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

| Data Type | Data Elements | Sampling and Analytic Use |
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| Person ID | ▪ Links event-level variables for construction of child-level files<br>▪ 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)<br>▪ Received date<br>▪ Closed date<br>▪ Maltreatment type<br>▪ Most serious finding for each maltreatment type | ▪ Age at first and most recent investigation, by maltreatment type<br>▪ Number of investigations, by maltreatment type<br>▪ Number of substantiated allegations, by maltreatment type |
| Removals / placements | ▪ Removal begin date<br>▪ Begin and end dates for each placement within a removal episode<br>▪ Type of placement(s)<br>▪ Exit reason for each placement<br>▪ Reason for end of removal episode | ▪ Age at first and most recent removal episodes<br>▪ Total time spent in out-of-home care<br>▪ Number and types of placements<br>▪ Exit status for placement and removal episodes |
| Missing child reports | ▪ Report date<br>▪ Risk indicators associated with missing report (e.g., gang involved)<br>▪ Recover date<br>▪ Return status (located, aged out, etc.) | ▪ Age at first and most recent missing-from-care episodes<br>▪ Total time missing from care<br>▪ Temporal relationship between missing-from-care and trafficking experiences |