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2009 Survey Reports

This is one of four separate documents that present aspects of the 2009 Survey of foster parents and relative caregivers in Washington State. Below is a brief description of the contents of each report:

- **Braam Outcomes Report 09-044**

This report presents an introduction to the purpose of the survey, provides an overview of the survey methods, and describes the calculation of nine specific Braam Panel outcomes. The report presents the results for all licensed and unlicensed caregivers and for each of the six DSHS regions.

- **Appendix to the Braam Outcomes Report**

The appendix to the Braam outcomes report includes the detailed data tables and survey results that were used in the calculation of the nine specific Braam Panel outcomes.

- **SESRC Data Report 09-040**

This report is a compilation of the survey methods and survey results and includes a copy of the telephone interview questionnaire, the letter mailed to foster parents and relative caregivers, and other survey materials. This report includes the final sample disposition, and the results for every question in the survey for licensed and unlicensed caregivers.

- **Appendix to the SESRC Data Report**

The appendix to the survey data report includes a frequency tabulation of all survey questions for all survey respondents. There are also separate sections for frequency tabulations of all survey questions for licensed caregivers, and for unlicensed caregivers.

Profile

Title: Braam Outcomes for the 2009 Survey of Foster Parents and Relative Caregivers in Washington State

Abstract: This report presents the results of the outcome calculations for the 2009 survey of foster parents and relative caregivers in Washington State. The SESRC has contracted to conduct an annual, independent, statistically valid, anonymous telephone survey of foster parents and relative caregivers in Washington State for the DSHS Children's Administration. The main purpose of the survey is to obtain information that is helpful to all areas of the Braam Settlement. In developing the survey design, questionnaire, and procedures, the SESRC consulted with the Braam Oversight Panel, the Washington State Foster Parent's Association, the Children's Administration (CA) Youth Advisory Group, and the foster parent liaisons. The first wave of the survey was conducted in 2007 (SESRC Data Report #07-048), and the second wave in the spring of 2008 (SESRC Data Report #08-044). This third survey began on June 12, 2009 and continued through August 13, 2009, with a random sample of 2,816 foster parents and relative caregivers registered in Washington State. A total of 1,242 interviews (includes 18 partially completed interviews) were conducted from this sample.

Method: The survey methods included mailing a letter to a random sample of 2,816 foster parents and relative caregivers prior to the start of the telephone calling. Telephone interviews were then attempted with as many people as could be reached during the survey period. SESRC made use of a computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) system, and a call scheduler to ensure that up to 15 call attempts were made to reach each respondent. The telephone interview averaged 20 minutes in length.

Results: The SESRC completed a total of **1,242** interviews over the 8-week calling period. The cooperation rate for the telephone interview was **90%**. The overall response rate was **59.1%**; with a sample error of \pm **2.5%**.

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I. SURVEY DESIGN

Study Background and Survey Objectives

The SESRC designed and conducted an independent, statistically valid, anonymous telephone survey of foster parents and relative caregivers in Washington State. This is the **third year** for this survey which is conducted annually for the Braam Oversight Panel. This third survey was conducted in 2009 and asked foster parents and relative caregivers about their experiences during the last half of calendar year 2008.

The main purpose of the survey is to obtain information that is helpful to all areas of the Braam Settlement Agreement related to caregivers' work with foster children and associated outcomes and action steps. * The foster parent survey addresses all areas of the Braam Settlement Agreement: placement stability, mental health, foster parent training and information, unsafe and inappropriate placements, sibling separation, and services to adolescents. Several types of questions are included in the survey:

- Monitoring- Certain questions in the foster parent survey are being used by the Braam Oversight Panel to monitor Children's Administration's progress toward nine of the outcomes specified in the Braam Implementation Plan.** These specific questions are used to calculate outcome data as described in the document entitled "Braam Outcomes for the 2009 Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State" and the accompanying appendix.

- Informational- Some questions in the foster parent survey are related to the goals of the Braam Settlement Agreement, but will not be used by the Braam Panel to monitor compliance with the agreement. In these areas, these data will be used by Children's Administration, providers, and stakeholders to better understand the experiences of foster parents and inform practice improvement. Data on all questions in the foster parent survey are provided in the document entitled "2009 Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State."

- Demographic and background information- The foster parent survey includes a number of demographic and background questions.

In developing the original survey design, questionnaire, and procedures, the SESRC consulted with the Braam Oversight Panel, the Foster Parent Association of Washington State (FPAWS), the Children's Administration (CA), foster parent liaisons, and the Braam Survey Advisory Group. The survey questionnaire was extensively reviewed by foster parents, Braam Panel members, Children's Administration staff, and Braam plaintiffs' attorneys, to ensure that it would provide adequate measures of specific Braam Panel outcomes over time.

* The Braam Settlement Agreement is available online at the website below:

** The Braam Implementation Plan is also available online at this website:

<http://www.braampanel.org>

Population and Sample

The population for this survey is all foster parents and relative caregivers who cared for a child or children placed in state custody in Washington State during the last six months of 2008. The sampling frame for this survey is the list of all foster parents and relative caregivers registered by the State of Washington in March 2009.

The sample plan was designed to represent all six DSHS regions in proportion to their representation in all of Washington State. This year, the sample includes only active caregivers, including those licensed through private agencies and those licensed through the state. The sample also includes those who are unlicensed relative caregivers and registered with the state.

Foster parents who were inactive in 2008 were not included in this year's survey, even though they had been included in the previous two surveys. Our previous experience attempting to interview inactive foster parents was not very successful since most inactive foster parents could not be located or did not want to participate in the survey.

Table 1. Sample Description and Disposition

Survey Population of Active Caregivers by Region (as of March 2009)				
Region	Foster Parents		Relative Caregiver	Total
	CA	Private		
1	461	74	460	995
2	250	124	251	625
3	322	150	552	1024
4	238	220	505	963
5	203	355	492	1050
6	528	110	337	975
Total	2002	1033	2597	5632

Proportional Sample by Region and Type				
Region	Foster Parents		Relative Caregiver	Total
	CA	Private		
1	245	35	227	507
2	134	53	123	310
3	163	65	260	488
4	123	104	260	487
5	108	182	244	534
6	263	51	176	490
Total	1036	490	1290	2816

Final Number of Completed Telephone Interviews					
Region	Foster Parents		Relative Caregiver	Total	Max SE*
	CA	Private			
1	150	21	78	249	5.5%
2	86	25	43	154	7.0%
3	95	37	69	201	6.3%
4	62	51	46	159	7.3%
5	69	91	61	221	6.0%
6	168	30	60	258	5.3%
Total	630	255	357	1242	2.5%
Max SE*	3.3%	5.4%	4.9%	2.5%	

*SE = Sample Error at 95% Confidence Level

II. SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

Survey Procedures

Several procedures were implemented that helped to build a rapport with respondents and to ensure that respondents felt comfortable with the survey. Information about the survey was placed on the BRAAM website and the DSHS website just as the survey data collection period was getting underway. The SESRC telephone interviewers were provided with a "Frequently Asked Questions" reference sheet to help answer questions that foster parents may have about the survey. An advance letter was sent to all foster parents and relative caregivers in the sample approximately one week before the beginning of telephone interviews. The purpose of the advance letter was to let foster parents know that a SESRC interviewer would be calling and to inform them about the topic of the survey. The Spanish language version of the advance letter was printed on the reverse side in order to accommodate those respondents who primarily speak Spanish. A toll-free 800-telephone number that foster parents could call in to ask questions about the survey was maintained during the calling period.

A particular concern for this survey was to put in place safeguards to guarantee confidentiality of survey responses and anonymity in survey results. To ensure that survey respondents cannot be identified from their survey responses the SESRC follows federal guidelines for protection of human subjects and maintains the survey dataset in a secure location at SESRC. The survey dataset is not being released unless there is prior written approval from the Braam Oversight Panel.

Telephone Interviews. The calling on the full study commenced after the training on June 12, 2009 and calling was completed on August 13, 2009. The average number of call attempts across all cases was increased to 15. Call attempts were made at different times of the day and on different days of the week in order to maximize the likelihood of reaching respondents. At least 3 evening call attempts were made and two daytime call attempts. At least one call attempt was made on the weekend. If an interviewer called at an inconvenient time for the respondent, the interviewer attempted to schedule a specific time to re-contact the household for an interview. If an answering machine was encountered, interviewers were instructed to leave a scripted answering machine message. If a message was left, the case was held for three days and then called on again. Only one AM message was left per case.

Almost 15,000 calls were made during the survey period to complete the 1,242 interviews. The average length for a completed interview was 20 minutes. Interviewers made an average of fifteen call attempts per hour during the calling period and one interview was completed approximately every one and one-fourth hours on average.

Response Rates

Of the 2,816 telephone numbers that were included in the random sample 1,242 people participated in the survey for a cooperation rate of 90% and a response rate of 59%. While the cooperation rate is better than was achieved in the first two years of this survey, the response rate is lower. However, this is not a true decline in response rate, but reflects a change in how eligible respondents are calculated. In the previous surveys, inactive caregivers were included in the survey sample, many of whom were no longer eligible for the survey. In the 2009 survey, only active caregivers were included in the sample, thus reducing the number of ineligible caregivers. The resulting higher eligibility rate applied to

the nonworking and unknown telephone numbers resulted in a higher number of eligible caregivers, and thus a lower overall response rate. The cooperation rate indicates the percent of people who are contacted for an interview that agree to participate in the survey. The response rate indicates the percent of people in the total sample, minus the ineligible respondents, that participate in the survey. The calculation of both measures is based on the suggested definitions and procedures defined by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR). A total of 385 could never be completed because the numbers were disconnected and no other number could be identified. Only 132 people refused to participate in the survey, and 487 were counted ineligible because the respondent said they had not been foster parents or relative caregivers during the last half of 2008, or the foster child was in a group home. Another 555 did not answer the phone or were not contactable because of an answering machine, and there were 15 additional non-interview cases because of language or other reasons.

That current phone numbers were not available for foster parents and caregivers is not an indication that DSHS is unable to contact children and youth in out-of-home care. Explanations for the non-working and missing phone numbers include that the caregivers may have discontinued providing care since 2008 and their phone numbers had changed, phone numbers may have changed between the time the sample was pulled and the caregiver was called, or the numbers could have been misdialled or entered incorrectly into the CAMIS database. SESRC twice returned nonworking numbers to Children's Administration so these numbers could be checked and corrected.

The cooperation rate and the response rate achieved in this study are higher than last year's rates and are higher than what is generally achieved in public opinion surveys. These high rates reflect what our telephone interviewers experienced in conducting the telephone interviews – that foster parents and relative caregivers were highly interested in the survey and in offering their views on the issues addressed in the survey. The high cooperation and response rate are also due to the efforts of the SESRC data collection supervisors and interviewers in contacting respondents at various times throughout the day and on various days throughout the week during the survey period to ensure that people who were not at home would still have an opportunity to participate in the survey. This high response rate ensures that the survey results are truly representative of the population of all foster parents and relative caregivers in Washington State.

Sample Error

Sample error is a measure of the degree to which a randomly selected sample of respondents represents the population from which it is drawn, at a given level of confidence (usually 95%). The survey sample was designed to ensure that the maximum sample error for licensed caregivers and for unlicensed caregivers was no larger than plus or minus 5%, and for regional results was no larger than plus or minus 10% at a 95% confidence level. The survey achieved and exceeded these objectives. The maximum sample error for the entire survey of 1,242 respondents is no larger than plus or minus 2.5%. This means that we can have 95% confidence that sample results do not deviate from the population of all caregivers in the state by more than 2.6% for questions with two response categories and 1,242 respondents. Sample errors vary for each question, with the result dependent on the number of response categories, the population size, and the number of respondents answering the question.

Additional Information about the Survey

- Caregivers who did not care for a child in foster care/kinship care between July and December 2008 were excluded from the survey.
- Foster parents with multiple children in the home were asked to answer survey questions about only one child. The child selected was the one who had spent longer than 60 days in the home during the last half of 2008, between July 1 and December 31, 2008. If there was more than one such child in the household, then parents were allowed to select which child to answer questions about.
- Caregivers who cared only for children who were adopted or in a guardianship (not children remaining in foster/kinship care) during the last half of 2008 were excluded from the survey.
- Only caregivers whose children had spent longer than 60 days in the home between July and December of 2008 were eligible to participate in the survey.
- The survey included explicit definitions for certain terms used in the interviews (e.g., “medically fragile,” “physically assaultive or physically aggressive youth” and “sexually aggressive youth”).
- Interviewers were provided with responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the survey to ensure that all respondents would get the same information about the survey.
- Children’s Administration policy as of September 1, 2008 requires monthly visits for all children in out-of-home care. These visits include individual and private time with the child to discuss the child’s situation. For children who are non-verbal, this individual and private part of the monthly visit is not expected.

III. OUTCOME MEASUREMENT

Introduction

A number of specific questions in the foster parent survey are being used by the Braam Oversight Panel to monitor Children's Administration's progress toward the following nine outcomes specified in the Braam Implementation Plan:

Outcomes related to Foster Parent Training and Information (note: pursuant to the Braam Implementation Plan, these measures apply to licensed caregivers only):

- C.1.1 Percentage of caregivers reporting adequate training for their roles and responsibilities (including but not limited to emotional, behavioral, developmental, medical, educational advocacy, birth parents and cultural competency).
- C.1.2 Percentage of caregivers reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).
- C.1.3 Percentage of caregivers reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to behavioral, medical, developmental and educational needs).

Outcomes related to Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements (applies to both licensed and unlicensed caregivers):

- D.1.5 Percentage of medically fragile children connected to appropriate and ongoing medical care and placed with caregivers who receive consultation and training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.
- D.1.3 Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.
- D.1.4 Children identified as physically assaultive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.
- D.1.6 Percentage of children receiving a private and individual face-to-face visit from the caseworker for each full placement month.

Outcomes related to Mental Health (applies to both licensed and unlicensed caregivers):

- B.4.1 Each child will receive behavioral health services from the same individual provider.

Outcomes related to Sibling Separation (applies to both licensed and unlicensed caregivers):

- E.2.1 Percentage of children placed apart from their siblings who have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings.

This report describes which survey questions are included in each Braam outcome, and how the survey responses enter into the calculation of each outcome. The outcome measurement and calculation is done at the request of the Braam Panel and after discussion with all stakeholders in the Braam Settlement Agreement.

There are four guiding principles in the development of these outcome measures:

- (1) that the measurement is done accurately;
- (2) that it is fair to all stakeholders;
- (3) that it be reliable;
- (4) that the calculation be easily understood and explainable to others.

Methodology

The procedure for obtaining an outcome measurement has five basic steps:

- (1) Identify the relevant survey questions for each outcome.
- (2) Code all responses to each question to be included in a outcome, as being:
 - In compliance
 - Out of compliance
 - Not applicable
- (3) Obtain the frequency of each code for every question in the outcome, and calculate averages for those questions to be combined.
- (4) Calculate the outcome for each question according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\# \text{ In compliance}}{\# \text{ In compliance} + \# \text{ Out of compliance}}$$

- (5) Calculate the outcome for subgroups and regions:
 - Active foster parents
 - Inactive foster parents
 - Relative caregivers
 - Six regions

Decision Rules

The following pages summarize the outcomes results, and also describe the calculation of each of the nine Braam outcomes and the questions included in the measurement of each outcome. Detailed information about the questions included in the calculations is included in the appendix to this report.

Notes to the Calculations

- Survey questions asked about experiences in the last half of year 2008 (July through December), and all outcomes are based on survey results for 2008.
- Results are presented separately for licensed and unlicensed caregivers, since some outcomes only apply to licensed caregivers, and others apply to all caregivers.
- While the total number of survey respondents is 1,242 some questions did not apply to some foster parents and relative caregivers. Thus, the total number of responses to any specific question will be less than 1,242 and in some cases much less.
- The data tables for the outcome measures in this report only show the number of survey respondents that are “in” compliance with the outcome and those that are “out” of compliance with the outcome. The number of respondents for whom the outcome did not apply, or that missed the question is not shown because this can be determined by subtracting the total in each data table from the total number of survey respondents (1,242).
- Most outcomes have screening questions to make sure that they are applied only to the relevant caregivers. These screening questions and the survey data are described in the calculation of each outcome measure.
- For outcome C.1.2 there is one question (Q78) that was not factored into the outcome for the year 2006, because the related policy was not yet in place. In subsequent years, including the current survey, this question is included in calculating the outcome.
- Outcomes C.1.1, C.1.2, and C.1.3 apply only to licensed caregivers. Thus, for **these three outcomes** the % in compliance in the overall summary results (page 10) and the results for all caregivers by region (page 12) is limited to only **licensed** caregivers.
- The calculation of the outcome for C.1.3 is limited to caregivers with placements in 2008. The Braam Panel has agreed that only cases for which placement with the current caregiver occurred during 2008 (or applicable period) will be factored into this outcome.

Overall Summary Results

Outcome	% In Compliance
C.1.1 Percentage of <u>licensed caregivers</u> reporting adequate training for their role responsibilities (including but not limited to emotional, behavioral, developmental, medical, educational advocacy, birth parents and cultural competency).	85.9%
C.1.2 Percentage of <u>licensed caregivers</u> reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).	71.5%
C.1.3 Percentage of <u>licensed caregivers</u> reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to behavioral, medical, developmental and educational needs).	72.3%
D.1.5 Percentage of medically fragile children connected to appropriate and ongoing medical care and placed with caregivers who receive consultation and training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.	87.6%
D.1.3 Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.	68.5%
D.1.4 Children identified as physically assaultive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.	50.0%
D.1.6 Percentage of children receiving a private and individual face-to-face visit from the caseworker for each full placement month.	68.9%
B.4.1 Each child will receive behavioral health services from the same individual provider.	95.0%
E.2.1 Percentage of children placed apart from their siblings who have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings.	53.7%

**Results for Licensed Caregivers
 And Unlicensed Caregivers**

Outcome	% In Compliance	
	Licensed Caregivers	Unlicensed Caregivers
C.1.1 Percentage of <u>licensed caregivers</u> reporting adequate training for their role responsibilities (including but not limited to emotional, behavioral, developmental, medical, educational advocacy, birth parents and cultural competency).	85.9%	86.0%
C.1.2 Percentage of <u>licensed caregivers</u> reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).	71.5%	71.9%
C.1.3 Percentage of <u>licensed caregivers</u> reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to behavioral, medical, developmental and educational needs).	72.3%	74.6%
D.1.5 Percentage of medically fragile children connected to appropriate and ongoing medical care and placed with caregivers who receive consultation and training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.	88.4%	81.0%
D.1.3 Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.	72.7%	28.6%
D.1.4 Children identified as physically assaultive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.	53.4%	20.0%
D.1.6 Percentage of children receiving a private and individual face-to-face visit from the caseworker for each full placement month.	66.4%	75.4%
B.4.1 Each child will receive behavioral health services from the same individual provider.	94.8%	95.7%
E.2.1 Percentage of children placed apart from their siblings who have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings.	51.2%	61.6%

Results for All Caregivers by Region

Outcome	% In Compliance By Region					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
C.1.1 Adequate Training of Licensed Caregivers*	84.4%	85.5%	84.4%	88.1%	88.1%	85.3%
C.1.2 Adequate Support of Licensed Caregivers*	74.2%	72.5%	68.2%	69.0%	70.3%	74.0%
C.1.3 Adequate Information for Licensed Caregivers*	70.6%	74.6%	73.7%	70.4%	74.0%	74.1%
D.1.5 Medically Fragile Care	94.3%	95.7%	78.3%	91.9%	91.7%	76.7%
D.1.3 Sexually Aggressive Youth	71.4%	71.4%	81.8%	66.7%	47.4%	81.3%
D.1.4 Physically Assaultive Youth	41.4%	41.7%	61.1%	37.5%	57.9%	57.1%
D.1.6 Monthly Caseworker Visits	69.7%	67.3%	70.4%	69.3%	65.3%	70.9%
B.4.1 Behavioral Health Services	92.4%	97.1%	95.0%	97.1%	95.0%	95.3%
E.2.1 Sibling Visits and Contact	52.7%	58.1%	53.2%	42.9%	56.8%	56.6%

*Outcomes C.1.1, C.1.2, and C.1.3 apply only to licensed caregivers.
 Note that this table combines results for licensed as well as unlicensed caregivers.

Results for Licensed Caregivers by Region

Outcome	% In Compliance By Region					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
C.1.1 Adequate Training of Licensed Caregivers	84.9%	86.1%	81.7%	89.3%	89.9%	83.9%
C.1.2 Adequate Support of Licensed Caregivers	74.1%	72.8%	64.9%	71.1%	71.9%	73.0%
C.1.3 Adequate Information for Licensed Caregivers	67.2%	74.9%	72.5%	72.5%	76.6%	71.4%
D.1.5 Medically Fragile Care	94.3%	100%	81.0%	93.5%	90.9%	73.5%
D.1.3 Sexually Aggressive Youth	75.0%	71.4%	80.0%	66.7%	60.0%	81.3%
D.1.4 Physically Assaultive Youth	46.2%	43.5%	71.4%	42.9%	64.7%	56.4%
D.1.6 Monthly Caseworker Visits	68.3%	68.2%	64.8%	68.8%	61.0%	67.7%
B.4.1 Behavioral Health Services	91.7%	96.4%	92.6%	96.0%	96.7%	96.2%
E.2.1 Sibling Visits and Contact	48.5%	54.9%	46.2%	42.2%	56.1%	55.6%

Results for Unlicensed Caregivers by Region

Outcome	% In Compliance By Region					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
C.1.1 Adequate Training of Licensed Caregivers	82.6%	83.3%	91.5%	82.6%	80.6%	92.3%
C.1.2 Adequate Support of Licensed Caregivers	74.4%	71.5%	74.9%	63.0%	66.2%	77.6%
C.1.3 Adequate Information for Licensed Caregivers	78.2%	73.8%	76.1%	64.2%	67.1%	86.4%
D.1.5 Medically Fragile Care	-*	50.0%	50.0%	83.3%	100%	88.9%
D.1.3 Sexually Aggressive Youth	50.0%	-*	100%	-*	0%	-*
D.1.4 Physically Assaultive Youth	0%	0%	25.0%	0%	0%	66.7%
D.1.6 Monthly Caseworker Visits	73.0%	65.1%	80.9%	70.7%	76.7%	81.4%
B.4.1 Behavioral Health Services	94.4%	100%	100%	100%	90.0%	91.7%
E.2.1 Sibling Visits and Contact	62.2%	68.2%	67.4%	45.5%	59.4%	61.3%

*There were no unlicensed caregivers in these regions who reported caring for a "medically fragile child" or a "sexually aggressive youth."

IV. CALCULATION OF OUTCOMES

C.1.1 Percentage of licensed caregivers reporting adequate training for their role responsibilities (including but not limited to emotional, behavioral, developmental, medical, educational advocacy, birth parents and cultural competency).

This outcome is measured by one question (Q27). This question asks foster parents to think about **all** of their training in the last three years and comment on its adequacy. It should be noted that although Q27 asks foster parents to consider only their training within the past three years, the outcome does not include this time limitation.

According to the Implementation Plan, this outcome applies to all licensed caregivers including foster parents and relative caregivers.

For the purposes of calculating this outcome, responses of “already prepared” and “have not had training” are counted as not applicable.

Outcome Results

Q27 *Overall, thinking about ALL of the training that you have had in the last three years, how adequately has it prepared you to care for the needs of foster children placed in your home? Would you say . . .*

Q27 Overall, thinking about ALL of the training that you have had in the last three years, how adequately has it prepared you to care for the needs of foster children placed in your home? * BQ27 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ27 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q27 Overall, thinking about ALL of the training that you have had in the last three years, how adequately has it prepared you to care for the needs of foster children placed in your home?	VERY ADEQUATELY	346	0	346
	SOMEWHAT ADEQUATELY	389	0	389
	SOMEWHAT INADEQUATELY	0	83	83
	VERY INADEQUATELY	0	38	38
Total		735	121	856

C.1.1 Outcome Summary

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	135	24	159	84.9%
	2	93	15	108	86.1%
	3	103	23	126	81.7%
	4	100	12	112	89.3%
	5	142	16	158	89.9%
	6	162	31	193	83.9%
Total		735	121	856	85.9%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	38	8	46	82.6%
	2	25	5	30	83.3%
	3	43	4	47	91.5%
	4	19	4	23	82.6%
	5	29	7	36	80.6%
	6	36	3	39	92.3%
Total		190	31	221	86.0%
Overall Combined		925	152	1077	85.9%

C.1.2 Percentage of licensed caregivers reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).

This outcome measure combines a total of seven questions: Q89, Q93, Q94, Q96, Q57, Q58, and Q78, but some questions are averaged so that equal weight is given to each of the four subsections of this outcome: support, cultural competency support, quality of help and support from the agency and social worker, and timely notification about case planning meetings. According to the Implementation Plan, this outcome applies to licensed relative and non-relative caregivers.

*Note: The results for Q78 were not factored into the outcome in the results for the 2007 survey, because the related policy had not been put in place in 2006. Q78, is however included in the outcome calculations for surveys conducted after 2007.

Outcome Results

Q89 The last time you had a crisis or emergency related to your role as a caregiver in 2008, and asked the agency for help, did you get a timely response? * BQ89 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ89 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q89 The last time you had a crisis or emergency related to your role as a caregiver in 2008, and asked the agency for help, did you get a timely response?	YES, RIGHT AWAY	168	0	168
	YES, BUT IT TOOK AWHILE	90	0	90
	NO	0	64	64
Total		258	64	322

Q93 How supportive is the agency in helping you deal with cultural or ethnic issues during 2008? * BQ93 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ93 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q93 How supportive is the agency in helping you deal with cultural or ethnic issues during 2008?	VERY SUPPORTIVE	334	0	334
	SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE	262	0	262
	SOMEWHAT UNSUPPORTIVE	0	58	58
	VERY UNSUPPORTIVE	0	51	51
Total		596	109	705

Q94 Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of help and support provided by this child's social worker in the last half of 2008? * BQ94 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ94 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q94 Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of help and support provided by this child's social worker in the last half of 2008?	VERY SATISFIED	378	0	378
	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	217	0	217
	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	0	122	122
	VERY DISSATISFIED	0	151	151
Total		595	273	868

Q96 Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of help and support provided by the agency in the last half of 2008? * BQ96 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ96 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q96 Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of help and support provided by the agency in the last half of 2008?	VERY SATISFIED	325	0	325
	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	290	0	290
	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	0	128	128
	VERY DISSATISFIED	0	126	126
Total		615	254	869

Q57 In the last half of 2008, how often did the agency notify you about court hearings for this child within 10 working days prior to court hearings * BQ57 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ57 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q57 In the last half of 2008, how often did the agency notify you about court hearings for this child within 10 working days prior to court hearings	ALWAYS	347	0	347
	MOST OF THE TIME	168	0	168
	ABOUT HALF THE TIME	0	73	73
	RARELY	0	99	99
	NEVER	0	103	103
Total		515	275	790

Q58 In the last half of 2008, how often did the agency advise you that you would have an opportunity to be heard at these hearings? * BQ58 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ58 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q58 In the last half of 2008, how often did the agency advise you that you would have an opportunity to be heard at these hearings?	ALWAYS	359	0	359
	MOST OF THE TIME	92	0	92
	ABOUT HALF THE TIME	0	49	49
	RARELY	0	81	81
	NEVER	0	207	207
Total		451	337	788

Q78 During the last half of 2008 did you receive timely notification at least 5 days prior, about shared case planning meetings; * BQ78 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ78 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q78 During the last half of 2008 did you receive timely notification at least 5 days prior, about shared case planning meetings;	ALWAYS	306	0	306
	MOST OF THE TIME	208	0	208
	ABOUT HALF THE TIME	0	89	89
	RARELY	0	113	113
	NEVER	0	138	138
Total		514	340	854

C.1.2 Outcome Calculation:

Question #	A In Compliance	B Out of compliance	C Total
Q89	258	64	322
Q93	596	109	705
Q94	595	273	868
Q96	615	254	869
Q57	515	275	790
Q58	451	337	788
Q78	514	340	854
Average of Q57,Q58,Q78	493	317	811
Totals	2557	1017	3575

C.1.2 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1				
		504	177	681	74.1%
	2	324	121	445	72.8%
	3	340	184	524	64.9%
	4	326	133	459	71.1%
	5	465	182	647	71.9%
	6	597	221	818	73.0%
Total		2557	1017	3575	71.5%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1				
		224	77	301	74.4%
	2	121	48	169	71.5%
	3	197	66	263	74.9%
	4	104	61	165	63.0%
	5	159	81	240	66.2%
	6	177	51	228	77.6%
Total		982	384	1366	71.9%
Overall Combined		3539	1401	4940	71.6%

C.1.3 Percentage of licensed caregivers reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to behavioral, medical, developmental, and educational needs).

This outcome measure combines a total of eight questions: Q59, Q61, Q64, Q60, Q62, Q65, Q63A, and 63B and all questions are given equal weight. Questions refer to information provided to the caregiver at the time of placement. For some foster parents this will have been earlier than the year we are assessing. (In future years of the survey, these questions will be restricted to only those foster parents whose children were placed with them during the year being assessed.) *Thus, the Panel has agreed that only cases for which placement with the current caregiver occurred during 2008 (or applicable period) will be factored into the outcome.* According to the Implementation Plan, this outcome applies to licensed caregivers only.

This outcome is restricted to only those foster parents whose children were placed with them in 2008. Questions related to children’s developmental needs (Q63A& 63B) were added for the survey covering 2007 and subsequent years based on revisions to the Implementation Plan.

C.1.3 Outcome Results (Licensed caregivers only)

Q42Y In what month and year was this child placed in your home?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1997	2	.2	.2	.2
	1998	1	.1	.1	.3
	2000	1	.1	.1	.5
	2001	6	.7	.7	1.1
	2002	12	1.4	1.4	2.5
	2003	9	1.0	1.0	3.5
	2004	23	2.6	2.6	6.2
	2005	39	4.4	4.5	10.6
	2006	93	10.5	10.6	21.3
	2007	229	25.9	26.2	47.5
	2008	458	51.8	52.4	99.9
	2009	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total		874	98.8	100.0
Missing	Don't know	11	1.2		
Total		885	100.0		

Q59 You were provided adequate information about this child's health needs in 2008? *
BQ59 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ59 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q59 Would you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE that you were provided adequate information about this child's health needs in 2008?	Strongly agree	273	0	273
	Somewhat agree	102	0	102
	Somewhat disagree	0	31	31
	Strongly disagree	0	43	43
Total		375	74	449

Q61 You were provided adequate information about this child's education needs in 2008? *
*** BQ61 Outcome Crosstabulation**

Count		BQ61 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q61 Would you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE that you were provided adequate information about this child's education needs in 2008?	Strongly agree	116	0	116
	Somewhat agree	60	0	60
	Somewhat disagree	0	27	27
	Strongly disagree	0	38	38
Total		176	65	241

Q64 You were provided adequate information about this child's behavioral needs in 2008? *
*** BQ64 Outcome Crosstabulation**

Count		BQ64 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q64 Would you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE that you were provided adequate information about this child's behavioral needs in 2008?	Strongly agree	212	0	212
	Somewhat agree	99	0	99
	Somewhat disagree	0	58	58
	Strongly disagree	0	72	72
Total		311	130	441

Q60 Did you receive health information for this child within 30 days after this child was placed in your home? * BQ60 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ60 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q60 If the child was placed with you in 2008, did you receive health information for this child within 30 days after this child was placed in your home?	Yes	338	0	338
	No	0	110	110
Total		338	110	448

Q62 Did you receive information about this child's education history or needs within 30 days after this child was placed in your home? * BQ62 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ62 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q62 If the child was placed in 2008, did you receive information about this child's education history or needs within 30 days after this child was placed in your home?	Yes	163	0	163
	No	0	81	81
Total		163	81	244

Q65 Did you receive information about this child's behavioral problems or substance abuse issues within 30 days after she/he was placed in your home? * BQ65 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ65 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q65 If the child was placed in 2008, did you receive information about this child's behavioral problems or substance abuse issues within 30 days after she/he was placed in your home?	Yes	309	0	309
	No	0	128	128
Total		309	128	437

Q63A You were provided adequate information about this child's developmental needs in 2008? * BQ63A Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ63A Outcome		Total
		In	Out	
Q63A Would you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE that you were provided adequate information about this child's developmental needs in 2008?	Strongly agree	86	0	86
	Somewhat agree	35	0	35
	Somewhat disagree	0	25	25
	Strongly disagree	0	40	40
Total		121	65	186

Q63B Did you receive information about this child's developmental history or needs within 30 days after this child was placed in your home? * BQ63B Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ63B Outcome		Total
		In	Out	
Q63B If the child was placed in 2008, did you receive information about this child's developmental history or needs within 30 days after this child was placed in your home?	Yes	109	0	109
	No	0	76	76
Total		109	76	185

C.1.3 Outcome calculation:

Question #	A In Compliance	B Out of compliance	C Total
Q59	375	73	448
Q61	176	65	241
Q64	311	130	441
Q60	338	110	448
Q62	163	81	244
Q65	309	128	437
Q63A	121	65	186
Q63B	109	76	185
Totals	1902	728	2630

C.1.3 Outcome Summary

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	332	162	494	67.2%
	2	200	67	267	74.9%
	3	250	95	345	72.5%
	4	229	87	316	72.5%
	5	419	128	547	76.6%
	6	472	189	661	71.4%
Total		1902	728	2630	72.3%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	172	48	220	78.2%
	2	96	34	130	73.8%
	3	137	43	180	76.1%
	4	68	38	106	64.2%
	5	141	69	210	67.1%
	6	127	20	147	86.4%
Total		741	252	993	74.6%
Overall Combined		2643	980	3623	73.0%

D.1.5 Percentage of medically fragile children connected to appropriate and ongoing medical care and placed with caregivers who receive consultation and training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.

This outcome has two screen questions (Q33 and Q38). Only foster parents who answer “yes” that they were caring for a child identified by the agency as “medically fragile” (Q33) are included in the calculation for this outcome measure. Q38 is a second screen question. Foster parents who answer “no” or “not sure” that they needed medical care for this child in 2008, are considered “in compliance” if Q35 is “yes.” Foster parents who answer “yes” to Q38, must also answer “yes” to Q39 to be considered in compliance.

A definition of “medically fragile children” was added to the survey in 2009, along with a third screen question (Q33A). This ensures that only caregivers who cared for children meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation.

D.1.5 Outcome Results

Q33 In the last half of 2008 were you caring for a child identified by the agency as 'medically fragile'

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	199	16.0	16.4	16.4
	No	1015	81.7	83.6	100.0
	Total	1214	97.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	11	.9		
	System	16	1.3		
	Total	28	2.3		
Total		1242	100.0		

Medically Fragile Children are those who have medical conditions that require the availability 24-hour skilled care from a health care professional or specially trained family or foster family member. These conditions may be present all the time or frequently occurring. If the technology, support and services being received by the medically fragile children are interrupted or denied, the child may, without immediate health care intervention, experience death.

Q33A Given this definition of 'medically fragile' children, would you say that this child for whom you care meets this definition?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	99	8.0	51.0	51.0
	No	95	7.6	49.0	100.0
	Total	194	15.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	.4		
	System	1043	84.0		
	Total	1048	84.4		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q35 Did you receive preparation and consultation to adequately care for (this/these) medically fragile child(ren)?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	76	6.1	80.0	80.0
	No	19	1.5	20.0	100.0
	Total	95	7.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	3	.2		
	System	1143	92.0		
	Total	1147	92.4		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q35 Did you receive preparation and consultation to adequately care for (this/these) medically fragile child(ren)? * Q38 In the last half of 2008 did you need medical care for (this/these) child(ren)? Crosstabulation

Count		Q38 In the last half of 2008 did you need medical care for (this/these) child(ren)?		
		Yes	No	Total
Q35 Did you receive preparation and consultation to adequately care for (this/these) medically fragile child(ren)?	Yes	71	5	76
	No	17	1	18
Total		88	6	94

Q39 In 2008 were you connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care for (this/these) child(ren)? *
Q38 In the last half of 2008 did you need medical care for (this/these) child(ren)? Crosstabulation

Count		Q38 In the last half of 2008 did you need medical care for (this/these) child(ren)?	
		Yes	Total
Q39 In 2008 were you connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care for (this/these) child(ren)?	Yes	86	86
	No	4	4
Total		90	90

Q35 Did you receive preparation and consultation to adequately care for (this/these) medically fragile child(ren)? * BQ35 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ35 Outcome		Total
		In	Out	
Q35 Did you receive preparation and consultation to adequately care for (this/these) medically fragile child(ren)?	Yes	76	0	76
	No	0	19	19
Total		76	19	95

Q39 In 2008 were you connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care for (this/these) child(ren)? *
BQ39 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ39 Outcome		Total
		In	Out	
Q39 In 2008 were you connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care for (this/these) child(ren)?	Yes	86	0	86
	No	0	4	4
Total		86	4	90

D.1.5 Outcome Calculation:

Question #	A In Compliance	B Out of compliance	C Total
Q35	76	19	95
Q39	86	4	90
Totals	162	23	185

D.1.5 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1				
		33	2	35	94.3%
	2	21	0	21	100.0%
	3	17	4	21	81.0%
	4	29	2	31	93.5%
	5	20	2	22	90.9%
	6	25	9	34	73.5%
Total		145	19	164	88.4%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1				
		0	0	0	#DIV/0!
	2	1	1	2	50.0%
	3	1	1	2	50.0%
	4	5	1	6	83.3%
	5	2	0	2	100.0%
	6	8	1	9	88.9%
Total		17	4	21	81.0%
Overall Combined		162	23	185	87.6%

D.1.5 Combined Licensed & Unlicensed

Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
1	33	2	35	94.3%
2	22	1	23	95.7%
3	18	5	23	78.3%
4	34	3	37	91.9%
5	22	2	24	91.7%
6	33	10	43	76.7%
Total	162	23	185	87.6%

D.1.3 Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.

This outcome, as well as the related foster parent survey questions and decision rules, have been significantly revised from the 2007 survey. In the 2007 survey, SAY and PAY were combined into a single outcome. Beginning with the 2008 survey, separate outcomes were measured for SAY and PAY. A definition of “sexually aggressive youth” was added to the survey in 2009, along with a second screen question (Q115A). This ensures that only caregivers who cared for children meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation.

For SAY, Q115 is a screen question. Only foster parents who answer “yes” that a child identified by the agency as sexually aggressive was placed into their home in 2008 are included in the calculation of this outcome. Answers to both Q114 and Q118 must be YES to be considered in compliance

D.1.3 Outcome Results:

QR115 Was a child identified by the agency as sexually aggressive placed into your home during the last half of 2008, including only those children who remained in the custody of DCFS and not in guardianship.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	103	8.3	8.5	8.5
	No	1111	89.5	91.5	100.0
	Total	1214	97.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.2		
	Don't know	8	.6		
	System	18	1.4		
	Total	28	2.3		
Total		1242	100.0		

Sexually Aggressive Youth means those youth who have committed a sexually aggressive act or other violent act that is sexual in nature, whether or not they have been charged. This does not refer to developmentally normal exploration. The sexually aggressive acts should have involved power over the victim through age difference (normally four or more years) or force/coercion.

Q115A Given this definition of 'Sexually Aggressive' children, would you say that this child you care for meets this definition?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	73	5.9	73.7	73.7
	No	26	2.1	26.3	100.0
	Total	99	8.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.3		
	System	1139	91.7		
	Total	1143	92.0		
Total		1242	100.0		

QR114 Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as sexually aggressive, sometimes referred to as S-A-Y? * QR118 Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home?
Crosstabulation

Count		QR118 Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home?		
		Yes	No	Total
QR114 Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as sexually aggressive, sometimes referred to as S-A-Y?	Yes	50	4	54
	No	5	0	5
Total		55	4	59

D.1.3 Outcome Calculation:

Q115A Given this definition of 'Sexually Aggressive' children, would you say that this child you care for meets this definition? * BQSAY Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQSAY Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q115A Given this definition of 'Sexually Aggressive' children, would you say that this child you care for meets this definition?	Yes	50	23	73
Total		50	23	73

BQSAY Outcome * REGN REGION -- SAMPLE * Newlicense Caregiver Type Crosstabulation

Count			REGN REGION -- SAMPLE						Total
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
Licensed	BQSAY Outcome	In	9	5	8	4	9	13	48
		Out	3	2	2	2	6	3	18
	Total		12	7	10	6	15	16	66
Unlicensed	BQSAY Outcome	In	1		1		0		2
		Out	1		0		4		5
	Total		2		1		4		7

D.1.3 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	9	3	12	75.0%
	2	5	2	7	71.4%
	3	8	2	10	80.0%
	4	4	2	6	66.7%
	5	9	6	15	60.0%
	6	13	3	16	81.3%
Total		48	18	66	72.7%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	1	1	2	50.0%
	2	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
	3	1	0	1	100.0%
	4	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
	5	0	4	4	0.0%
	6	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Total		2	5	7	28.6%
Overall Combined		50	23	73	68.5%

D.1.3 Combined Licensed & Unlicensed

Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
1	10	4	14	71.4%
2	5	2	7	71.4%
3	9	2	11	81.8%
4	4	2	6	66.7%
5	9	10	19	47.4%
6	13	3	16	81.3%
Total	50	23	73	68.5%

D.1.4 Children identified as physically assaultive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.

This outcome, as well as the related foster parent survey questions and decision rules, have been significantly revised for the survey covering 2007. In the 2007 survey, SAY and PAY were combined into a single outcome. Beginning with the 2008 survey, separate outcomes were measured for SAY and PAY. A definition of “physically assaultive youth” was added to the survey in 2009, along with a second screen question (Q110A). This ensures that only caregivers who cared for children meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation.

For PAY, Q110 is a screen question. Only foster parents who answer “yes” that a child identified by the agency as physically assaultive was placed into their home in 2008 are included in the calculation of this outcome. Answers to both Q109 and Q113 must be YES to be considered in compliance

D.1.4 Outcome Results:

QR110 Was a child identified by the agency as physically assaultive or physically aggressive placed into your home during the last half of 2008, including only those children who remained in the custody of DCFS and not in guardianship.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	227	18.3	18.7	18.7
	No	984	79.2	81.3	100.0
	Total	1211	97.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.2		
	Don't know	12	1.0		
	System	17	1.4		
	Total	31	2.5		
Total		1242	100.0		

Physically Assaultive or Physically Aggressive means those youth who have been observed to willfully assault a person with the potential of inflicting bodily harm to that person. This definition also includes youth who have made real threats to use a weapon or attempted to inflict harm to a person. Developmental level should be considered. A toddler who bites or hits is not considered physically assaultive.

Q110A Given this definition of 'Physically Assaultive or Physically Aggressive' children, would you say that this child you care for meets this definition?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	148	11.9	67.0	67.0
	No	73	5.9	33.0	100.0
	Total	221	17.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	.4		
	System	1016	81.8		
	Total	1021	82.2		
Total		1242	100.0		

QR109 Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive, sometimes referred to as P-A-Y?

*** QR113 Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home? Crosstabulation**

Count		QR113 Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home?		
		Yes	No	Total
QR109 Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive, sometimes referred to as P-A-Y?	Yes	74	4	78
	No	13	0	13
Total		87	4	91

D.1.4 Outcome Calculation:

Q110A Given this definition of 'Physically Assaultive or Physically Aggressive' children, would you say that this child you care for meets this definition? * BQPAY Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQPAY Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q110A Given this definition of 'Physically Assaultive or Physically Aggressive' children, would you say that this child you care for meets this definition?	Yes	74	74	148
Total		74	74	148

BQPAY Outcome * REGN REGION -- SAMPLE * Newlicense Caregiver Type Crosstabulation

Count				REGN REGION -- SAMPLE						
Newlicense	Caregiver Type	BQPAY Outcome		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
				Licensed	In	12	10	10	6	
	Out	14	13	4	8	6	17	62		
	Total	26	23	14	14	17	39	133		
Unlicensed	In	0	0	1	0	0	2	3		
	Out	3	1	3	2	2	1	12		
	Total	3	1	4	2	2	3	15		

D.1.4 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	12	14	26	46.2%
	2	10	13	23	43.5%
	3	10	4	14	71.4%
	4	6	8	14	42.9%
	5	11	6	17	64.7%
	6	22	17	39	56.4%
Total		71	62	133	53.4%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	0	3	3	0.0%
	2	0	1	1	0.0%
	3	1	3	4	25.0%
	4	0	2	2	0.0%
	5	0	2	2	0.0%
	6	2	1	3	66.7%
Total		3	12	15	20.0%
Overall Combined		74	74	148	50.0%

D.1.4 Combined Licensed & Unlicensed

Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
1	12	17	29	41.4%
2	10	14	24	41.7%
3	11	7	18	61.1%
4	6	10	16	37.5%
5	11	8	19	57.9%
6	24	18	42	57.1%
Total	74	74	148	50.0%

D.1.6 Percentage of children receiving a private and individual face-to-face visit from the caseworker for each full placement month.

This outcome only has one question (Q53).

D.1.6 Outcome Results:

**Q53 In the last half of 2008, about how often did this child's social worker have a private and individual face-to-face visit with this child, either at home or outside of the home? * BQ53
 Outcome Crosstabulation**

Count		BQ53 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q53 In the last half of 2008, about how often did this child's social worker have a private and individual face-to-face visit with this child, either at home or outside of the home?	SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH	145	0	145
	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	691	0	691
	ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH	0	145	145
	ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS	0	104	104
	ABOUT EVERY SIX MONTHS	0	58	58
	ONCE IN THE WHOLE YEAR	0	33	33
	NEVER IN 2008	0	37	37
Total		836	377	1213

D.1.6 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	114	53	167	68.3%
	2	73	34	107	68.2%
	3	83	45	128	64.8%
	4	77	35	112	68.8%
	5	97	62	159	61.0%
	6	132	63	195	67.7%
Total		576	292	868	66.4%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	54	20	74	73.0%
	2	28	15	43	65.1%
	3	55	13	68	80.9%
	4	29	12	41	70.7%
	5	46	14	60	76.7%
	6	48	11	59	81.4%
Total		260	85	345	75.4%
Overall Combined		836	377	1213	68.9%

D.1.6 Combined Licensed & Unlicensed

Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
1	168	73	241	69.7%
2	101	49	150	67.3%
3	138	58	196	70.4%
4	106	47	153	69.3%
5	143	76	219	65.3%
6	180	74	254	70.9%
Total	836	377	1213	68.9%

B.4.1 Each child will receive behavioral health services from the same individual provider.

This outcome has a screen question (Q68). Only foster parents who answer “yes” that during 2008 this child received mental health services are included in the calculation of this outcome.

An additional question (Q72) related to whether the foster parent feels that the change in clinician or treatment team was necessary to improve/maintain quality of care was added to the calculation of this outcome in the 2008 and 2009 surveys.

B.4.1 Outcome Results:

Q68 Did this child receive these mental health treatment or substance abuse services?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	285	22.9	77.2	77.2
	No	84	6.8	22.8	100.0
	Total	369	29.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	872	70.2		
	Total	873	70.3		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q71 During 2008, did the same clinician or team of clinicians provide services to this child or did this child experience a change in clinicians or treatment teams?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	The same clinician/ treatment team	222	17.9	79.6	79.6
	Different clinicians/ treatment teams	57	4.6	20.4	100.0
	Total	279	22.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	.4		
	System	958	77.1		
	Total	963	77.5		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q72 In your opinion was this change in clinician or team of clinicians necessary to maintain or improve the quality of care for this child?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	43	3.5	75.4	75.4
	No	14	1.1	24.6	100.0
	Total	57	4.6	100.0	
Missing	System	1185	95.4		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q71 During 2008, did the same clinician or team of clinicians provide services to this child or did this child experience a change in clinicians or treatment teams? * BQ71 Outcome Crosstabulation

Count		BQ71 Outcome		
		In	Out	Total
Q71 During 2008, did the same clinician or team of clinicians provide services to this child or did this child experience a change in clinicians or treatment teams?	The same clinician/ treatment team	222	0	222
	Different clinicians/ treatment teams	43	14	57
Total		265	14	279

B.4.1 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	44	4	48	91.7%
	2	27	1	28	96.4%
	3	25	2	27	92.6%
	4	24	1	25	96.0%
	5	29	1	30	96.7%
	6	50	2	52	96.2%
Total		199	11	210	94.8%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	17	1	18	94.4%
	2	7	0	7	100.0%
	3	13	0	13	100.0%
	4	9	0	9	100.0%
	5	9	1	10	90.0%
	6	11	1	12	91.7%
Total		66	3	69	95.7%
Overall Combined		265	14	279	95.0%

B.4.1 Combined Licensed & Unlicensed

Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
1	61	5	66	92.4%
2	34	1	35	97.1%
3	38	2	40	95.0%
4	33	1	34	97.1%
5	38	2	40	95.0%
6	61	3	64	95.3%
Total	265	14	279	95.0%

E.2.1 Percentage of children placed apart from their siblings who have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings.

This outcome has three screen questions (Q125, Q126 and Q127). Only foster parents who indicate that the child has a sister or brother ("yes" to Q125), who was not placed in the foster parent's home in 2008 ("no" to Q126), and for whom contact was not disallowed by DCFS or the court ("no" to Q127) are included in the calculation of this outcome.

In the 2007 survey this outcome was measured by a single question which asked about visits and contacts with siblings. Beginning with the 2008 survey this question was separated into two questions, one about visits, and a second question about contacts.

Compliance is based on a total of two or more monthly visits or contacts. Responses are considered in compliance if there were two or more visits per month (Q128), two or more other forms of contact per month (Q128B), or through a combination of visits and contacts (combination of Q128 and Q128B).

E.2.1 Outcome Results:

Q125 Does this child have a sister or brother?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	1095	88.2	88.9	88.9
	No	137	11.0	11.1	100.0
	Total	1232	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	8	.6		
	System	2	.2		
	Total	10	.8		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q126 In the last half of 2008, were all siblings (full, half, and step) of this child placed in your home?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	163	13.1	14.9	14.9
	No	929	74.8	85.1	100.0
	Total	1092	87.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	2	.2		
	System	147	11.8		
	Total	150	12.1		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q127 Did DCFS or the court tell you not to allow visits or contact between the child and (his/her) siblings?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	110	8.9	12.0	12.0
	No	804	64.7	88.0	100.0
	Total	914	73.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	.2		
	Don't know	10	.8		
	System	315	25.4		
	Total	328	26.4		
Total		1242	100.0		

Q128 In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have visits with their siblings? * Q128B In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have other forms of contact with their siblings, not including staffing meetings or court events? Crosstabulation

Count		Q128B In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have other forms of contact with their siblings, not including staffing meetings or court events?									Total
		Refused	Don't know	NOT AT ALL	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	TWICE A MONTH	THREE TIMES A MONTH	FOUR TIMES A MONTH	MORE THAN 4 TIMES A MONTH	
Q128 In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have visits with their siblings?	Refused	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Don't know	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
	NOT AT ALL	0	2	209	15	6	4	1	0	6	243
	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	0	1	32	52	10	6	0	3	7	111
	ONCE A MONTH	0	0	32	15	36	4	3	3	10	103
	TWICE A MONTH	0	0	41	5	7	26	4	3	7	93
	THREE TIMES A MONTH	0	1	7	2	4	7	8	4	5	38
	FOUR TIMES A MONTH	0	3	35	8	5	5	5	20	10	91
	MORE THAN 4 TIMES A MONTH	1	5	25	3	7	5	1	8	71	126
Total		2	17	385	102	75	57	22	41	116	817

* Cells shaded in dark are not included in the calculation.
 Cells shaded more lightly are considered not in compliance.

All other unshaded cells are considered to be in compliance.

Q128 In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have visits with their siblings? * Q128B In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have other forms of contact with their siblings, not including staffing meetings or court events? * BQ128AB Outcome Crosstabulation

Count			Q128B In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have other forms of contact with their siblings, not including staffing meetings or court events?									
BQ			Refused	Don't know	NOT AT ALL	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	TWICE A MONTH	THREE TIMES A MONTH	FOUR TIMES A MONTH	MORE THAN 4 TIMES A MONTH	Total
In	Q128 In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have visits with their siblings?	NOT AT ALL	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	6	11
		LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	7	16
		ONCE A MONTH	0	0	0	0	36	4	3	3	10	56
		TWICE A MONTH	0	0	41	5	7	26	4	3	7	93
		THREE TIMES A MONTH	0	1	7	2	4	7	8	4	5	38
		FOUR TIMES A MONTH	0	3	35	8	5	5	5	20	10	91
		MORE THAN 4 TIMES A MONTH	1	5	25	3	7	5	1	8	71	126
	Total		1	9	108	18	59	57	22	41	116	431
Out	Q128 In a typical month in the last half of 2008, how often did this child have visits with their siblings?	NOT AT ALL			209	15	6					230
		LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH			32	52	10					94
		ONCE A MONTH			32	15	0					47
	Total				273	82	16					371

E.2.1 Outcome Summary:

Type	Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
Licensed Caregivers	1	49	52	101	48.5%
	2	39	32	71	54.9%
	3	43	50	93	46.2%
	4	35	48	83	42.2%
	5	64	50	114	56.1%
	6	79	63	142	55.6%
Total		309	295	604	51.2%
Unlicensed Caregivers	1	28	17	45	62.2%
	2	15	7	22	68.2%
	3	31	15	46	67.4%
	4	10	12	22	45.5%
	5	19	13	32	59.4%
	6	19	12	31	61.3%
Total		122	76	198	61.6%
Overall Combined		431	371	802	53.7%

E.2.1 Combined Licensed & Unlicensed

Region	In	Out	Total	% Compliance
1	77	69	146	52.7%
2	54	39	93	58.1%
3	74	65	139	53.2%
4	45	60	105	42.9%
5	83	63	146	56.8%
6	98	75	173	56.6%
Total	431	371	802	53.7%



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