#### DON'T GET CAUGHTIN THE SUNSET!

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#### SUNSET OF THE WAIVER...

- IV-E Federal Reviews Resume
- The 1994 Amendments to the Social Security Act authorize the Children's Bureau to review state child and family services programs tor ensure compliance with the requirements.
  - Primary reviews occur at 3-year intervals.
  - If State not found in "substantial compliance", a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) is required.
  - Upon completion of PIP, a Secondary review is conducted and 3-year interval resumes.
- Financial payback (disallowance) associated with each Error Case and Improper Payment.

Review Type	Sample Size	Error Threshold
Primary	80	4
Secondary	150	10%

### COMPLIANCE Standards

NOTICE RECEIVED FROM THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU(CB)...



Florida's Title IV-E Review...

# ANTICIPATED FOR 2021!

## **THE PROCESS**

- CB and OCW will a identify mutually agreed week for the review to occur in 2021.
- CB will select a sample from Florida's latest AFCAR submission of 80 children with a 10% oversample (88 cases total).
- Sample is provided within 60 calendar days before the onsite review with a minimum 4 weeks prior.
- The state must validate the sample to ensure an IV-E foster care maintenance payment was made during the Period Under Review (PUR).
- If any case is backed out of the sample, the case is replaced with one from the oversample.





# THE PROCESS (CONT.)

- For each sample and oversample case, the State must provide CB with complete Payment History, Title IV-E maintenance payments and administrative costs, claimed for the child's entire removal episode.
- CB will assign random sample numbers to each case and the State must prepare for entire case records to be available during the onsite review.
- The state must provide to CB copies of all relevant policies, FSFN functionality summary, State Plans, court order templates, etc.
- CB & the State will begin pre-review conference calls at least 45 days prior to the review to discuss relevant policies and practices based on material provided, logistics, and schedule of review activities.

## **PREPARATION PHASE**

- Once sample is identified, no modifications to the Eligibility Determination can be made that are effective during or prior to the Period Under Review PUR)!
- OCW will provide guidance throughout the next year.
- What can you do now?

Verify Service Type Usage & Descriptions

#### Quality Supporting documentation and Eligibility Notes

Corrections from EY & prior Attachment I Reviews

Extreme diligence w/ current Attachment | Federal Reviews



#### Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility On-Site Review Instrument and Instructions

July 2015





# Training Activity

# Period Under Review (PUR) 07/01/2019 – 12/31/2019