

NIEM Family Services Domain - August 2010
New Content Candidates from Court-Child Welfare Agency Administrative Exchanges

Element Name(s)	Element Description	Notes
TypeOfHearing	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) of the type of court event that is the subject of the hearing notification. Values include adversary hearing, compliance hearing, ex parte hearing, initial permanency hearing, jury trial, non-emergency removal hearing, pretrial hearing, placement review hearing, and trial/final hearing.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add such a hearing code list? If so, are there additional values that would be helpful? Adjudication, disposition, termination of parental rights (TPR), others?
BasisOfAppointment	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) of the reason for the court's appointment of a legal representative for a child or case participant. Values include age, indigency, mental condition, and statutory requirement.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add a code list of representation justifications? If so, are there additional values that would be helpful?
RelationshipToCourt	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) of the types of legal representatives who might appear before the court. Values include court-appointed attorney, child's attorney, agency attorney, county attorney, guardian ad litem, and parent's attorney.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add such a code list? If so, are there additional values that would be helpful? Attorney general, prosecuting attorney, etc.?
RepresentationAppointment	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) that describes the legal representative's relationship to the client's other legal representatives. Values include initial, co-counsel, and substitution.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add such a code list? If so, are there additional values that should be included? Also, is it possible to derive court performance measures 3I and 3J (continuity of representation for children and for parents, respectively) from these values?
ICWAEligibilityIndicator	True if the case participant's ethnicity implicates the Indian Child Welfare Act; otherwise, false.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add this indicator? Is the boolean structure sufficient to capture data needed for compliance with and reporting regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act?

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ChangeOfSchoolIndicator	True if a child's placement requires him or her to change schools; otherwise, false.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add this indicator? Is the boolean structure sufficient to capture data needed for compliance with and reporting regarding the Fostering Connections Act?
ICPCPlacementApproval	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) of the receiving state's approval of an interstate placement governed by the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. Values include Yes, No, and Not Applicable.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add a code list describing the ICPC status of a proposed placement? If so, are there additional values that would be beneficial?
LevelOfCare	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) of the restrictiveness of a placement. Accepted values were derived from the Adoption and Safe Families Act: basic, intense, moderate, and specialized.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add such a code list? If so, are there additional values that should be added? For example, are there common values that can be derived from state and local laws?
PlacementLocation	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) that describes the setting of the child's placement. Accepted values include father, family, foster group home, foster home, foster home adoptive, habitative foster home, mother, psychiatric hospital, residential substance abuse treatment center, residential treatment center, symbolic relative, and therapeutic foster home.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add a placement code list? If so, are there additional values that would be helpful?

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ReasonForChange	A code list (or, alternatively, a textual description) of reasons why a child's placement was changed. Accepted values include adoption, placement with an adult sibling, achievement of therapeutic goals, return to care, hospitalization, level of care lowered, level of care raised, placement with the non-custodial parent, placement with a relative, reunification, and placement with siblings.	Would it be beneficial for FS to add such a code list? If so, are there additional values that would be helpful?
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