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On Monday, August 18, the US Department of Health and Human Services released the results of its Child and Family Services Review. Of the 32 states so far assessed, 14 failed all seven measures of Child Well-Being, Safety, and Permanency, and no state passed more than two measures. The Child and Family Service Reviews represent the first time federal officials have tried to measure how well children are faring across state child welfare systems. The reviews ask whether children are moved from one foster home to the next, never able to put down roots; whether siblings taken from their parents are kept together or pulled apart; and whether it takes a state too long to finalize adoptions or to send children back to their biological parents. Executive summaries and final reports for each participating state can be accessed at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwrp/staterpt/index.htm

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