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Braam Semi-Annual Performance Report

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Caseload	Percentage of CA social workers carrying cases of children in the Braam class with caseloads at 18.0 or fewer.	90%	86% (Jul-Dec 15) 82% (Jan-Jun 15)	No	4
Caregiver Information	Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them as determined by a targeted case review in which the caregiver is provided a Child Information Placement Referral Form in the required timeframe.	90%	93% (Jul-Dec 15) 90% (Jan-Jun 15)	Yes	6
Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status	Percentage of youth in out-of-home care for at least 30 days who run from out-of-home care placements during the annual reporting period.	2.35%	2.90% (CY15) 3.00% (FY15)	No	8
Median Number of Days Youth are on Runaway Status	Median number of days that youth are on runaway status during the annual reporting reporting period.	25 Days	45.0 Days (CY15) 32.0 Days (FY15)	No	10

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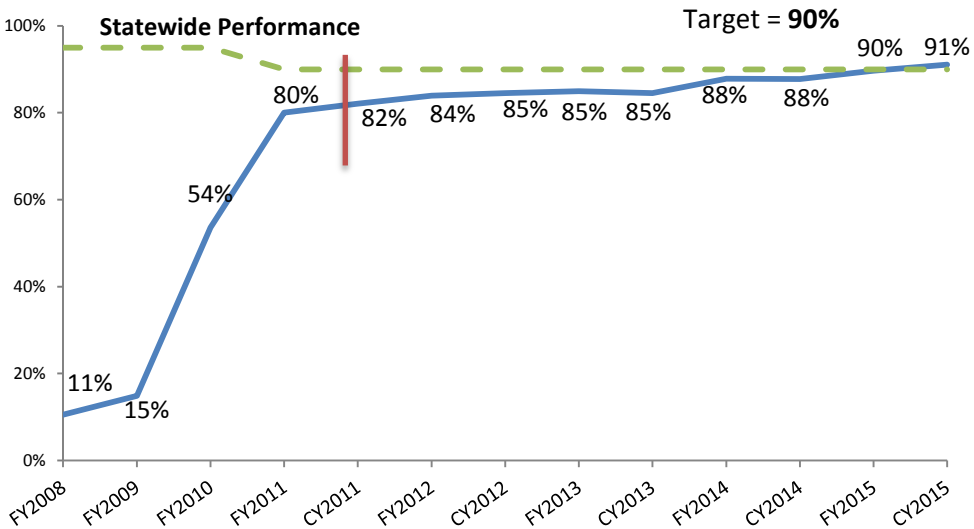
Outcome	Measure Description	Full Compliance Measure
Caregiver Training	Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate training for their roles and responsibilities.	90%
Caregiver Support	Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities.	90%

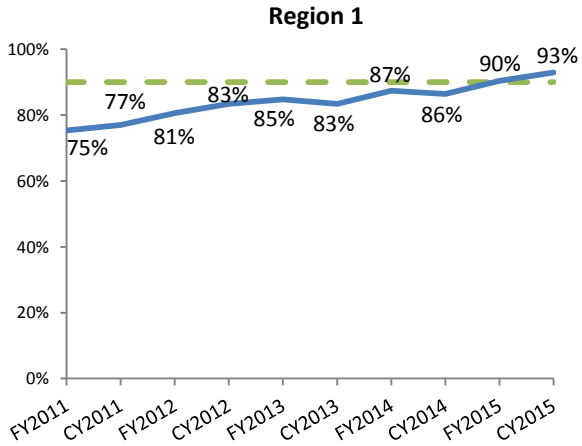
Outcome 1: Monthly Health and Safety Visits with Children

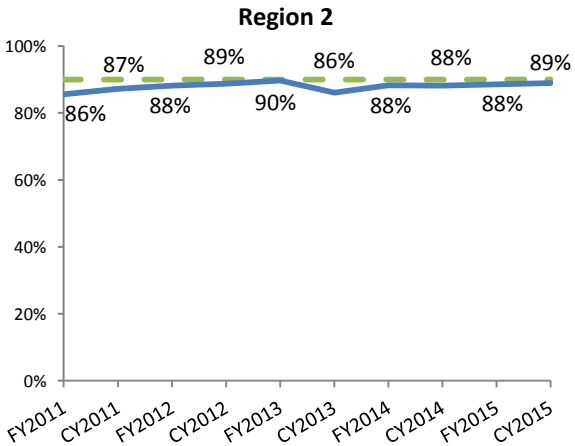
Children in out-of-home care will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from their assigned caseworker, or acceptable substitute worker, at least once every calendar month for every full month in care during the 12 month reporting period.

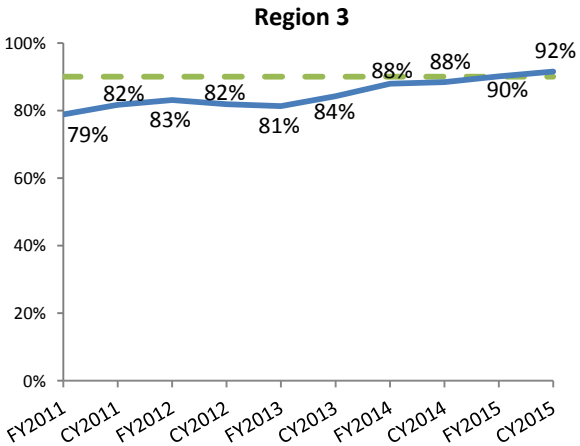


SUMMARY

- **During CY2015, 91% of children requiring health and safety visits were visited by their social worker every full calendar month they were in care during the reporting period.**
- **Region 1 was the highest performer during CY2015 at 93%.**
- **Children's Administration has met or exceeded the full compliance measure of 90% for 18 consecutive months.**







Monthly Health and Safety Visits with Children

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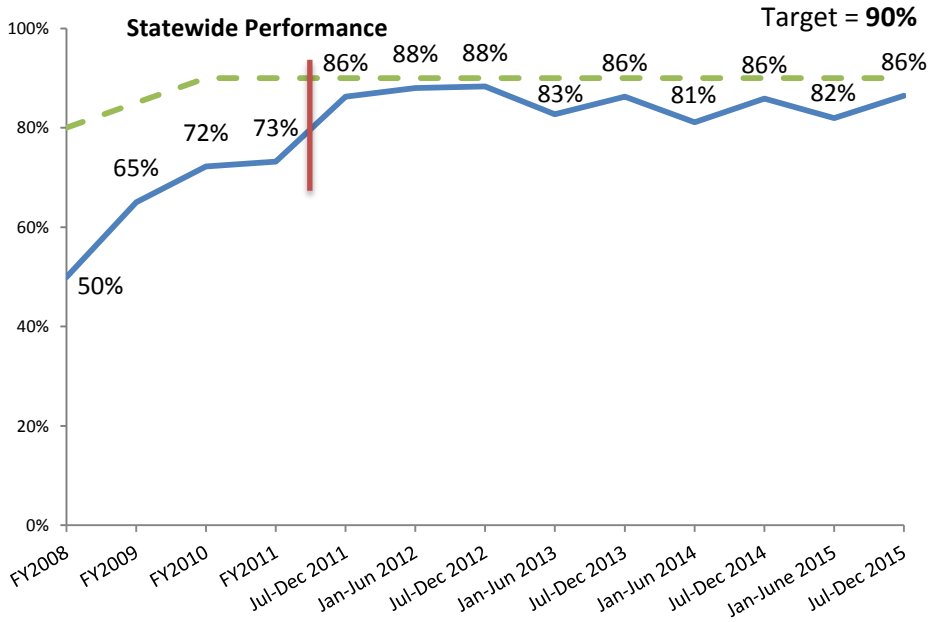
DATE	Statewide Performance	Full Compliance Measure	Total Applicable Cases	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
				Percent	Total Cases	Percent	Total Cases	Percent	Total Cases
CY2015	91%	90%	12349	93%	3749	89%	3916	92%	4684
FY2015	90%	90%	12398	90%	3811	88%	3910	90%	4677
CY2014	88%	90%	12193	86%	3856	88%	3765	88%	4572
FY2014	88%	90%	9872	87%	3008	88%	3157	88%	3707
CY2013	85%	90%	10119	83%	3240	86%	3086	84%	3793
FY2013	85%	90%	11495	85%	3449	90%	3600	81%	4446
CY2012	85%	90%	11303	83%	3353	89%	3554	82%	4396
FY2012	84%	90%	11495	81%	3370	88%	3605	83%	4520
CY2011	82%	90%	11631	77%	3340	87%	3697	82%	4594
FY2011	80%	90%	11773	75%	3355	86%	3817	79%	4601
FY2010	54%	95%	10916	Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011					
FY2009	15%	95%	Data Not Readily Available						
FY2008	11%	95%							

Measure definition	Percentage of children who received a visit from an acceptable worker consistent with the previous federal social worker monthly visit measure in every prior full calendar month they were in care. This measure requires a visit in each month of the 12 month reporting period.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Data Management and Reporting Section
Period	CY2015
	This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See data note #4.
Data notes	**1** Measures the percent of children who were seen by the assigned social worker, or acceptable substitute worker, for a Health and Safety visit each and every month they were in a full month of care (in placement on the 1st day of the month and no discharge during the month). **2** Population includes children in out-of-home placement under the age of 18 and under CA Placement and Care Authority at least a full month during the reporting period. **3** Performance includes "Visits Conducted by Other Agencies" which are included in reports to the Governor's office. A random review indicates the majority are Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC) cases and visits by CA social workers inaccurately coded. **4** The red line on the statewide performance chart indicates where the full compliance measure changed from 95% to 90%. **5** Compliance with this outcome requires the full compliance measure to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the full compliance measure.

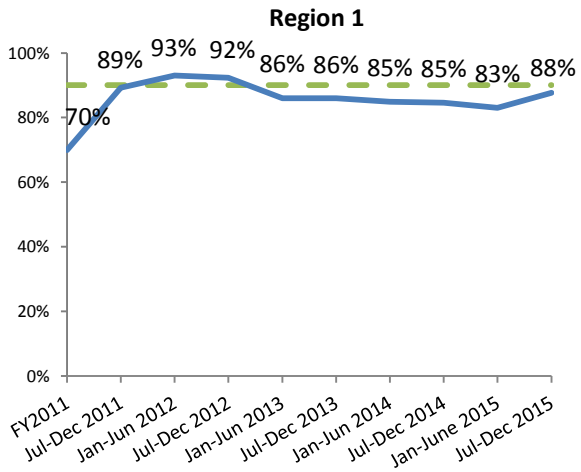
Outcome 2: Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases

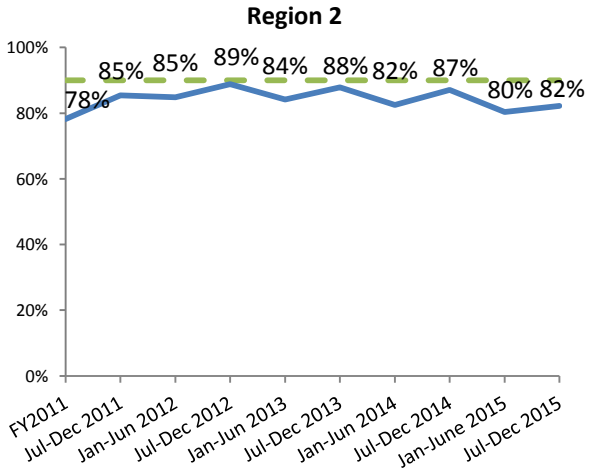
Caseworkers will have caseloads at or below 18.0 cases per caseworker.

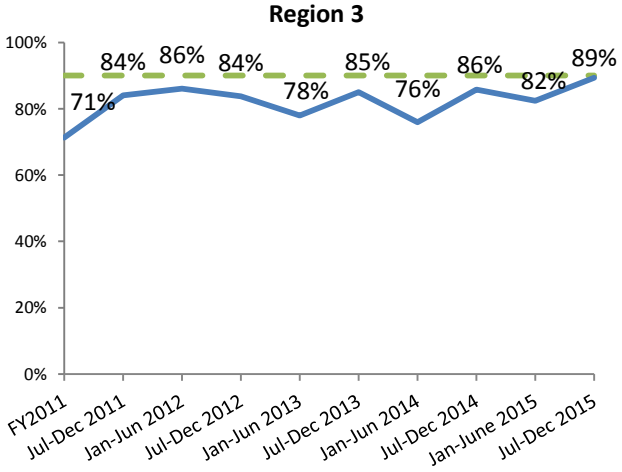


SUMMARY

- **Performance for July to December 2015 was 86% which is a 4% increase from the previous reporting period.**
- **All regions saw an increase in performance from the previous reporting period. Region 3 was the highest performer at 89% and saw the largest increase, while Region 2 had the smallest increase, up 2% from the previous reporting period.**
- **This measure counts social workers, who served at least one child in out-of-home care, with caseloads of 18 children or fewer. The majority of social workers are Child and Family Welfare Services (CFWS) workers. The measure also counts social workers who serve only one or a few children in out-of-home care (i.e. Child Protective Services, Family Reconciliation Services, and Voluntary Family Services).**
- **This is a point in time measure and not an average over time.**







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Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases

Caseworkers will have caseloads at or below 18.0 cases per caseworker.

DATE	Statewide Performance	Full Compliance Measure	Total Applicable Workers	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
				Percent	Total Workers	Percent	Total Workers	Percent	Total Workers
Jan-Jun 2015	86%	90%	808	88%	227	82%	270	89%	311
Jan-Jun 2015	82%	90%	790	83%	235	80%	259	82%	296
Jul-Dec 2014	86%	90%	879	85%	253	87%	295	86%	331
Jan-Jun 2014	81%	90%	869	85%	252	82%	297	76%	320
Jul-Dec 2013	86%	90%	757	86%	228	88%	255	85%	274
Jan-Jun 2013	83%	90%	831	86%	250	84%	277	78%	304
Jul-Dec 2012	88%	90%	836	92%	248	89%	287	84%	301
Jan-Jun 2012	88%	90%	884	93%	259	85%	317	86%	308
Jul-Dec 2011	86%	90%	851	89%	242	85%	307	84%	307
FY2011	73%	90%	939	70%	273	78%	335	71%	331
FY2010	72%	90%	963	Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011					
FY2009	65%	80%	980						
FY2008	50%	70%	1026						

Measure definition	Percentage of Children's Administration social workers carrying cases of children in the Braam class with caseloads at 18.0 or fewer.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Data Management and Reporting Section
Period	Point in Time Data, As of the First Day of the Last Month of the Reporting Period
	This outcome measure is unchanged in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement.
Data notes	**1** The counts are point in time as of the first day of the last month in the reporting period. Consistent reporting months have not been used due to timing of development and availability of measure data. 9/08 was used for FY2008 as it was the first month performance data for this outcome was available. 1/09 was used for FY2009 as it was the last month CA had confidence in the data as it was prior to the conversion to FamLink. For FY2010 and subsequent reporting periods the last month of the reporting period was used. **2** Compliance with this outcome requires the full compliance measure to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the full compliance measure. **3** The red line on the statewide performance chart indicates the start of the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. **4** An error was discovered in methodology of development of previous reports. Previous data reports counted as active cases previously closed investigations related to newly assigned cases for CPS social workers whose caseloads are included in the report because they have at least one child on their caseload who is in out-of-home care. This resulted in reports that reflected extremely high caseloads for some CPS workers, and the counts were not exclusive to active investigations assigned in the previous 30 days. The report was refactored and run for July-December 2011, January-June 2012 and July-December 2012 review periods, which are included in this report.

Outcome 11: Caregiver Information

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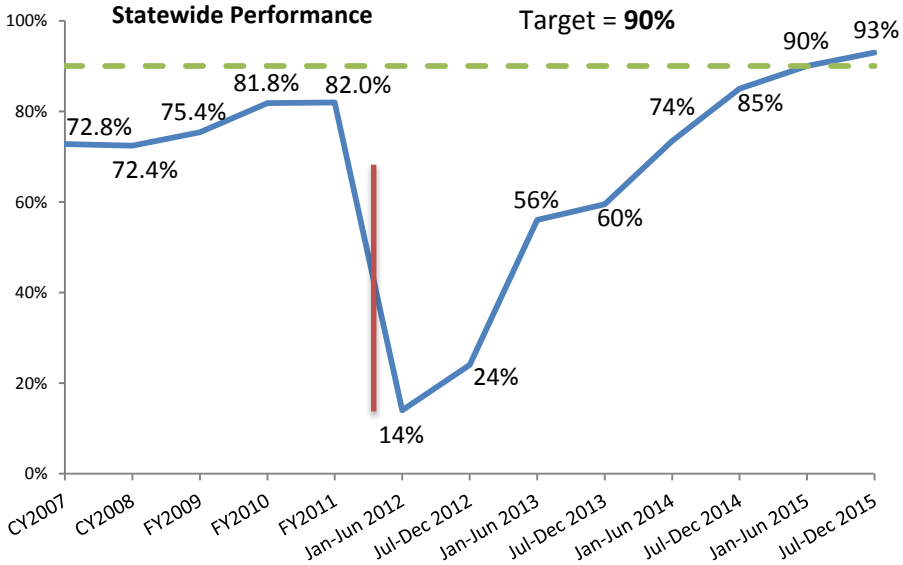
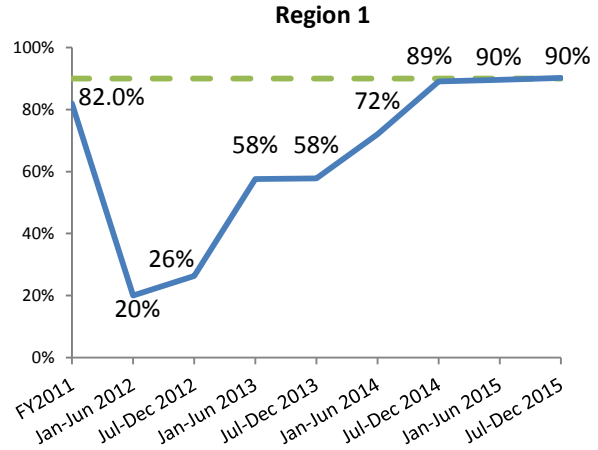


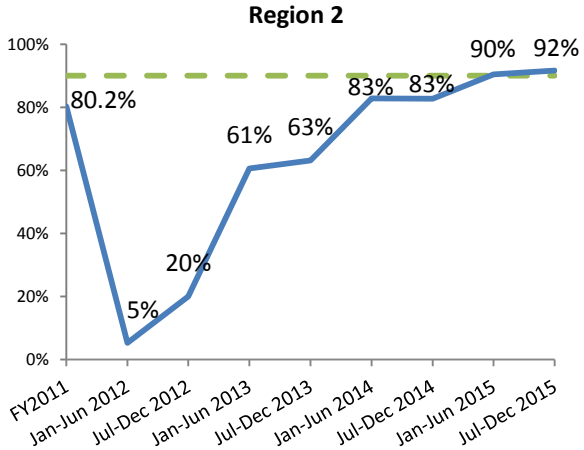
SUMMARY

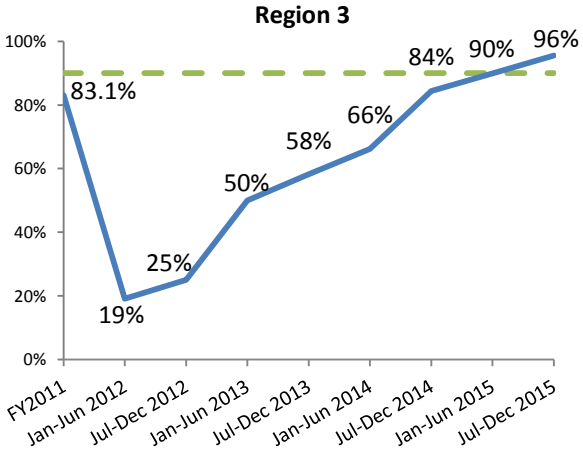
- **For July to December 2015, a targeted case review found in 93% of cases reviewed, the caregiver was provided the Child Information Placement Referral Form within the required timeframes.**

- **Children's Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for twelve months.**

- **The targeted case review found that 79%, 11 of the 14 non-compliant cases had indicators of progress. In these cases the Child Information Placement Referral form was completed and provided to the caregiver outside the required timeframe or the form was completed but documentation could not be located to verify the form was provided to the caregiver. Children's Administration continues to make steady improvement in providing the Child Information Placement Referral form to caregivers in a timely manner.**







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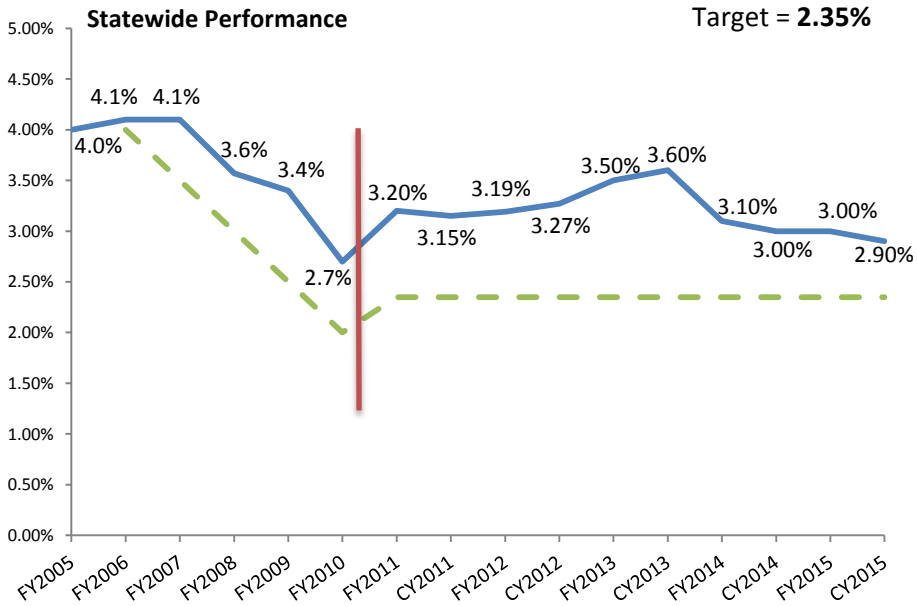
DATE	Statewide Performance	Full Compliance Measure	Total Applicable Cases*	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
				Percent	Total Cases	Percent	Total Cases	Percent	Total Cases
Jul-Dec 2015	93%	90%	200	90%	51	92%	60	96%	89
Jan-Jun 2015	90%	90%	200	90%	58	90%	63	90%	79
Jul-Dec 2014	85%	90%	200	89%	46	83%	58	84%	96
Jan-Jun 2014	74%	90%	200	72%	68	83%	64	66%	68
Jul-Dec 2013	60%	90%	200	58%	64	63%	57	58%	79
Jan-Jun 2013	56%	90%	100	58%	33	61%	33	50%	34
Jul-Dec 2012	24%	90%	50	26%	19	20%	15	25%	16
Jan-Jun 2012	14%	90%	50	20%	10	5%	19	19%	21
FY2011	82.0%	90%	1744	82.0%	506	80.2%	486	83.1%	752
FY2010	81.8%	90%	1947	Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011					
FY2009	75.4%	90%	2002						
CY2008	72.4%	90%	2135						
CY2007	72.8%	90%	1532						

* For FY2011 - CY2007 the number identified in the Total Applicable Cases column represents the total applicable caregivers who responded to the survey.

Measure definition	Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them as determined by a targeted case review in which the caregiver is provided a complete Child Information Placement Referral Form.
Data source	Case Review
Data supplier	Jessica Pierce, Data Accountability Manager, Children's Administration
Period	July - December 2015
	This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See data note #6.
Data notes	**1** Performance is determined on the percent of cases in which the caseworker provided the caregiver a completed Child Information / Placement Referral Form (DSHS 15-300). Compliance is achieved when the referral form is signed by the caregiver indicating they received the information and dated showing that they received the information within the required timeframes or verified by Department records showing an email containing the information was sent to the foster parent within the required timeframe. **2** The required timeframes are: within 72 hours of an initial placement; and at or before a planned change in placement or within 24 hours of an urgent placement change. **3** Population includes children in an open placement excluding trial return home and in out-of-home care for at least 30 days. **4** Population excludes children in the custody of: Tribal/Band with or without IV-E Agreement, Private Agency, other State responsible for all legal actions, Federal, and Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration; and children placed in a licensed facility. **5** Compliance with the full compliance measure is achieved when the question included in the review is rated fully achieved or not applicable. To view the complete Case Review Report visit the CA internet site at the following web address: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/about/imp_settlement.asp. **6** Data for CY2007 through FY2011 are not comparable to FY2012. Data for CY2007 through FY2011 was measured through a survey of Foster Parent and Caregivers conducted by Washington State University and calculates interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. Data after FY2011 uses case review, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement effective November 1, 2011, to determine performance. **7** The red line on the statewide performance chart indicates the start of the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. **8** Compliance with this outcome requires the full compliance measure to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the full compliance measure.

Outcome 20: Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status

The percentage of youth who run from out-of-home care placements during the reporting period will decrease.

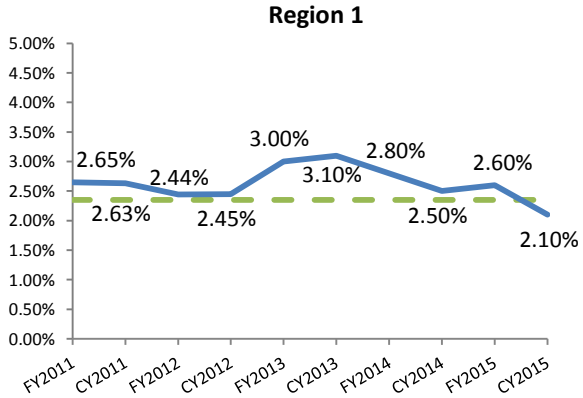


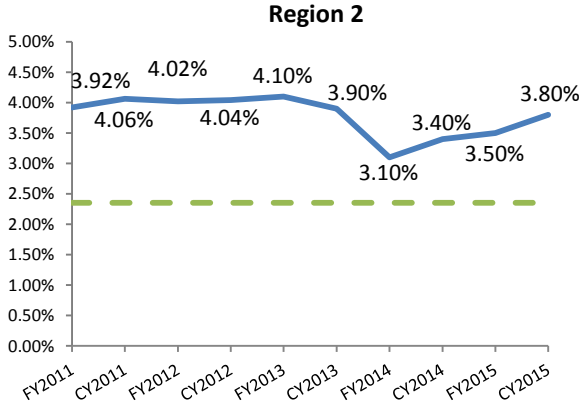
SUMMARY

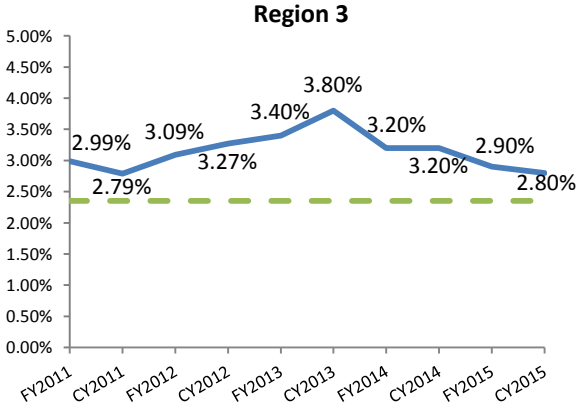
- **During CY2015, 2.90% of youth were on runaway status from out-of-home care placements. The total number of youth who ran in CY2015 decreased from 377 to 349 statewide, which is the fewest number of youth on the run since reporting began.**

- **Regions 1 and 3 both saw a decrease in the frequency of youth on the run during the reporting period. Region 1 performance decreased to 2.10% which is below the full compliance measure of 2.35%.**

- **A review of youth on runaway status for the reporting period indicates:**
  - *50% are between the ages of 15-17 years old.*
  - *57% were on the run less than 60 days during the review period.*
  - *18% are legally free youth.*
  - *53% have been in out-of-home care two years or more.*







Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status

The percentage of youth who run from out-of-home care placements during the reporting period will decrease.

Date	Statewide Performance	Full Compliance Measure	Total Youth	Total Youth with Runs	Region 1 Percent	Region 1 Total Youth	Region 2 Percent	Region 2 Total Youth	Region 3 Percent	Region 3 Total Youth
CY2015	2.90%	2.35%	11950	349	2.10%	3642	3.80%	3881	2.80%	4427
FY2015	3.00%	2.35%	12522	377	2.60%	3831	3.50%	4039	2.90%	4652
CY2014	3.00%	2.35%	12984	394	2.50%	4042	3.40%	4113	3.20%	4829
FY2014	3.10%	2.35%	13046	399	2.80%	4012	3.10%	4161	3.20%	4873
CY2013	3.60%	2.35%	12344	445	3.10%	3828	3.90%	3884	3.80%	4632
FY2013	3.50%	2.35%	12182	429	3.00%	3709	4.10%	3840	3.40%	4633
CY2012	3.27%	2.35%	12708	415	2.45%	3837	4.04%	3982	3.27%	4889
FY2012	3.19%	2.35%	13023	415	2.44%	3896	4.02%	4107	3.09%	5020
CY2011	3.15%	2.35%	12989	409	2.63%	3799	4.06%	4139	2.79%	5051
FY2011	3.20%	2.35%	13561	434	2.65%	3845	3.92%	4462	2.99%	5254
FY2010	2.7%	2.0%	15115	411	Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011					
FY2009	3.4%	2.5%	Data Not Readily Available							
FY2008	3.6%	3.0%								
FY2007	4.1%	3.5%								
FY2006	4.1%	4.0%								
FY2005	4.0%									

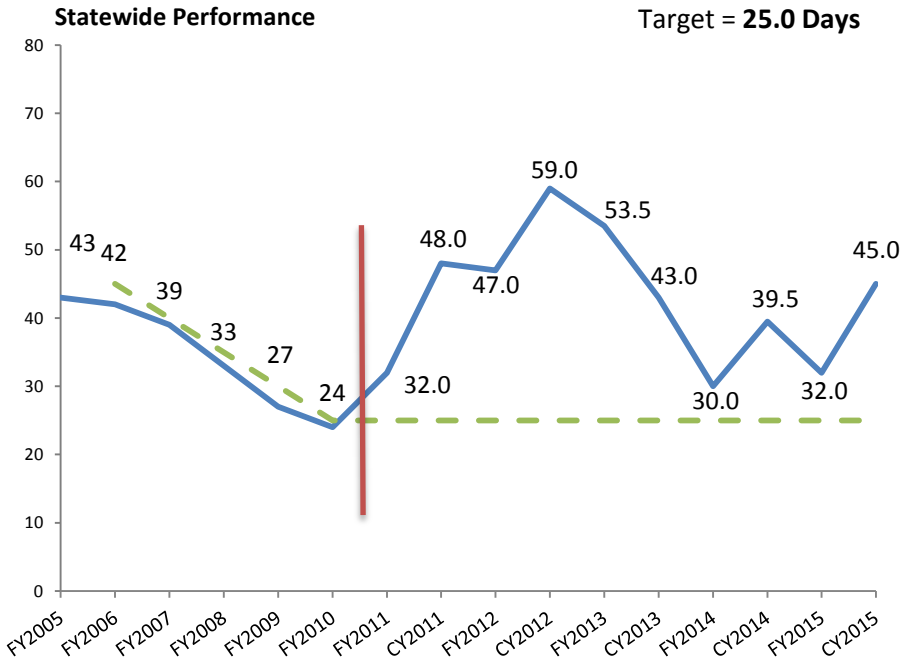
Measure definition	Percentage of youth in out-of-home care for at least 30 days who run from out-of-home care placements during the annual reporting period.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Data Management and Reporting Section
Period	CY2015
	This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #3.
Data notes	**1** Population includes children and youth ages 11-18 who were in out-of-home care 30 days or more during the annual reporting period and under CA Placement & Care Authority. **2** Measure evaluates the percentage of youth on runaway status that started during the previous 12-month calendar or fiscal year. **3** Full compliance measure changed from 2.0% to 2.35% **4** While validating data for the March 2012 semi-annual performance report, it was discovered that the FY2011 run population included youth that were not in the Braam class. These youth were removed and the performance rate was recalculated. **5** The red line on the statewide performance chart indicates the start of the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. **6** Compliance with this outcome requires the full compliance measure to be met. In addition, for full compliance to be met, the data must indicate that less than 2.59% of children in foster care in each region ran from out-of-home placements.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Outcome 21: Median Number of Days Youth are on Runaway Status

The median number of days that youth are on runaway status will decrease.



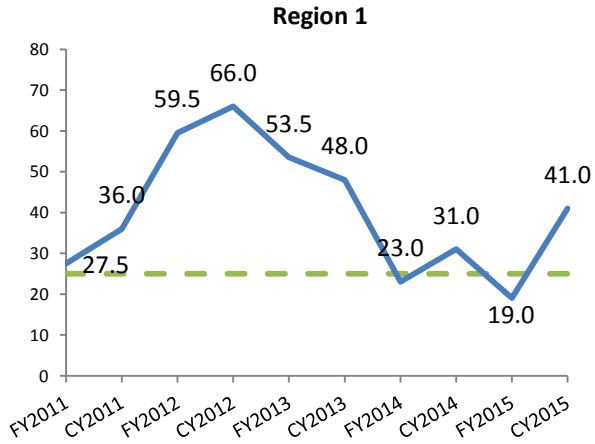
SUMMARY

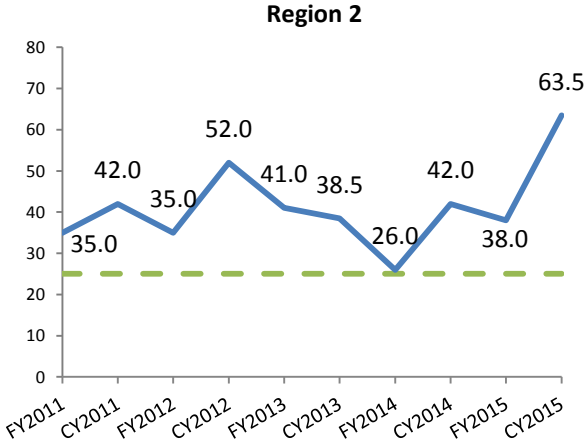
- **The median number of days youth were on runaway status for CY2015 was 45.0 days which is an increase of 13.0 days from FY2015.**

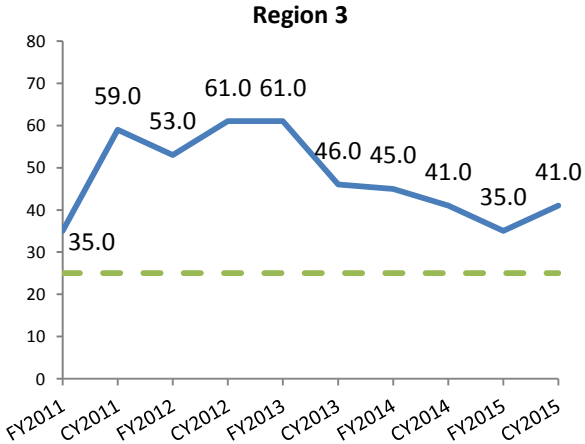
- **The number of youth on the run more than 180 days increased by four youth from the previous reporting period, to 44 youth. However, the number of youth on the run less than 180 days decreased from 279 youth to 235 youth from the previous reporting period.**

- **All regions saw an increase in run days since the previous reporting period; with Region 2 experiencing the largest increase from 38.0 days to 63.5 days.**

- **CA recognizes the potential threats to the safety of youth on the run and remains committed to continuing to decrease the number of youth who run and their time on the run. Efforts include actively engaging with youth, family members, and caregivers; collaborating with law enforcement and other professionals; building on successful practices to intervene and avert future runs; and continuing to conduct monthly quality assurance review activities.**







Median Number of Days Youth are on Runaway Status

The median number of days that youth are on runaway status will decrease.

Date	Statewide Performance	Full Compliance Measure	Total Youth	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
				Days	Total Youth	Days	Total Youth	Days	Total Youth
CY2015	45.0	25.0	296	41.0	73	63.5	122	41.0	101
FY2015	32.0	25.0	318	19.0	90	38.0	111	35.0	117
CY2014	39.5	25.0	303	31.0	81	42.0	105	41.0	117
FY2014	30.0	25.0	311	23.0	89	26.0	105	45.0	117
CY2013	43.0	25.0	345	48.0	96	38.5	118	46.0	131
FY2013	53.5	25.0	338	53.5	90	41.0	123	61.0	125
CY2012	59.0	25.0	333	66.0	81	52.0	129	61.0	123
FY2012	47.0	25.0	335	59.5	76	35.0	134	53.0	125
CY2011	48.0	25.0	323	36.0	75	42.0	131	59.0	117
FY2011	32.0	25.0	347	27.5	80	35.0	138	35.0	129
FY2010	24	25	312	Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011					
FY2009	27	30	Data Not Readily Available						
FY2008	33	35							
FY2007	39	40							
FY2006	42	45							
FY2005	43								

Measure definition	Median number of days that youth are on runaway status during the annual reporting reporting period.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Data Management and Reporting Section
Period	CY2015
	This measure is unchanged in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement.
Data notes	**1** Population includes children and youth age of 11-18 years old who were in out-of-home care 30 days or more on the last day of the annual reporting period and under CA Placement & Care Authority. **2** Measure evaluates the median number of day's youth were on runaway status during the annual reporting period; rounded to the nearest whole number. **3** The red line on the statewide performance chart indicates the start of the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. **4** Compliance with this outcome requires the full compliance measure to be met. In addition, the data must indicate that the median number of days that children are on runaway status in each region must be less than 30.0 during the 12-month period measuring full compliance.