QIC-AG Initial Assessment

**Date of Meeting 1:** Click here to enter a date.

**Date of Meeting 2**: Click here to enter a date.

**STATE/COUNTY/TRIBE**: Click here to enter State/County/Tribe.

The information gathered during the initial assessment phase will be completed by the QIC-AG team in conjunction with the site.

Organizational Demographics

Please complete the following:

1. **Name of primary contact person**: Click here to enter contact person.

**Agency:** Click here to enter agency.

**Title:** Click here to enter title.

**Phone Number:** Click here to enter Phone Number. **e-mail:** Click here to enter email.

1. **Adoption Program Manager:** Click here to enter text.

**E-Mail:** Click here to enter email. **Phone Number:** Click here to enter phone number.

1. **Is the site considering limiting the geographic region that will work with QIC-AG?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Too early to tell: [ ]

If yes, indicate which geographic region:

**Organizational Demographics Notes**:

Population

1. **The table below reflects the number of children currently receiving an adoption or guardianship subsidy in your state. This data was provided to us from the Division of Children and Youth Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is based on expenditures in FFY2013. In the notes section below, please let us know how closely these numbers reflect your records for FFY2013.**

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| Per Site (State, County, Tribe) | Number of Children |
| **A. Total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy**  | Click here to enter the number of Children. |
|  IV-E reimbursable | Click here to enter the number of Children. |
|  NOT IV-E reimbursable | Click here to enter the number of Children. |
| **B. Total number of children receiving a guardianship subsidy**  | Click here to enter the number of Children. |
|  IV-E reimbursable | Click here to enter the number of Children |
|  NOT IV-E reimbursable | Click here to enter the number of children. |

**Notes on Population**:

Data Capacity

1. **Please explain the current state of the following data sources.**

There are several types of data that will be required for sites to participate. These data are required to be submitted. Each type of data is defined below. Following the definitions, please provide a response to the availability and quality of each source of data listed below. *Note: This can range, for instance, from “this is data that is currently being collected and can easily be shared with the QIC-AG” to “We do not currently collect these data, and need assistance in developing a data collection system”, or something in between.*

***A. Recertification/annual check-in*.** This is defined as the ability to reach (electronically or by mail) the subsidy population (all families receiving adoption or guardianship subsidies), and ask caregivers to respond to a series of questions about their experiences as an adoptive parent or legal guardian, and share that information with the QIC-AG. For this to occur, sites will need current contact information for all adoptive parents and guardians in the subsidy population.

***Comment on availability and quality of these data:***

***B. Files that link pre-adoption IDs to post adoption IDs***. One of the challenges in tracking and understanding the long-term outcomes for children who transition from state custody through adoption is the lack, or inadequacy, of linking the IDs for children and youth in foster care with their adoption IDs. Foster-adoption link files allow for the linkages between foster and adoption IDs. These data will be used to track children who returned to state custody because of discontinuity of the placement (dissolution, post permanency disruption, or death/incapacitation) after an adoption or guardianship has been finalized.

***Comment on availability and quality of these data:***

***C. AFCARS and NCANDS data***. All states submit copies of the AFCARS and NCANDS files to the federal government. As a requirement for submission of the AFCARS and NCANDS data, child ID’s are encrypted prior to submitting the data to ACF. For this project, sites are required to supply a link file or encryption code so that AFCARS and NCANDS files can be linked back to SACWIS systems or other data supplied for the project.

***Comment on availability and quality of these data:***

***D. Adoption and guardianship subsidy files*.** These files will contain a list of all children receiving an adoption or guardianship subsidy through the child welfare system. It should include the start and end dates of the subsidy payments, IDs necessary to link these data to the AFCARS data, and will be submitted on a regular basis.

***Comment on availability and quality of these data:***

***E. Pre- and post-permanency service outputs and outcomes.***This is defined as the ability to track outputs of services being provided, for example, the number of children receiving a specific service, the specific services being offered, number of referrals to specific programs, percent of the people referred who accessed the service. It also includes the ability to track outcomes related to participating in a specific services, for example: improved skill level and increased knowledge.

***Comment on availability and quality of these data:***

**2**. **The QIC-AG is interested in what is known about disruptions, dissolutions, children currently receiving post-permanency services, and non-child welfare adoptions. For each of these items, we would like to determine what it would take to help you build a system to track these items.**

***A. Disruption:*** The term describes an adoption or guardianship that ends after the child a child is placed in an adoptive or guardianship home, but before the adoption or guardianship is legally finalized.

**Describe current efforts to track disruptions and what is known about the number of adoption or guardianship placements that disrupt before finalization:**

**Describe what it takes to build tracking system:**

***B. Dissolution:*** The term describes an adoption or guardianship in which the legal relationship that has been established between the child and the adoptive parent or guardian is legally severed.

**Describe current efforts to track dissolutions and what is known about the number of adoption and guardianships that dissolve**:

**Describe what it takes to build tracking system:**

***C. Children receiving post-permanency services:*** This includes children who were adopted or exited care through guardianship, and children who were adopted internationally.

**Describe current efforts to track children receiving post permanency services and what is known about the population:**

**Describe what it takes to build tracking system:**

***D. Non-child welfare adoptions:*** What do you know about children adopted internationally or through private domestic adoption in your site?

**Describe current efforts to track non-child welfare adoptions and what is known about the population:**

**Describe what it takes to build tracking system:**

**3. Does your site have the internal capacity to do evaluation/research?** Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]

**If yes or other, please describe:**

**Data Capacity Notes**:

Continuum of Services/Intervention

1. **Provide a summary of the pre and post adoption and guardianship services including any unique characteristics that would diminish or augment the sites ability to support the goals of the QIC-AG.**
2. **Please indicate below the pre- and post- permanency services that are currently available to address the needs of the target population (*Please refer to the Continuum of Service Document to help complete column three, “Continuum of Service Category”.)***

**A. Service/Program Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Description:**

**Continuum of Service Category 1:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 2:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 3:** Choose an item.

**Provider Agency:**

**Funding Source 1:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 2:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 3:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 4:** Choose an item.

**Perceived Quality:** Choose an item.

**Additional Information:**

**B. Service/Program Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Description:**

**Continuum of Service Category 1:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 2:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 3:** Choose an item.

**Provider Agency:**

**Funding Source 1:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 2:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 3:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 4:** Choose an item.

**Perceived Quality:** Choose an item.

**Additional Information:**

**C. Service/Program Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Description:**

**Continuum of Service Category 1:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 2:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 3:** Choose an item.

**Provider Agency:**

**Funding Source 1:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 2:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 3:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 4:** Choose an item.

**Perceived Quality:** Choose an item.

**Additional Information:**

**D. Service/Program Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Description:**

**Continuum of Service Category 1:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 2:** Choose an item.

**Continuum of Service Category 3:** Choose an item.

**Provider Agency:**

**Funding Source 1:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 2:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 3:** Choose an item.

**Funding Source 4:** Choose an item.

**Perceived Quality:** Choose an item.

**Additional Information:**

1. **Does the site provide post-permanency services to children who achieve permanence through international adoptions?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]  (explain):

1. **Does the site provide post-permanency services to children who achieve permanence though private domestic adoptions?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]  (explain):

1. **If multiple agencies provide post-permanency services, is there a formal mechanism for coordinating service provision?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]  (explain):

1. **Indicate if the site prefers to implement an intervention that focuses on the pre-permanence or post-permanence side of the Continuum of Services?**

[ ] Pre [ ] Post [ ] No Preference

**If Pre or Post please describe**

1. **Is there a specific intervention (s) your site would like to implement?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]

**If yes, please describe:**

1. **If yes, is the site willing to consider other interventions?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  N/A: [ ]

**Continuum of Services notes**:

Organizational and Evaluation Readiness

1. **Does involvement in this project support the sites existing vision, mission, strategic plan, practice model, current initiatives, or PIP goals?** Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]

**If yes, please describe:**

1. **Does the site have any experience running a successful pilot project of a promising practice or implementing an existing evidence-based practice?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Don’t Know: [ ]

**If yes, please describe:**

1. **Does the site have any experience implementing best practices using an RCT or other rigorous evaluation design?**

 Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Don’t Know: [ ]

**If yes, please describe**:

1. **Does the site have any concerns about evaluating an intervention using a RCT or other rigorous evaluation design?**

 Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]

**If yes, please explain**:

1. **Is there an existing champion for post-permanency supports and services?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Don’t Know: [ ]

**If yes, indicate name and title:**

1. **Are their external issues that may enhance or detract from site’s ability to implement the intervention including political climate, inter-agency issues, and lawsuits?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Don’t Know: [ ]

**If yes, please describe:**

1. **Are there internal issues that may impact the site’s ability to implement intervention including other major initiatives, TA, consent decrees, leadership longevity/turnover?**

 Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Don’t Know: [ ]

**If yes, please describe:**

1. **Is the site willing to assist with the dissemination of findings related to both the QIC-AG implementation process and outcomes?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]  (explain):

1. **Does the site have experience disseminating information on programs to other child welfare systems, academics, or stakeholders?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]

**If yes, please describe:**

1. **If the site has partnerships with external agencies to supply pre and post-permanency services, is it likely that these entities will support involvement with the QIC-AG?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Don’t Know: [ ]  N/A: [ ]

**Organizational and Evaluation Readiness notes**:

Sustainability

The section will capture information pertaining to the feasibility of sustaining the operation of an effective intervention after the federal support has expired.

1. **Is the site willing to pursue alternative sources of funding to support the intervention after the terms of the project?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]  (explain):

1. **Is there an existing circumstance that would prevent ascertaining funding?**

Yes: [ ]  No: [ ]  Other: [ ]  (explain): new state funds would need legislative approval

**Sustainability notes**:

Additional Information

**Please add any additional information that you feel is critical that may not have been captured anywhere else in the document.**