**Child Welfare Data Elements Used for Sampling and Analysis**

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| Data Type | Data Elements | Sampling and Analytic Use |
| Person ID | * Links event-level variables for construction of child-level files * For sampled youth and surveyed youth who consent to data linkage, links among data files | * File management |
| Date of birth,  gender,  race,  ethnicity | * Demographic characteristics | * Sample description and stratification |
| Maltreatment allegations | * Aggregate to maltreatment type (child neglect, physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, human trafficking, other) | * Types of maltreatment experienced |
| Investigations | * Investigation number (links events within investigation) * Received date * Closed date * Maltreatment type * Most serious finding for each maltreatment type | * Age at first and most recent investigation, by maltreatment type * Number of investigations, by maltreatment type * Number of substantiated allegations, by maltreatment type |
| Removals / placements | * Removal begin date * Begin and end dates for each placement within a removal episode * Type of placement(s) * Exit reason for each placement * Reason for end of removal episode | * Age at first and most recent removal episodes * Total time spent in out-of-home care * Number and types of placements * Exit status for placement and removal episodes |
| Missing child reports | * Report date * Risk indicators associated with missing report (e.g., gang involved) * Recover date * Return status (located, aged out, etc.) | * Age at first and most recent missing-from-care episodes * Total time missing from care * Temporal relationship between missing-from-care and trafficking experiences |