

Arizona Foster Care Review Board

Sunset Review

Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) has taken steps to improve its processes in response to our 2023 sunset review and can further improve in some key areas including continuing to solicit judge feedback, timely submitting local board reports, and analyzing parent and foster parent attendance at local board meetings

Audit purpose

To determine whether FCRB implemented outstanding recommendations from our September 2023 sunset review, including improving its local board reports for juvenile court judges, and implementing its plan to recruit new local board members and policies and procedures for handling public complaints; and to provide responses to the 10 statutory sunset factors.¹

Key findings

- ▶ FCRB has taken steps to improve its processes in response to our 2023 sunset review, including making efforts to recruit local board members to fill vacancies and timely investigating all public complaints it received in calendar year 2025. As of June 2026, all 14 recommendations from our 2023 sunset review were in process or implemented.
- ▶ FCRB established a workgroup that made specific recommendations to improve the usefulness of information it provides to judges in local board reports, and can improve its annual survey of judges to ensure prior reported issues have been resolved.
- ▶ FCRB finalized a policy to monitor timeliness of local board report submittal to courts but did not submit some priority reports we reviewed within its established timeframes.
- ▶ FCRB implemented a plan to improve parent and foster parent attendance at board meetings and plans to conduct an analysis to determine if its efforts are improving attendance.

Key recommendations to FCRB

- ▶ Modify its annual judge survey to solicit feedback on local board report content to ensure previously identified issues are resolved.
- ▶ Revise its policy to include guidance on ensuring timely submittal of rush reports to courts.
- ▶ Continue to track parent and foster parent attendance at local board reviews and use attendance data to analyze if its efforts are improving attendance.

¹ The Arizona Auditor General conducted this performance audit and sunset review of FCRB pursuant to an October 7, 2025, resolution of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. This audit was conducted as part of the sunset review process prescribed in Arizona Revised Statutes §41-2951 et seq.