

Exhibit III-2. Summary of county interviews (in alphabetical order by county)

County	Demo/ Comp	Other County Events (9/98-10/98)	Independent Client Database	Other Database Systems	Fiscal Systems
Allen	C	None	Q&A; client ID= FACSIS ID#; data update daily; All dates of services given to family in the first 30 days; all data is easily retrievable except historical data	Q&A—helps us track Title XX benefits and foster care benefits. All the children are put into system for the first 30 days from intake or until the child goes into custody; no historical data is kept; use Q&A because can run reports that cannot get from FACSIS. Q&A uses FACSIS to run its software, but it does not use FACSIS' database; tracking begins at intake.	PET/ QUIC
Ashtabula	D	Hotline call logged; annual physical exam; annual dental exam; annual eye exam; noncustody administrative review; name extent/ review disposition; court hearing; name filing complaint; number of children on intake from hotline call; location of child on hotline	None		None
Belmont	D	Community Response Cases- when a full-blown investigation may not seem necessary one of our staff swing by the home to decide whether to open an investigation	None		None
Butler	C	Client worker's supervisor and unit; family worker's supervisor and unit; resource type/network name; future SAR replaced by ACR; administrative case review; network home certification; activate resource; resource on hold; remove resource from hold; close resource; inquiry (to become foster parent)	None		None
Clark	D	School district; case reviews not involved with courts; termination of placement and reason; AWOL; date we expunge client from file; receiving help from our CAN team (this team handles complex and unusual abuse cases); guardian ad-litem; case plan amendments and compilation date; medical and dental exams; psychological assessment; case transferred to adoption worker; name of foster care worker for child; 4 codes for resources—activate (person wants to be foster parent), hold placement (do not place a child with person), remove resource hold, and close case (not foster parent anymore).	None		Excel and lotus spreadsheets
Clermont	C	SAR tracking element	None		None
Columbiana	C	result of risk assessment; additional information received and when; type of abuse	None		None
Crawford	D	None	None		None
Fairfield	D	Removal from placement code and has gone home; physical exam; amount spent per day for foster care	None		Pet

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Franklin	D	N/A	KIDS KIDS; client ID= first 4 #'s are the year; next 5 or 6 #'s are family #; last 2 digits are family member; data update daily; same info. on services to family as in FACSIS, but also Record of Activity (ROA); point-in-time data is easily retrievable, but not historical data	Set up like FACSIS, but collects a higher level of detail; begin tracking at investigation. If a case does not warrant an investigation it is not counted as a case in the system	PET, but in the process of adopting FIMS
Greene	D	None	None		None
Hamilton	D	N/A	CYRUS; client ID= 9-digit family # plus 2-digit individual ID #; data updated daily; most data is easily retrievable	CYRUS collects far more information than FACSIS, i.e., dates when case open, who worked on the case, where they lived, living with relative vs. parents, different characteristics of children and family, race, marital status, etc.; the two systems are connected;	Oracle Financial-- We can use it for tracking contracted services
Hancock	C	Case plan complete	None		None
Hocking	C	when custody terminated	None		None
Lorain	D	Not Available	Dbase customized program	Dbase customized program which provides limited demographic information; small ACCESS databases created to supplement FACSIS and track client and foster family demographics	
Mahoning	C	Four flex screens: 1) legal issues (20 items), 2) Title IV-E (9 items), 3) Billing (if child in foster care), and 4) FACSIS data person information	None		None
Medina	D	None	Pro system; No client ID (use name); data update daily; case information by child, family, or referral # is easily retrievable	Internal data base designed by a consultant; enter all investigations, I and R, and assessments; more flexible system than FACSIS—automatically generates documents which we were doing manually before; begins tracking a case at intake	None
Miami	C	Independent living complete; address change; psychological evaluation; drug/alcohol eval.; parenting class complete; anger management complete; school of attendance; current IEP; terminate IEP; grade level; therapist; caregiver agreement; guardian ad litem;	None		None
Montgomery	C	Health events (dental and physical exams); dictation (quarterly, closing)- what has been done and when; family case plan; family SAR's; homeless; protective supervision; state's legal status codes (ITC or PC)	None		None

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Muskingum	D	termination of placement, location of residence, school district, admin. case review, family dictation, custody/no complaint, protective sup/no petition, initial phys., optical, and dental exam, annual phys. exam, 2-yr optical exam, 6 mo. dental exam, child services review, family services review, parents ADC, relative ADC, ADC related Medicaid, parents ADC expires, relative ADC expires, ADC related expires, FCM expires, agency responsible, agency responsible expires, private insurance, foster care maintenance, private insurance expires, ongoing Medicaid, custody medical only, close ongoing Medicaid, close custody medical only	None		None
Portage	D	Complaint filed; court ordered placement; subsequent disposition/ruling; prior JDC involvement; motion files; hearing continued; services provided to family; cost range for services; child support status-- EFF date of order	None		
Richland	D	None	None		
Scioto	C	Every time foster parent goes to training; administrative reviews for children in protective services; physical exam	None		None
Stark	D	None	None		None
Summit	C	N/A	KIDS 2100; client ID= sequential assignment, so members of the same family may have similar ID's (if entered at same time) or may not; number of digits varies; data updated constantly; almost all the data is easily retrievable	KIDS 2100 (Knowledge in Delivering Services in the Twentieth Century)—used FACSIS state requirements as our foundation and also collect additional info.; services to family recorded in system, strengths and weaknesses; custody info.; goals of services, SS#; address; alias; characteristics of each client; priority rating system; medical history; education level	Spectrum- can track children with it
Trumbull	C	HIV event-- record whether or not HIV test was completed for certain at-risk children	None		None
Warren	C	Hours of training for foster parents	None		
Wood	C	Reason for closing (more detailed than state event); case status (more detailed than state event); case category; who referral source is	None		PET

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County	Demo/Comp	Who does Data Entry?	Items with Largest Time Lag	Items with Shortest Time Lag	Recommended Events in FACSIS	Problems with FACSIS	When Open Case in FACSIS
Allen	C	1 person	N/A	N/A	All data from our county	None	Intake
Ashtabula	D	1 person			None	Data gets deleted out of state system for no reason	
Belmont	D	1 person	No major time lags		All of it from the last year, after Jan 1998	The FACSIS system was behind before Jan 1998. All the data before that time is probably not accurate.	intake
Butler	C	2 full-time operators			openings and closings	I don't trust everything	intake
Clark	D	2-3 data entry operators	custody status and abuse and neglect cases	placement data	placement data	Intake and investigation activities; FACSIS doesn't identify changes in a child's legal status or why we got custody; in some cases a child can simply be AWOL from several foster homes, not being removed from their birth family, yet many times people record the two events as removals	intake
Clermont	C	<i>Don't know</i>			All data from our county	I don't think the data in the state FACSIS system would be correct because our data is not being transmitted properly	
Columbiana	C	1 full-time person				"There are major problems with all of (the data)"	intake
Crawford	D	one person: does all incoming cases; another person for all other data.	unsubstantiated cases could be 8 to 9 months behind; all other cases are accurate within 48 hours.		I would trust all of it except the closed, unsubstantiated cases; 98% of the information in FACSIS on this county is accurate.	we use definitions given to us by courts; courts and state don't necessarily use same definitions	
Fairfield	D	intake screener does initial referral and investigation and one person does everything else			custody and placement events	Case openings-- state doesn't have as much info. as us on case openings	
Franklin	D	28 data entry; 13 intake and investigation	Court dispositions	Initial info. at case opening; location of child; custody status	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greene	D	2 full-time operators			"I would hate to say (I trust) anything."	getting any kind of reports printed is hard; case plan # was changed by state, but state still using old #	
Hamilton	D	10 data entry persons	Temporary custody; service information	Voluntary agreement for care for 30 days	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Hancock	C	1 person			"I think I can trust most of them (events)."	The state changed certain event and told us not to use the old event numbers anymore. We switched under which event we record the information, just like the state said, but we keep getting QAR or error reports from the state complaining that we aren't using the old event anymore.	Intake
Hocking	C	1 person			everything except case plan event	state changed the case plan event number, but still uses old code. State says the required comment photo listing for Ohio Adoption Federal Listing is missing, but I look in our system and it's there.	at intake and investigation
Lorain	D		No significant lags	No significant lags	All	None	intake
Mahoning	C	2 part-time screeners do initial info.; 2 legal sec. do legal info.; 1 full-time operator does other data	case closings and child leaving custody		legal data; incident data	error reports do not prioritize errors, so we don't know which items are most important to fix; too time consuming to fix them all	intake
Medina	D		Case plans, court reviews and hearings, sunset motions	Invest. and movement	Basic history of a child	Lots of problems with data being entered correctly; even though Pro and FACSIS are duplicate systems, you can end up with different answers from the two systems	intake
Miami	C					problems are rare	intake
Montgomery	C	40+ people enter data at least part-time			I trust what we have at the county level	problems with transmittal of data; system crashes; problems with people following procedures for entering data	
Muskingum	D					elements on state risk assessment form have different codes than the choices on the upgraded FACSIS; statistical info. and printed out reports are not always accurate	intake
Portage	D				I trust the results for our county, but only because I make sure it's accurate	can't track I&R and referrals to other counties; if file already open, can't enter new information that occurs until the current file is closed,	intake
Richland	D	3 people enter data part-time			event history of a child on screen	reports generated by FACSIS	
Scioto	C		Case dispositions			state changed code for case plan; state tells us missing dispositions when in our system; ticklers don't always work	Intake
Stark	D				None	State sent us lists of kids who should be exempted from our files, but we have found children on the lists who we know are active files	intake

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Summit	C	everyone- staff of 400-enter their own data	regular contacts	legal stuff and placement info.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Trumbull	C				Most of our data is trustworthy.	The placement and custody events for children who we do not have custody of and who are not in protective services will, in many cases, be incomplete. Our case plan and services data can be outdated.	intake
Warren	C	screeners enter initial info. and 1 data entry person enters other data			intake data	If Title IV-E eligible child in foster care home and then parents decide to adopt, child loses his eligibility when we convert the home in FACSIS to an adoptive home. So we don't change info. in FACSIS system.	
Wood	C	1 FACSIS operator			IV-E events, SAR's, and sunset motions (when they are due) are pretty accurate	a lot of the information is accurate at the county level, but some of our data at the state level is missing; state changed the case plan event number, but they are still using the old one	

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County	Demo/Comp	Relative Placements captured in FACSIS	County Practice of Licensing (and paying) Relative Homes	Paying Relatives for Placement	Uses Court Custody Type
Allen	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Ashtabula	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Sometimes we use Emergency Services Allocation (ESA) (similar to kinship dollars) to buy things the family needs. We pay a per diem on occasion.	None
Belmont	D	I code them all as a 10, whether or not the state or a relative has custody. When a relative has custody, we terminate the case, and when we have custody, it is captured as an initial placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	These cases are opened like any other case, but reason case is opened would be "behavior unruly" not "abuse/neglect."
Butler	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. We can distinguish between relative and regular foster home because if you have a home that is listed as both a foster home and relative home, you pretty much know it is a relative foster home.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Clark	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	At this point, the court has not been taking custody. At the end of January, we are hoping the court will start taking custody of juveniles.
Clermont	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Don't pay relatives, but we offer kinship care dollars which pay up to \$100 a month for each child.	None
Columbiana	C	Not recorded if workers have to place a child with a relative for a week or day in an emergency. If the child is placed in court ordered protective service and placed with a relative, the child would not show up as in our care in FACSIS.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	No, we don't use this code, but our court does take custody at times.
Crawford	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Fairfield	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. We can distinguish between the two—if you look up the "members of home" code—the relationship is one of the elements and "relative" is one of the choices.	We don't pay a per diem. We have a kinship allocation for clothing, bed, etc. that we may give to relative.	None

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Franklin	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	No, but we will give some money to help with expenses, such as a bed or day care.	None
Greene	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	When the court takes custody, instead of showing "active case" it would be "juvenile case." Instead of showing "custody" it would show "court custody."
Hamilton	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Hancock	C	Yes, if child is in our custody and if we approve of the relative home.	We almost always give custody to a relative. We have no need for a relative home to become licensed-- we don't place a child with a relative if the relative won't take custody.	No, unless they are licensed (but this is rare).	Our court has custody of 3 children right now and we track them. We treat them like any other case, but we track the money differently.
Hocking	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Lorain	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Mahoning	C	We capture relative placements as a category only if child is in state's custody and relative is being paid (But we don't pay relatives) or if child is placed with relative out of state and we retain custody. So we don't record relative placements with one exception: if we transfer a child to a relative through the courts, it would be noted in writing in FACSIS in a comments field (no event).	A foster parent can't chose which children are placed with them, so relatives tend not to want to become foster parents. We don't have any relative foster homes.	We never pay relatives.	None
Medina	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We only license a relative if the relative is interested in becoming a foster parent on a regular basis. This never happens.	We are exploring the possibility of paying relatives. We have just started having discussion on paying a per diem to relatives (without a license). Right now, we give relatives kinship dollars which can be about \$100 a month for 6 months.	None
Miami	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	No, except we do use kinship care-- we pay money to help out with other expenses (not a per diem) for up to one year.	None

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Montgomery	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives only if the relative becomes a foster home.	We put the child in placement, but we record the caseworker as "juvenile court."
Muskingum	D	Both types of relative placements (when we take custody and when a relative has custody) are recorded as 10.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives only if the relative becomes a foster home.	None
Portage	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives only if the relative becomes a foster home.	None
Richland	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We do not have a policy that we license relatives.	Pay relatives only if the relative becomes a foster home.	None
Scioto	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	Relatives don't usually become licensed. Usually, relatives will take custody or the kids are only staying with a relative overnight (short-term).	We never pay relatives.	None
Stark	D	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	It rarely happens. Once a relative home is licensed, then it can not be distinguished from a regular foster home (except, the home would show up twice, as a relative and as a foster home)	We encourage all relatives to apply for TANF, SS, or anything else the child is eligible for. If the child can not get any funds, we will pay the family depending on the family's needs and negotiate maintenance funding.	None
Summit	C	To be recorded as a placement two things must occur: 1) the county has custody and 2) we arrange where the child goes.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives only if the relative becomes a foster home.	None
Trumbull	C	We can't reliably tell you that any of them are being captured. If a relative has custody there is no where in FACSIS to record the placement. (We encourage the relative to take custody.) If the parent still has custody and the child is living with a relative, then the information is not captured.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	No, but we do use kinship care to help some families.	None
Warren	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	Pay relatives if become a foster home.	None
Wood	C	Yes, if child is in our custody. If a relative has custody, we don't capture it as a placement.	We license relatives. No way to distinguish between regular and relative foster home once licensed.	We will only pay relatives if they are not eligible for ADC (rarely happens).	If the court takes custody, then our office is not involved. So we never use this code.