**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
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| Date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity | * Demographic characteristics
 | * Sample description and stratification
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| Maltreatment allegations | * Aggregate to maltreatment type (child neglect, physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, human trafficking, other)
 | * Types of maltreatment experienced
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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