

ATTACHMENT 3: WASHOE MATRIX						
Instrument	Instrument Description	Frequency	Target Population	Annual Number of Respondents	Annual Burden Hours	Research Questions
Overarching research question: What caregiver and child characteristics are associated with length of time in foster care?						
Family Assessment Battery	Rates a child's problem behaviors and competencies; reports stresses related to parenting; reports measures of mental health symptoms in various domains; assesses parenting and childrearing attitudes of parents; assesses whether parents are at risk of child abuse or neglect; assesses caregiver's readiness to accept change; assesses resiliency on eight subscales; examines how respondent's social relationships provide social support; and provides indication of how stable a caregiver's housing situation is. At baseline only (not at 6-month follow-up), assesses a caregiver's history of abuse and trauma in childhood. At 6-month follow-up only, assesses the strength of the helping relationship between social workers and their clients.	Baseline and at 6-month intervals until the case is closed. All cases will have an exit assessment at the time of case closure.	Two target populations: (1) new cases involving children aged 17 ½ or younger coming into the system, who are deemed unsafe, are living with a caregiver, and at risk of foster care placement; and (2) families with children who have been in foster care at least 12 months and who have one or more of the identified risk characteristics for long term foster care at time of placement (i.e., parental substance abuse, homelessness/inadequate housing, single parent households, or parental incarceration), a goal of adoption or guardianship, and an available caregiver.	175	525	<p>Are there changes in the following over time, and are changes different for children whose caregivers receive the SAFE-FC intervention compared to those who receive business as usual?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregiver parenting stress • Caregiver mental health • Caregiver attitudes about child-rearing • Caregiver readiness to accept change • Caregiver resiliency • Caregiver housing stability. <p>Does the relationship between a caregiver and their caseworker change over time and how does that relationship relate to permanency for the child? Are caregivers' histories of abuse and trauma associated with children's length of time in foster care?</p>