
- ▶ Payments
- ▶ Licensing
- ▶ Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)

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## Review week

- ▶ Federal week: March 4-8, 2013
- ▶ Period under review: April 1-September 30, 2012
- ▶ Sample number: 80 cases
- ▶ Minnesota's results

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## Documentation

- ▶ Case files
- ▶ Social Service files
- ▶ Licensing files
- ▶ SSIS

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## Court

- ▶ Court oversight
- ▶ Court orders
- ▶ Collaborative work

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## Removals

- ▶ Physical removals
- ▶ Court orders
- ▶ 72-hour holds

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**Voluntary Placement Agreements  
VPA'S**

- ▶ Best interest statements
- ▶ Signatures

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**Placement and Care**

- ▶ Placement and care responsibility
- ▶ Substitute care agreements
- ▶ Transfers

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**Payments**

- ▶ Error cases
  - Approximately \$27,000
- ▶ Adam Walsh
- ▶ Non-error cases
  - Ineligible payments
  - Underpayments

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**Licensing**

- ▶ Family foster homes
  - Adam Walsh
- ▶ Child care institutions/facilities
  - Safety checks
- ▶ Monitoring

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**Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)**

- ▶ AFDC documentation
- ▶ Deprivation factors

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**Lessons Learned**

- ▶ Adam Walsh background checks
- ▶ Underpayments
- ▶ Court orders
- ▶ Documentation

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**Next Steps**

- ▶ Trainings
- ▶ Technical support

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**Questions**

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