

Children's Administration

July - December 2012
Braam Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement
Semi-Annual Performance Report

April 1, 2013



DSHS Children's Administration, Braam Settlement and Exit Agreement Semi-Annual Performance Report

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| Monthly Visits (Previous Federal Measure) | Percentage of children who received a visit from an acceptable worker consistent with the federal social worker monthly visit measure in each of the prior full calendar months they were in care. This measure requires a visit in each month of the 12 month reporting period. | 90% | 85% (CY12) 84% (FY12) | No | 4 |
| Monthly Visits (Revised Federal Measure) ¹ | Percent of visits completed monthly by an acceptable worker out of the number of visits necessary to visit each child in out-of-home care monthly. ¹ While the parties do not agree on this issue, the Department's position is that the new calculation for monthly visits adopted by the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the calculation that was intended in the full compliance measure for this outcome. The enclosed report includes performance data under both the new and the previous calculations for this outcome. | 90% | 96% (Jun-Dec 12) 96% (Jan-Jun 12) | Yes | 6 |
| Caseload | Percentage of CA social workers carrying cases of children in the Braam class with caseloads at 18.0 or fewer. | 90% | 88% (Jul-Dec 12) 88% (Jan-Jun 12) | No | 9 |
| Annual Screening of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Needs | Percentage of youth in care for at least one year with a qualifying screening or service during the past 12 months. | 90% | 92% (FY12) 91% (FY11) | Yes | 12 |
| Thoroughness and Timeliness of DLR CPS Investigations | Percentage of referrals/intakes alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care receiving thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR), pursuant to CA policy and timeline, and with required documentation. | 95% | 95% (FY12) 90% (FY11) | Yes | 15 |
| Sibling Placement | Percent of cases rated as compliant (out of the total rated compliant or non-compliant) by case review. | 75% | 86% (Jul-Dec 12) 71% (Jan-Jun 12) | Yes | 18 |
| Sibling Visits and Contacts | Percent of cases rated as compliant (out of the total rated compliant or non-compliant) by case review. | 90% | 75% (Jul-Dec 12) 38% (Jan-Jun 12) | No | 21 |

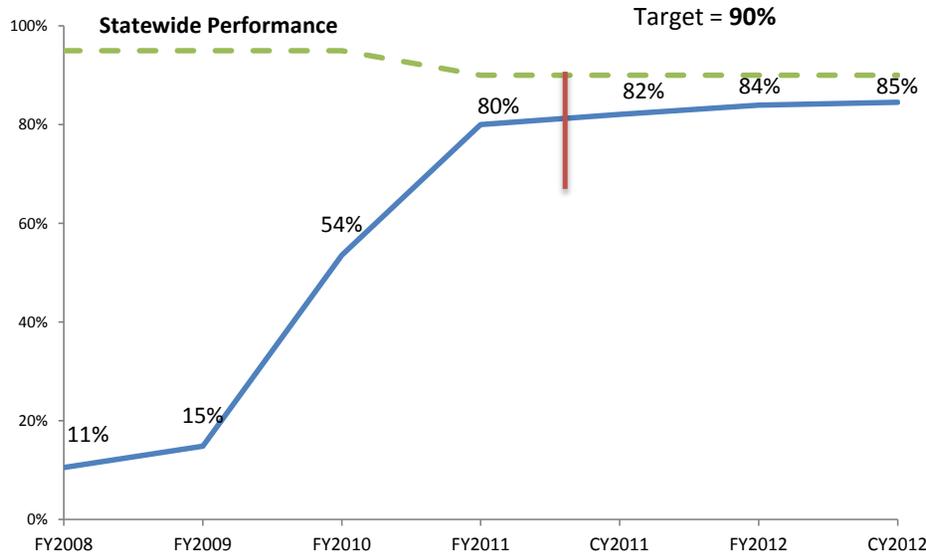
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| Caregiver Information | Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them. | 90% | 24% (Jul-Dec 12) 14% (Jan-Jun 12) | No | 24 |
| Educational Needs of Children | Percentage of caseworkers who took the required steps to meet the educational needs of school aged children in out-of-home care. | 85% | 86% (Jul-Dec 12) 66% (Jan-Jun 12) | Yes | 27 |
| Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) Training & Plan | Percentage of youth identified as SAY on the last day of the reporting period who were placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have developed a safety and supervision plan. | 95% | 99% (Jul-Dec 12) 99% (Jan-Jun 12) | Yes | 30 |
| Physically Assaultive / Aggressive Youth (PAAY) Training & Plan | Percentage of youth identified as PAAY on the last day of the reporting period who were placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have developed a safety and supervision plan. | 95% | 98% (Jul-Dec 12) 96% (Jan-Jun 12) | Yes | 33 |
| Medically Fragile Children | Percentage of medically fragile children as defined by the Braam Oversight Panel who are connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care, have their medically fragile status documented in the administrative data system and have a Caregiver Support Plan uploaded into that system. | 95% | 92% (Jul-Dec 12) 100% (Jan-Jun 12) | No | 36 |
| Youth Transition (Exit) Staffings | Percentage of multi-disciplinary staffing meetings that are held with youth prior to 17.6 months of age to address issues related to their transition to independence. | 95% | 97% (Jul-Dec 12) 98% (Jan-Jun 12) | Yes | 39 |
| 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 fiscal year. | 2.35% | 3.27% (CY12) 3.19% (FY12) | No | 42 |
| Median Number of Days Youth are on Runaway Status | Median number of days that youth are on runaway status. | 25 Days | 59.0 Days (CY12) 47 Days (FY12) | No | 44 |

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| Outcome | Measure Description | Benchmark | Next Update |
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| Caregiver Training | Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate training for their roles and responsibilities. | 90% | September 2013 |
| Caregiver Support | Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities. | 90% | September 2013 |

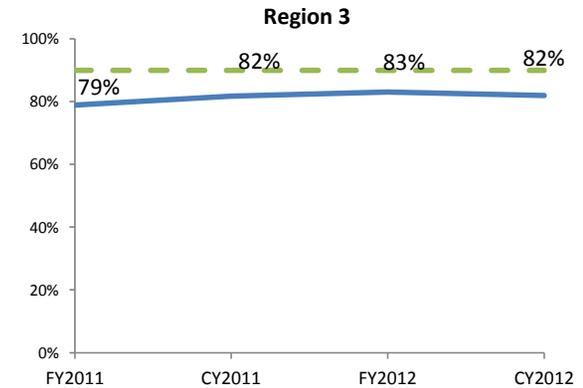
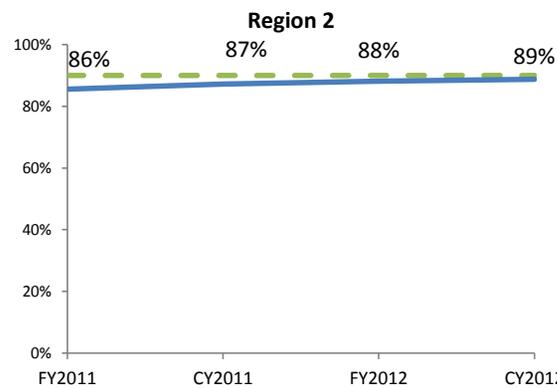
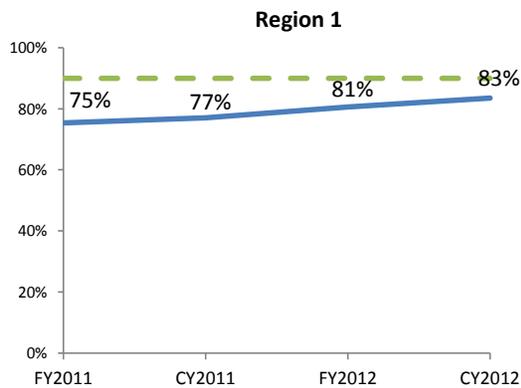
Outcome 1: Monthly Health and Safety Visits with Children

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 fiscal year.



SUMMARY

- During CY 2012, 85% of children requiring health and safety visits were visited by their social worker every full calendar month they were in care during the calendar year.
- Region 2 was the highest performer during CY 2012 at 89%. Regions 1 and 2 have improvement on this outcome since the last reporting period.
- While the parties do not agree on this issue, the Department's position is that the new calculation for monthly visits adopted by the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the calculation that was intended in the full compliance measure for this outcome. Performance on the revised measure is shown on page 6.



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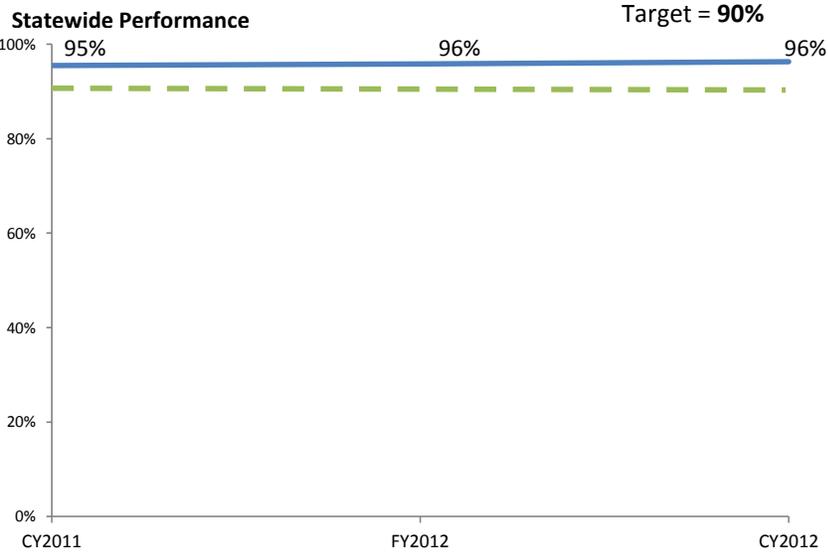


| DATE | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Total Applicable Cases | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | Percent | Total Cases | Percent | Total Cases | Percent | Total Cases |
| 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% | Data Not Readily Available | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of children who received a visit from an acceptable worker consistent with the 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 Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | CY2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See data note #4. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Measures the percent of children who were seen by the assigned social 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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 Full compliance measure changed from 95% to 90%.</p> <p>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.</p> |

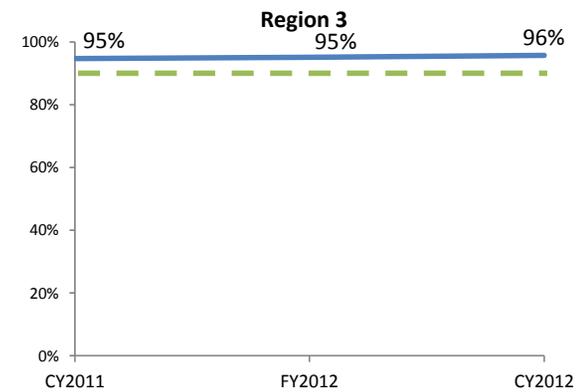
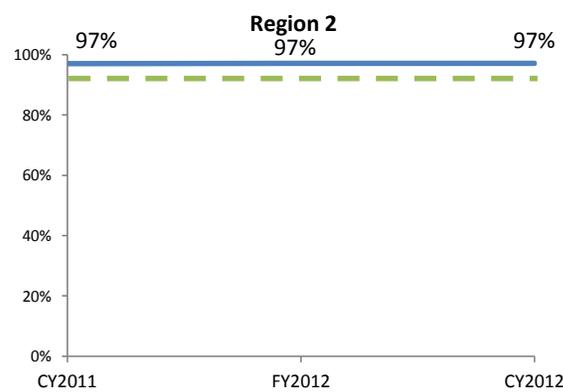
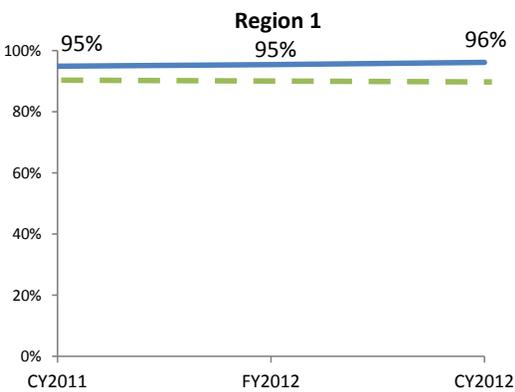
Outcome 1: Monthly Health and Safety Visits with Children - New FFY12 Federal Measure

Children in out-of-home care will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from their assigned social worker, or acceptable worker, at least once every calendar month.



SUMMARY

- During CY 2012, 96% of the visits necessary statewide to visit each child in out-of-home care monthly were completed.
- Region 2 was the highest performer during CY 2012 at 97%. All regions achieved the full compliance measure of 90%.
- While the parties do not agree on this issue, the Department's position is that the new calculation for monthly visits adopted by the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the calculation that was intended in the full compliance measure for this outcome. The report includes performance data under both the new and the previous calculations for this outcome.



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Monthly Health and Safety Visits with Children - New FFY12 Federal Measure

Children in out-of-home care will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from their assigned social worker, or acceptable worker, at least once every calendar month.

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| DATE | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Total Applicable Visits | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | Percent | Total Cases | Percent | Total Cases | Percent | Total Cases |
| CY2012 | 96% | 90% | 84619 | 96% | 24205 | 97% | 27251 | 96% | 33163 |
| FY2012 | 96% | 90% | 84211 | 95% | 23682 | 97% | 26955 | 95% | 33574 |
| CY2011 | 95% | 90% | 85357 | 95% | 23439 | 97% | 27625 | 95% | 34293 |

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| Measure definition | Percent of visits completed monthly by an acceptable worker out of the number of visits necessary to visit each child in out-of-home care monthly. |
| Data source | FamLink |
| Data supplier | Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | CY2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This is supplemental data based on the change to the Federal Measure effective October 1, 2011. |
| Data notes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Population includes children in out-of-home placement under the age of 18, under CA Placement and Care Authority or Tribal with IV-E Agreement Placement and Care Authority for at least one full month. 2 Population excludes Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Detention and hospital placement months. 3 When a child is visited more than once in a month, only one visit is counted. 4 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 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 social worker, or acceptable worker, at least once every calendar month.

Conducting monthly visits with children in foster care is a critical practice as regular visits help ensure children are safe from harm, are healthy, and their needs are being met. Visits also provide an opportunity to engage children and caregivers in case planning and support their progress in meeting identified goals.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

- Continued to implement quality assurance through monthly InfoFamLink reports, reviewing cases where visits did not occur to determine reasons, and reporting performance to regional Management Teams.

Next Reporting Period Strategies

- Continue to a conduct quality assurance process to monitor and report performance to regional Leadership Teams. The quality assurance process will review cases where visits did not occur to determine the reason for a missed visit. Information gathered will be used to inform areas for improvement. (Ongoing)

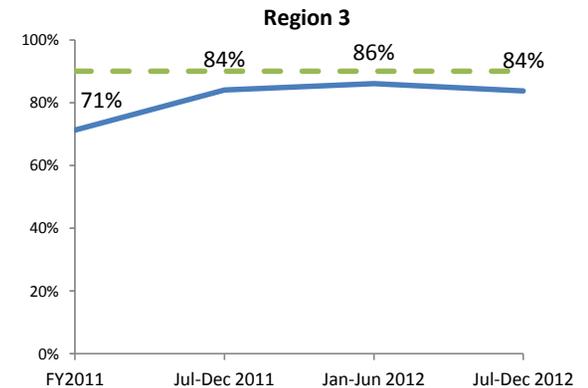
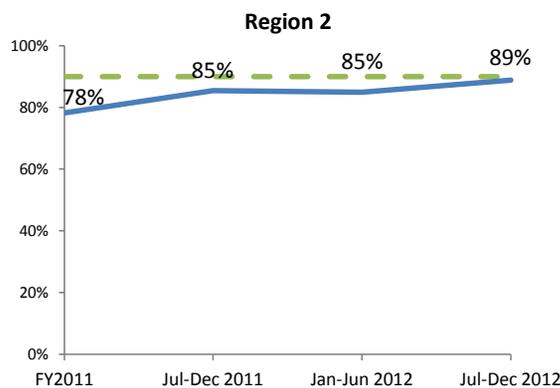
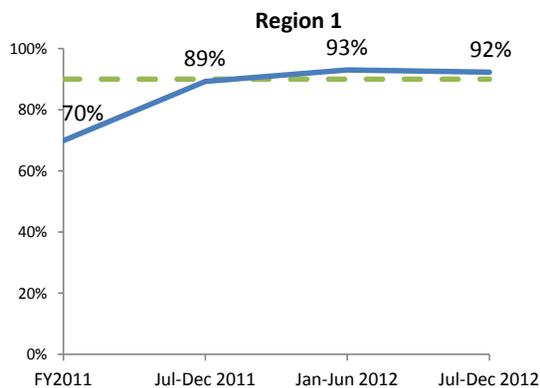
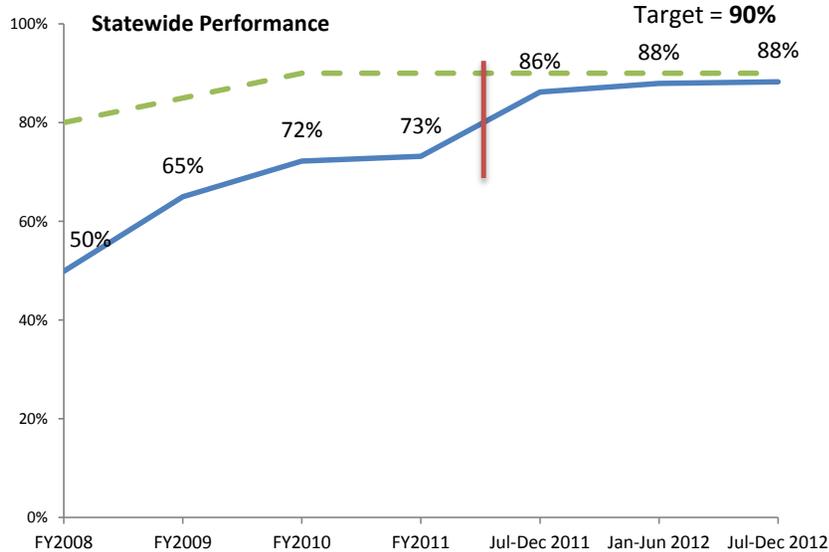
Outcome 2: Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases

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



SUMMARY

- Performance for the two previous reporting periods, July-December 2011 and January-June 2012 has been updated to reflect a change in the report methodology. (See data note #3 for additional information).
- Performance for July to December 2012 was 88% which remained the same from the previous reporting report.
- 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.
- This data does not reflect the caseload report methodology used by CA Management.



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Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases

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

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| DATE | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Total Applicable Workers | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | | | | Percent | Total Workers | Percent | Total Workers | Percent | Total Workers |
| 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 | | | | | | |

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| 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 Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | Point in Time Data, As of the First Day of the Last Month of the Reporting Period |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This outcome measure is unchanged in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. |
| Data notes | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 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.</p> |

Outcome 2: Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases

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

Caseloads are affected by children entering and leaving out-of-home care. CA has a strong focus on reducing the length of time children and youth spend in out of home care. These efforts achieve safe legal permanency for children and help reduce social worker's caseloads.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

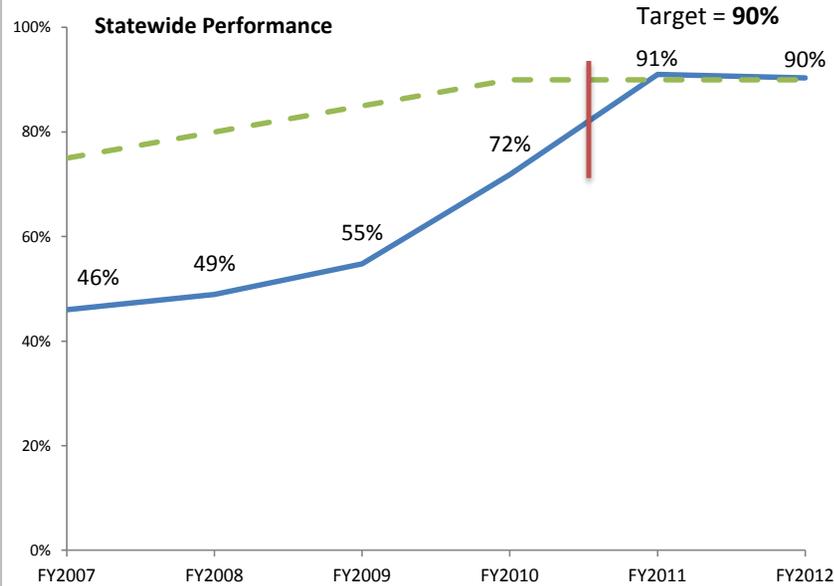
- Monitored social worker caseload in each region, office, and unit and re-allocated existing staff and vacant positions as needed.
- Implemented a process to identify staff with high and low caseloads in each region for use in discussion of any additional strategies needed.
- Safely reduced the caseload of children and youth in out-of-home care by:
 - Conducting Permanency Roundtables for approximately 200 children to expedite legal permanency for these children. In 2012, the focus of the Permanency Roundtables includes youth who have been in care the longest, large sibling groups, youth who frequently run from care, and children returning after failed adoptions.
 - Providing monthly information to the regions on timeframes to steps in the dependency process from integrated Children's Administration and Juvenile Court data, to support regions' efforts to reduce timeframes to permanency.
 - Implementing Unified Home Studies to reduce the time to adoption and guardianship.
 - Contracting for home studies for adoption purposes for legally free children living in their home of choice so adoptions can be finalized.

Next Reporting Period Strategies

- Continue to monitor social worker caseload in each region, office and unit and as needed, re-allocate existing staff and vacant positions. (Ongoing)
- Continue to utilize the infoFamLink reports that identify staff with high and low caseloads and develop a work plan to even out caseload sizes. (Ongoing)
- Safely reduce the caseload of children and youth in out-of-home care by:
 - Conduct Permanency Roundtables for 120 children and expanding the criteria to include more variety of children in the population. (December 2013)
 - Continue and request an extension for the Unified Home Studies contract to reduce the time to adoption and guardianship. (June 2013)

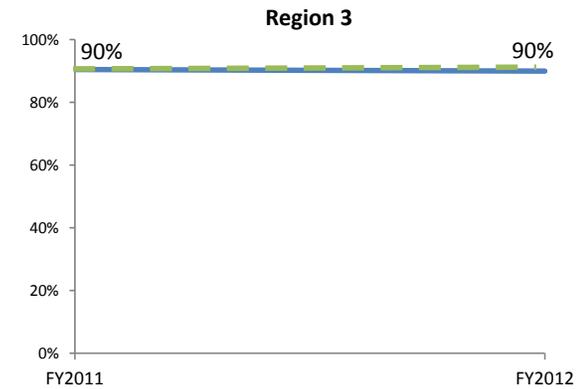
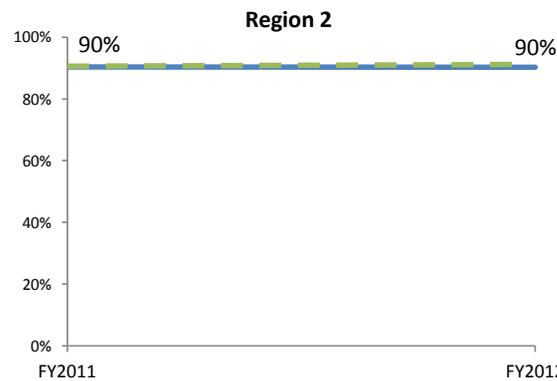
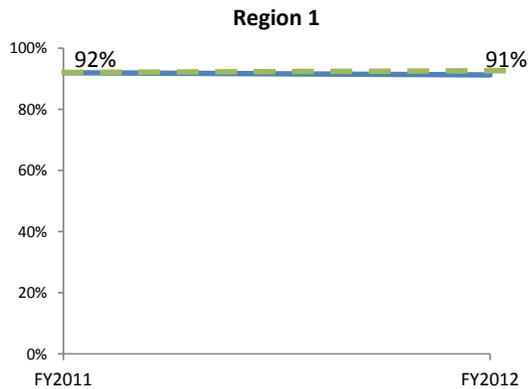
Outcome 4: Annual Screening for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs

Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months.



SUMMARY

- FY 2012 performance was 90% for children in out-of-home care being screened for mental health and substance abuse needs in the previous 12 months. Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 90% for more than 18 consecutive months.
- Children's Administration administrative data showed 84% of children were screened. The targeted case review found 41% of children counted as non-compliant in the administrative data actually received screens.
- The Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) and CA share responsibility for ensuring children in out-of-home care receive annual Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) exams and information about the exam is documented in FamLink.



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Annual Screening for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs

Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months.

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| DATE | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Administrative Data | | Case Review | | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | Percent | Total Count | Percent | Total Count | Percent | Total Count | Percent | Total Count | Percent | Total Count |
| FY2012 | 90% | 90% | 84% | 5651 | 41% | 100 | 91% | 1481 | 90% | 1731 | 90% | 2439 |
| FY2011 | 91% | 90% | 85% | 5655 | 38% | 100 | 92% | 1579 | 90% | 1697 | 90% | 2379 |
| FY2010 | 72% | 90% | Not applicable prior to FY2011 | | | | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 55% | 85% | Not applicable prior to FY2011 | | | | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2008 | 49% | 80% | Not applicable prior to FY2011 | | | | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2007 | 46% | 75% | Not applicable prior to FY2011 | | | | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of youth in care for at least one year with a qualifying screening or service during the past 12 months. |
| Data source | FamLink, Regional Support Network (Mental Health Service) data, Medicaid Billing data and Case Review |
| Data supplier | Michelle Bogart, Foster Care Health Program Manager, Children's Administration |
| Period | FY2012 |
| Data notes | <p>This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See data note #2.</p> <p>1 Population includes children placed under CA Placement and Care Authority that meet the following criteria: (a) were in out-of-home care on the last day of the fiscal year and were in care for at least 365 days, and (b) exited from out-of-home care during the fiscal year and were in out-of-home care for at least 365 days.</p> <p>2 Both administrative data and case review results determine the Department's compliance with this outcome.</p> <p>3 CA uses the following data sources to identify qualifying screenings: FamLink, Regional Support Network (RSN), and Medicaid billing and encounter records. Performance evaluates whether the child received a qualifying screening within 12 months of the last day of the fiscal year for criteria (a) and within 12 months of their exit from care for children that meet criteria (b) in data note #1.</p> <p>4 Case review consists of a random sample of 100 cases determined by administrative data to be non-compliant every 12 months for the fiscal year and determines whether an annual EPSDT exam or other valid mental health screening occurred during the measurement year. 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.</p> <p>5 Data for FY2007 through FY2010 are not directly comparable to data for FY2011, as these years only looked at qualifying screenings documented in the data management systems listed in data note #3. FY2011 evaluates performance using both administrative data and case review, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011.</p> <p>6 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.</p> |

Outcome 4: Annual Screening for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs

Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months.

Good health and emotional well-being increase the likelihood of developmental, social, and educational achievement.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

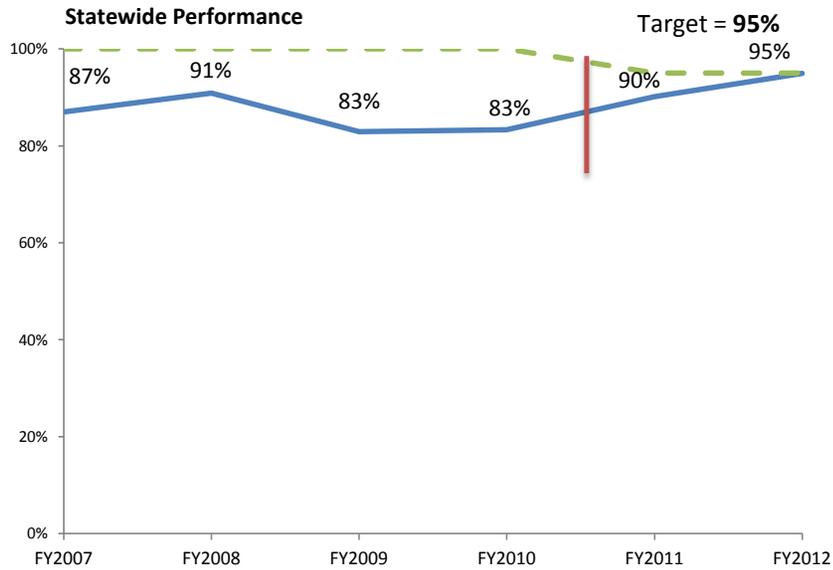
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children's Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Annual Screenings for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children's Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

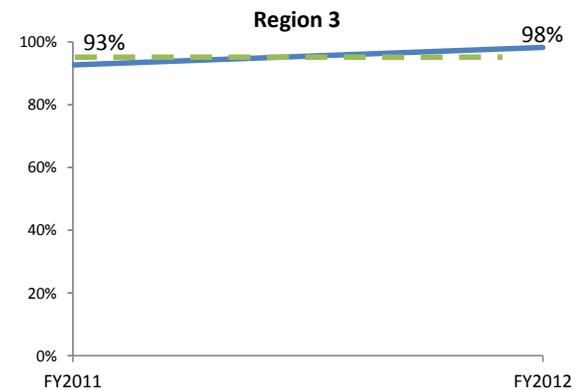
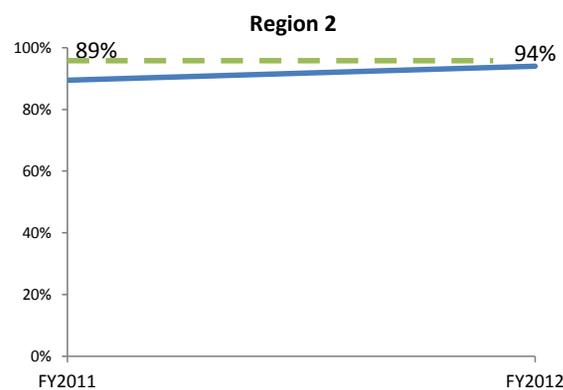
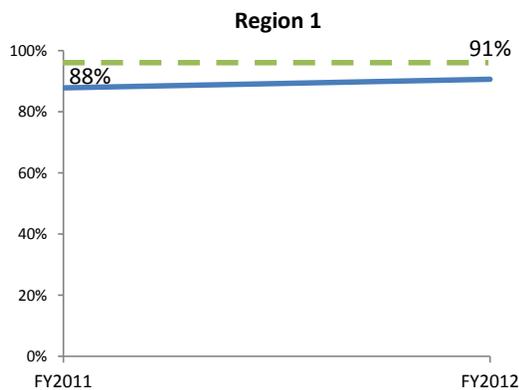
Outcome 5: Thoroughness and Timeliness of DLR CPS Investigations

All referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care will receive thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) pursuant to CA policy and timeline and with required documentation.



SUMMARY

- During FY 2012 95% of referrals/intakes statewide alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care received a thorough and timely Division of Licensed Resources (DLR) Child Protective Services investigation, including policy and documentation requirements.
- Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 95% for 12 consecutive months.
- Region 3 was the highest performer during FY 2012 at 98%, with 113 of the 115 investigations rated fully achieved.



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Thoroughness and Timeliness of DLR CPS Investigations

All referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care will receive thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) pursuant to CA policy and timeline and with required documentation.



| DATE | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Total Applicable Cases | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | Percent | Total Cases | Percent | Total Cases | Percent | Total Cases |
| FY2012 | 95% | 95% | 256 | 91% | 75 | 94% | 66 | 98% | 115 |
| FY2011 | 90% | 95% | 254 | 88% | 74 | 89% | 85 | 93% | 95 |
| FY2010 | 83% | 100% | 269 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 83% | 100% | 263 | | | | | | |
| FY2008 | 91% | 100% | 231 | | | | | | |
| FY2007 | 87% | 100% | 230 | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of referrals/intakes alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care receiving thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR), pursuant to CA policy and timeline, and with required documentation. |
| Data source | Central Case Review Report |
| Data supplier | Lyn Craik, Supervisor, Central Case Review Team, Children's Administration |
| Period | FY2012 |
| Next update | March 2014 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is unchanged in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. |
| Data notes | <p>1 The Central Case Review Team conducts an annual case review to evaluate performance on this outcome.</p> <p>2 There were 254 intakes and corresponding investigations reviewed by the Central Case Review Team during FY2011. A stratified sampling methodology is used at the 95% confidence level and ensures the number of intakes/referrals reviewed from each of the three regions closely approximated their representation in the population of completed investigations.</p> <p>3 The types of facilities subject to this DLR-CPS Investigation Review included: foster home and adoptive homes, group homes, state operated/certified facilities providing 24-hour care, and unlicensed and closed foster homes if there was a child placed by Children's Administration in the home.</p> <p>4 The case review involved a review of the following records: DLR/CPS Intakes, FamLink Case Notes and Records, FamLink Provider Notes and Records, and DLR CPS Investigative Assessments.</p> <p>5 Data for FY2007 and FY2008 are not directly comparable to data for FY2009 through FY2011. Prior to FY2009, the results were based on four case review questions that examined the thoroughness of DLR CPS investigations. Beginning with FY2009, the case review continued to examine thoroughness, and two new questions were added to the benchmark/full compliance measure results to examine the timeliness of initial response to the intake and close of the investigation.</p> <p>6 Compliance with the full compliance measure was achieved when the six questions included in the review were 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.</p> <p>7 An error in the data for FY10 was discovered when running reports for FY11. It was discovered that the electronic program used for data compilation (CAPERS) did not include the two case review questions on timeliness that were added and included in FY09. The FY10 benchmark data only included the ratings for the four original case review questions. CAPERS has been corrected to include the ratings from all six questions. The data from FY09 was verified as correct and included the ratings for all six questions.</p> <p>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.</p> |

Outcome 5: Thoroughness and Timeliness of DLR CPS Investigations

All referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care will receive thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) pursuant to CA policy and timeline and with required documentation.

Thorough and timely DLR CPS Investigations contribute to the safety of children in care.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

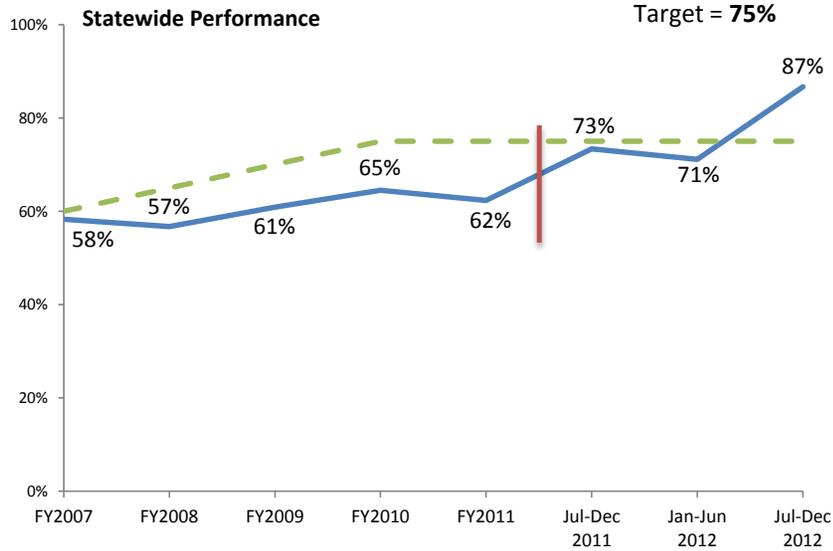
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children’s Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Thoroughness and Timeliness of DLR CPS Investigations. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children’s Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

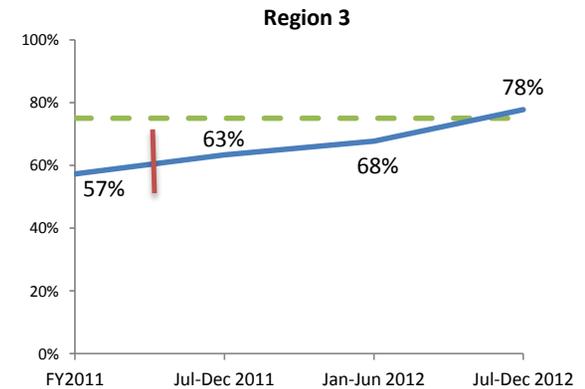
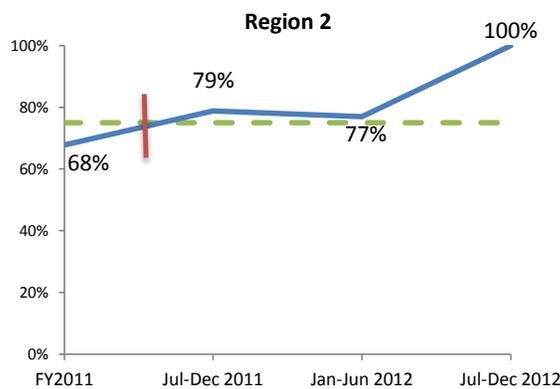
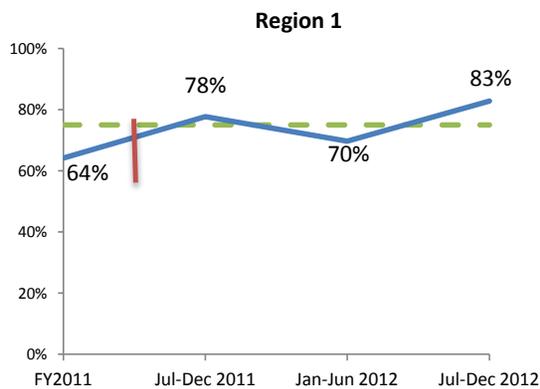
Outcome 7: Sibling Placement

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with their siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible.



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, a targeted case review found that 87% of children placed in out-of-home care were placed with their siblings.
- Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 75% for 6 consecutive months.
- Region 2 was the highest performer during the reporting period at 100%, with 28 cases rated as fully compliant.
- The case review found:
 - 89% of children with only one sibling removed at the same time were placed together.
 - 83% of children with more than one sibling removed at the same time were placed together.



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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 2012 | 87% | 75% | 90 | 83% | 35 | 100% | 28 | 78% | 27 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 71% | 75% | 90 | 70% | 33 | 77% | 26 | 68% | 31 |
| Jul-Dec 2011 | 73% | 75% | 90 | 78% | 27 | 79% | 33 | 63% | 30 |
| FY2011 | 62% | 75% | 1320 | 64% | 355 | 68% | 403 | 57% | 562 |
| FY2010 | 65% | 75% | 1237 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 61% | 70% | 1723 | | | | | | |
| FY2008 | 57% | 65% | 2385 | | | | | | |
| FY2007 | 58% | 60% | Data Not Readily Available | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percent of cases rated as compliant (out of the total rated compliant or non-compliant) by case review. |
| Data source | Case Review |
| Data supplier | Carrie Kendig, Child and Family Welfare Services Program Manager, Children's Administration |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #6. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Performance is determined on the percent of cases in which siblings were placed together out of those in which siblings were removed together and remained in care at least 30 days, excluding from the numerator and denominator of the measure those not placed together due to appropriate exceptions.</p> <p>2 "Sibling" is defined as a child's birth brother, birth sister, adoptive brother, adoptive sister, half-brother or half-sister, or as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe for an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040.</p> <p>3 Population includes cases where more than one child was removed at the same time, in an open placement excluding trial return home, in out-of-home care for at least 30 days and placed into care during the reporting period.</p> <p>4 Population excludes: Children in the custody of Tribal/Band without IV-E Agreement, Private Agency, other State responsible for all legal actions, Federal, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, and Legally Free Children.</p> <p>5 Compliance with the full compliance measure is achieved when the three questions included in the review are 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.</p> <p>6 Data for FY2007 through FY2011 are not directly comparable to data for July-December 2011. Prior time periods count the number and percentage of children in out-of-home care more than 30 days that are placed with all of their siblings at initial placement, for all children with siblings under CA Placement and Care Authority. July-December 2011 uses a case review of 90 cases in which siblings were removed together and remained in care at least 30 days, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011.</p> <p>7 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.</p> |

Outcome 7: Sibling Placement

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with their siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible.

Placing sibling groups in the same home maintains family connections and reduces the loss experienced by children removed from their home.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

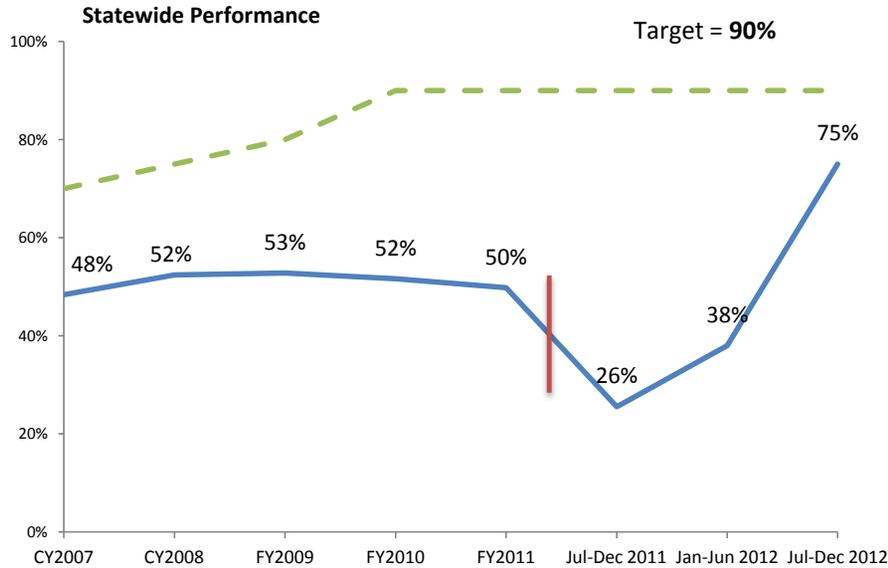
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children’s Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Sibling Placement. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children’s Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

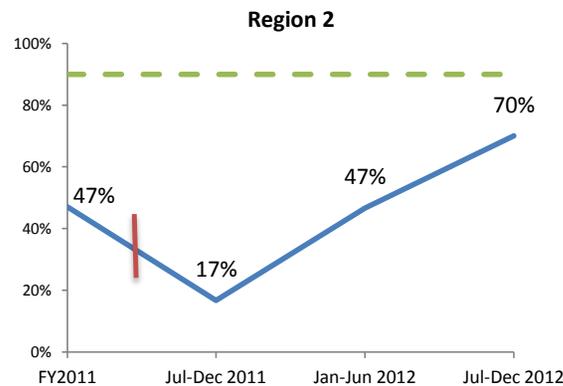
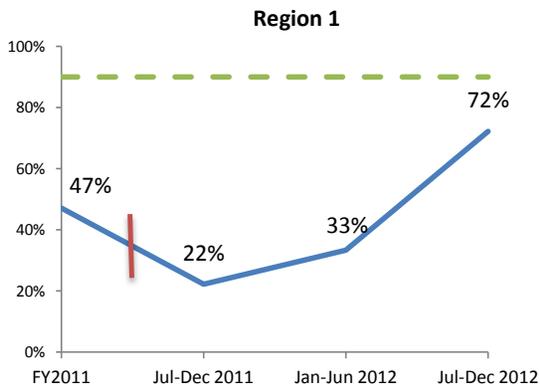
Outcome 8: Sibling Visits / Contacts

Children placed apart from their siblings will have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events), with some or all of their siblings, unless CA determines or their has been a judicial finding that it is contrary to the child's health, safety or welfare or would hinder reunification efforts.



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, a targeted case review found that 75% of children placed apart from their siblings had two or more monthly visits or contacts with their siblings.
- Region 3 was the highest performer during the reporting period at 80%, with 16 of their 20 cases rated as fully compliant.
- While the statewide performance did not meet the full compliance measure, the targeted case review found that 19%, 9 of the 12 non-compliant cases had indicators of progress. In these cases, visits occurred but documentation did not include specific dates the visits occurred.



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Sibling Visits / Contacts

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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 2012 | 75% | 90% | 48 | 72% | 18 | 70% | 10 | 80% | 20 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 38% | 90% | 50 | 33% | 15 | 47% | 15 | 35% | 20 |
| Jul-Dec 2011 | 26% | 90% | 47 | 22% | 18 | 17% | 12 | 35% | 17 |
| FY2011 | 50% | 90% | 898 | 47% | 280 | 47% | 249 | 54% | 369 |
| FY2010 | 52% | 90% | 863 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 53% | 80% | 846 | | | | | | |
| CY2008 | 52% | 75% | 584 | | | | | | |
| CY2007 | 48% | 70% | 430 | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percent of cases rated as compliant (out of the total rated compliant or non-compliant) by case review. |
| Data source | Case Review |
| Data supplier | Carrie Kendig, Child and Family Welfare Services Program Manager, Children's Administration |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #6. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Performance is determined on the percent of cases in which siblings placed apart had two or more monthly visits or contacts out of all those in which siblings were placed apart, excluding from the numerator and denominator of the measure those cases in which sibling visits or contacts did not occur due to circumstances consistent with the agreed upon exceptions.</p> <p>2 "Sibling" is defined as a child's birth brother, birth sister, adoptive brother, adoptive sister, half-brother or half-sister, or as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe for an Indian child as defined in RCW 13.38.040.</p> <p>3 Population includes children in an open placement excluding trial return home and in out-of-home care for at least 30 days.</p> <p>4 Population excludes children in the custody of: Tribal/Band without IV-E Agreement, Private Agency, other State responsible for all legal actions, Federal, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, and Legally Free Children.</p> <p>5 Compliance with the full compliance measure is achieved when the three questions included in the review are 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.</p> <p>6 Data for FY2005 through FY2011 are not comparable to FY2012. July-December 2011 uses case review of 50 cases of children who have been separated from at least one sibling as a result of the child's placement in out-of-home care, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011. 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. The CY2007 – FY2011 measure changed over time preventing comparison of performance across time. In 2007, the survey outcome was measured by a single question which asked about visits and contacts with siblings. In 2008, the question was separated into two questions, one about visits, and one about contacts. Prior to FY2010-Q2 the survey was significantly changed to ask questions about each sibling relationship.</p> <p>7 Compliance with this outcome does not require consideration of regional variation due to the relatively small number of cases that are reviewed in the reporting period.</p> |

Outcome 8: Sibling Visits / Contacts

Children placed apart from their siblings will have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events), with some or all of their siblings, unless CA determines or their has been a judicial finding that it is contrary to the child's health, safety or welfare or would hinder reunification efforts.

Children's Administration is committed to children being placed with their brothers and sisters and when that is not possible supporting their relationships through frequent visits and contacts.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

- Provided direct training to social workers and supervisors regarding the statewide siblings visit policy, procedures and documentation requirements.
- Established a short-term action oriented workgroup to discuss ways Children's Administration could increase the frequency and documentation of sibling visits and contacts. The workgroup consisted of representatives from caregivers, social workers, and visitation contract providers.
- Released new functionality in FamLink that allows supervisors to review critical case information more effectively during their Supervisor Case Reviews. The Checklist includes a link to the most current Visit Plan, or makes it more evident if one has not been created.
- Explored increasing funding for existing visitation contracts within the current budget to increase capacity and providers statewide where needed. If possible, this strategy could significantly increase sibling visits and reduce workload for social workers.
- Continued to establish an ongoing quality assurance process which includes reviewing cases to monitor performance in each region.
- Partnered with current Independent Living (IL) Providers to gather and document the frequency of sibling visits and contacts, as well as help identify barriers during their monthly contacts with youth. IL Providers are responsible for helping youth identify potential positive connections and identify possible barriers to meeting with family members.

Next Reporting Period Strategies

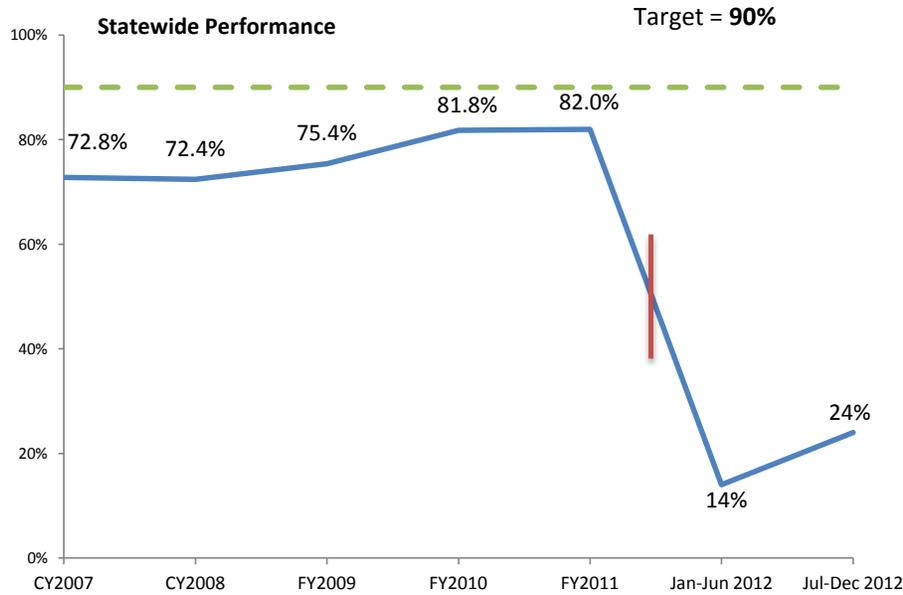
- Continue conducting monthly quality assurance process which includes reviewing cases to monitor performance in each region. (Ongoing)

The goal of the quality assurance process is to:

- Monitor the effectiveness of strategies implemented.
 - Identify areas caseworkers may need additional support or follow-up on required documentation.
 - Discuss barriers and successes related to performance with Children's Administration Leadership Team.
- Discuss results with the Children's Administration Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Board members to identify barriers and solutions and strengthen regional practice of sibling visits and contacts. (May 2013)
 - Develop and distribute a sibling visit e-mail template for social workers to send to caregivers to document sibling visits and contacts. This template will allow social workers to copy and paste the visit details into Case Notes in FamLink. (April 2013)

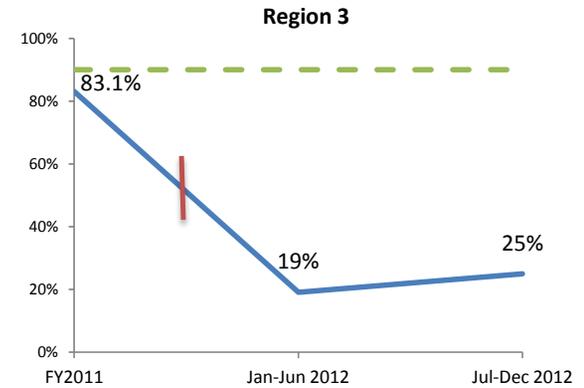
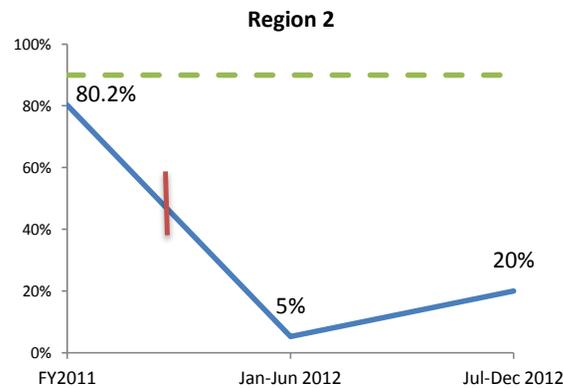
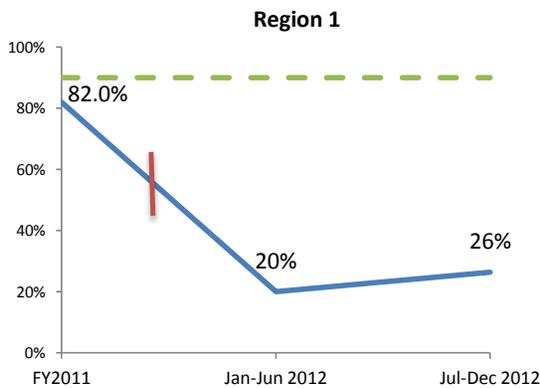
Outcome 11: Caregiver Information

Licensed caregivers will report adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them (including, but not limited to, behavioral, medical, developmental and educational needs).



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, a targeted case review found in 24% of reviewed cases the caregiver received and signed the Child Information/Placement Referral form within the required timeframes.
- Region 1 was the highest performer during the reporting period at 26%, with 5 of their 19 cases rated fully compliant.
- The targeted case review found that 84%, 32 of the 38 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.



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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 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.

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| Measure definition | Percentage of licensed caregivers who report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities. |
| Data source | Case Review |
| Data supplier | Meri Waterhouse, Permanency Planning Program Manager, Children's Administration |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See data note #6. |
| Data notes | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 Population includes children in an open placement excluding trial return home and in out-of-home care for at least 30 days.</p> <p>4 Population excludes children in the custody of: Tribal/Band without IV-E Agreement, Private Agency, other State responsible for all legal actions, Federal, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, and Legally Free Children; and children placed in a licensed facility.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6 Data for CY2007 through FY2011 are not comparable to FY2012. FY2012 uses case review of 50 cases as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011. 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.</p> <p>7 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.</p> |

Outcome 11: Caregiver Information

Licensed caregivers will report adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them (including, but not limited to, behavioral, medical, developmental and educational needs).

Children's Administration is committed to providing complete information to foster parents as it is essential to meeting the needs of the children for whom they provide care.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

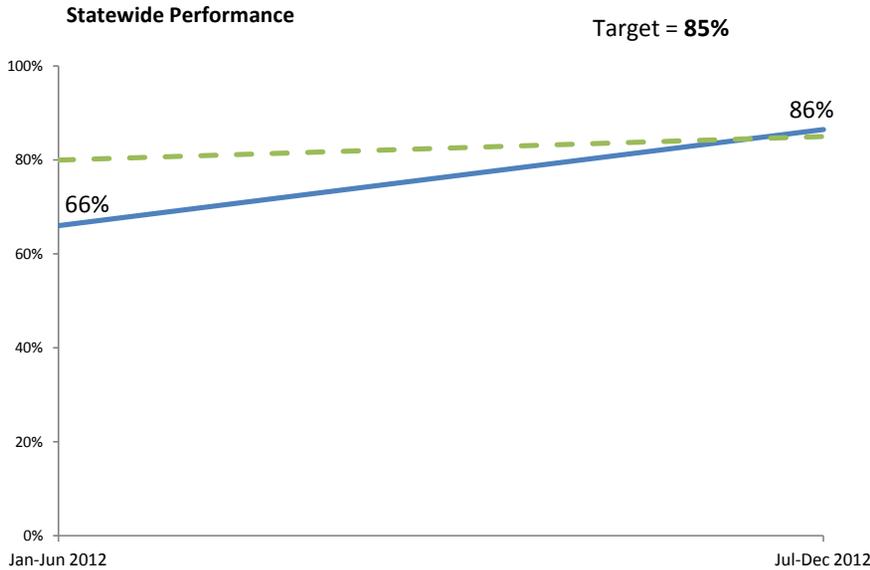
- Posted information on the Children’s Administration Social Worker Forms intranet website directing staff to print two copies of the Child Information Placement Referral form to be signed by the caregiver.
- Conducted refresher training regarding the changes to the completion times and documentation requirements for the Child Information Placement Referral form.
- Published quarterly articles in the Caregiver Connection newsletter reminding caregivers they should expect to receive the Child Information Placement Referral form when a child is newly placed in their home.
- Utilized Family Team Decision Making Coordinators to include the completion and documentation requirements for the Child Information Placement Referral form into the FTDM process when an initial placement or placement change occurs.

Next Reporting Period Strategies

- Implement an ongoing quality assurance process, utilizing a newly developed infoFamLink report, to review cases and monitor performance in each region. The goal of the quality assurance process is to:
 - Monitor the effectiveness of strategies implemented.
 - Identify areas caseworkers may need additional support or follow-up on required documentation.
 - Discuss barriers and successes related to performance with Children’s Administration Leadership Team.
 (Ongoing)
- Discuss with the UW Training Alliance and Child Welfare Trainers the development of a new curriculum segment at Children's Administrations Academy for new social workers focusing on the Child Information Placement Referral form. The segment will highlight policy requirements. (May 2013)
- Develop and distribute a tip sheet for completing the Child Information Placement Referral form for Children's Administration staff. This tip sheet will provide detailed documentation steps to help increase utilization of the form and highlight policy requirements. (May 2013)
- Meet with Regional QA Leads to develop and implement strategies that will improve the utilization of the Child Information Placement Referral Form within the required timeframes when children are placed:
 - By After Hours Social Service Specialists
 - With Relative Caregivers
 (May 2013)

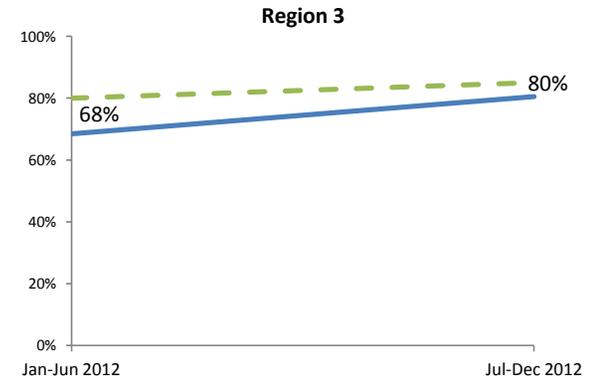
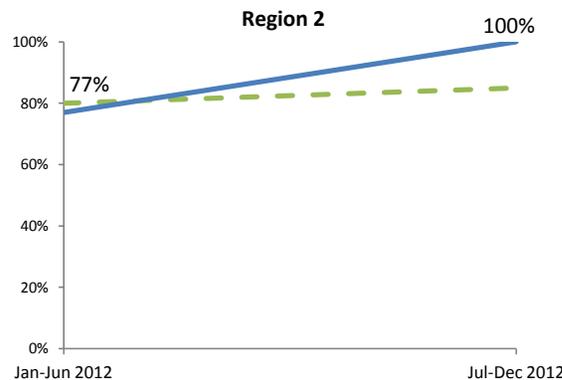
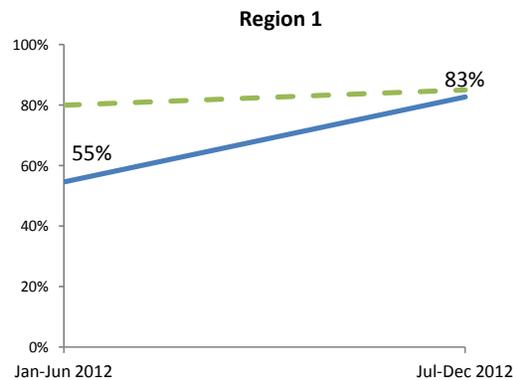
Outcome 15: Educational Needs of Children

Caseworkers will take the required steps to meet the educational needs of children in out-of-home care.



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, a targeted case review found that 86% of caseworkers took the required steps to meet the educational needs of children in out-of-home care.
- Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 85% for 6 consecutive months.
- A case was only "fully compliant" when all seven elements of the case review were met. The elements include: Enrollment, Attendance, Academic Progress, Special Education (where applicable), Discipline, Post-Secondary Education Planning (where applicable) and whether an Education Plan was completed and updated every six months.
- Region 2 was the highest performer during the reporting period at 100%, with 26 cases rated as fully compliant.
- The targeted case review found that all 14 non-compliant cases, 100%, had indicators of progress. In these cases, caseworkers had documented efforts which met some of the required elements of the case review but not all.



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Educational Needs of Children

Caseworkers will take the required steps to meet the educational needs of children in out-of-home care.

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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 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 86% | 85% | 96 | 83% | 29 | 100% | 26 | 80% | 41 |
| Jul-Dec 2012 | 66% | 80% | 97 | 55% | 33 | 77% | 26 | 68% | 38 |

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| Measure definition | Percent of caseworkers who took the required steps to meet the educational needs of school aged children in out-of-home care. |
| Data source | Case Review |
| Data supplier | Juliette Knight, Education K-12 Grades & Chafee Educational and Training Voucher Program Manager, Children's Administration |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is new in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Performance is determined on the percent of cases in which the caseworker made at least minimally adequate efforts to address the child's/youth's education needs in the areas of: enrollment; attendance; academic progress; special education where appropriate; discipline; planning for post-secondary education or training where appropriate; and whether the Education Plan was completed and updated every six months.</p> <p>2 Population includes cases where the school-aged children in public/private school where in an open placement excluding trial return home, in out-of-home care for at least 180 days and child is not less than 6 years old or greater than 18 years old during the reporting period.</p> <p>3 Population excludes: Children in the custody of Tribal/Band without IV-E Agreement, Private Agency, other State responsible for all legal actions, Federal, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, and Legally Free Children and youth who have graduated or obtained their GED prior to the review period.</p> <p>4 Compliance with the full compliance measure is achieved when all components that apply to the child/youth being reviewed are rated fully achieved. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> |

Outcome 15: Educational Needs of Children

Caseworkers will take the required steps to meet the educational needs of children in out-of-home care.

Children's Administration is committed to meeting the educational needs of children in foster care by increasing the opportunities, supports available and monitoring their educational attainment.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

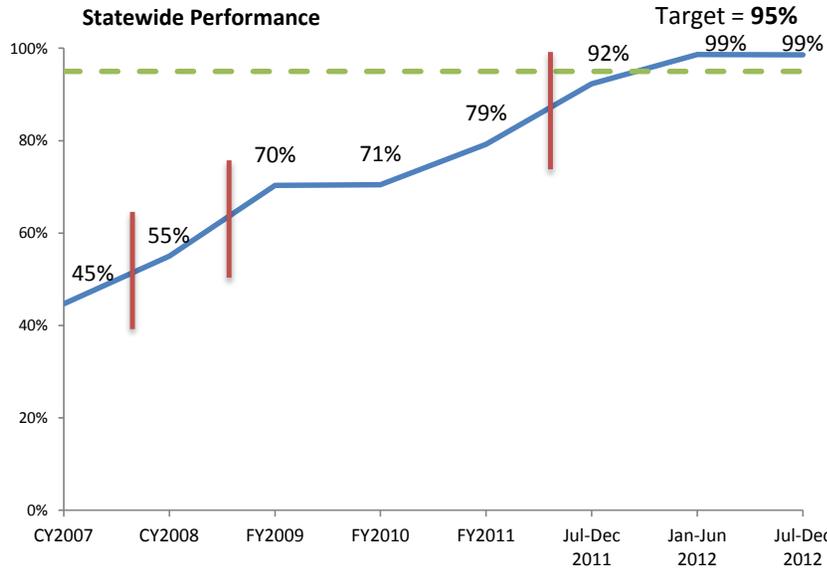
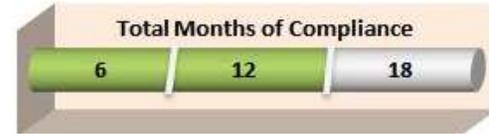
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children's Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Educational Needs of Children. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children's Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

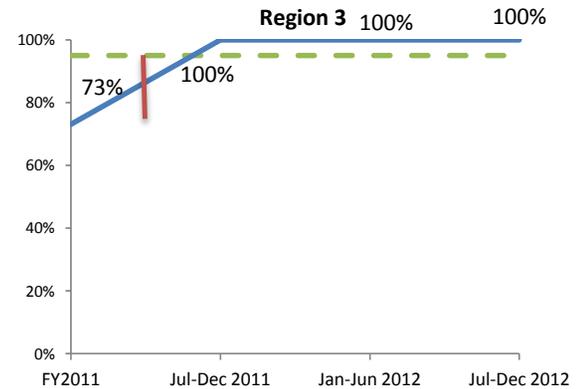
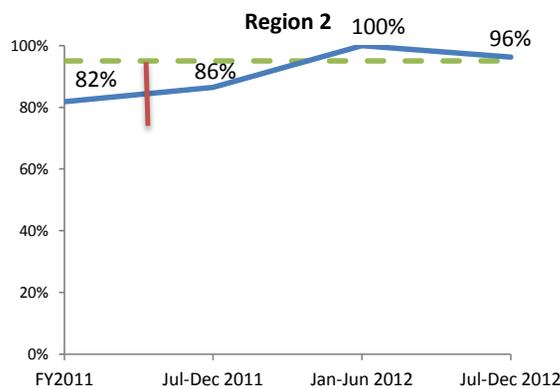
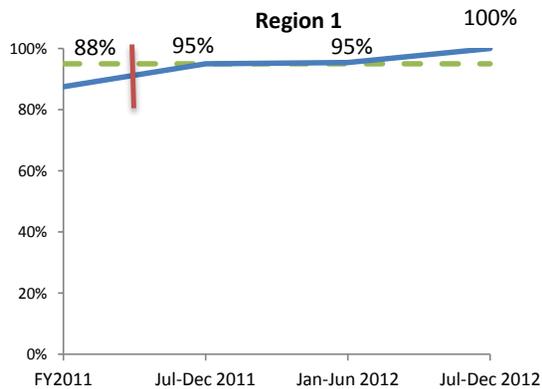
Outcome 16: Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) Training & Plan

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.



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, 99% of Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) were placed with a caregiver who received specialized training and had a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.
- Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 95% for 12 consecutive months.
- Regions 1 and 3 were the highest performers at 100% for the reporting period.

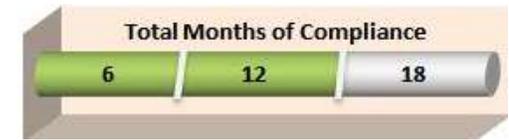


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Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) Training & Plan

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.



| 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 2012 | 99% | 95% | 70 | 100% | 22 | 96% | 27 | 100% | 21 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 99% | 95% | 75 | 95% | 22 | 100% | 38 | 100% | 0 |
| Jul-Dec 2011 | 92% | 95% | 78 | 95% | 20 | 86% | 37 | 100% | 21 |
| FY2011 | 79% | 95% | 106 | 88% | 32 | 82% | 22 | 73% | 52 |
| FY2010 | 71% | 95% | 61 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 70% | 95% | 64 | | | | | | |
| CY2008 | 55% | 95% | 100 | | | | | | |
| CY2007 | 45% | 95% | 358 | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of youth identified as Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) on the last day of the reporting period who were placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have developed a safety and supervision plan. |
| Data source | FamLink |
| Data supplier | Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #2. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Population includes children placed under CA Placement and Care Authority who are identified as Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY).</p> <p>2 The questions, decision rules and data source has been significantly revised overtime between CY2007 and the January-June 2012 reporting period. Data for CY2007 through FY2011 are not comparable to July-December 2011 and ongoing. CY2007 through FY2011 was measured through a survey of Foster Parent and Caregivers conducted by Washington State University and calculated interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. Over the course of the Foster Parent and Caregiver Survey, the questions and decisions rules changed. Starting with the July-December 2011 data Children's Administration uses administrative data to report performance, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011.</p> <p>3 Performance is point in time as of the last day of the reporting period.</p> <p>4 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.</p> |

Outcome 16: Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) Training & Plan

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.

Care for youth who are Sexually Aggressive requires special skills and plans to supervise the youth.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

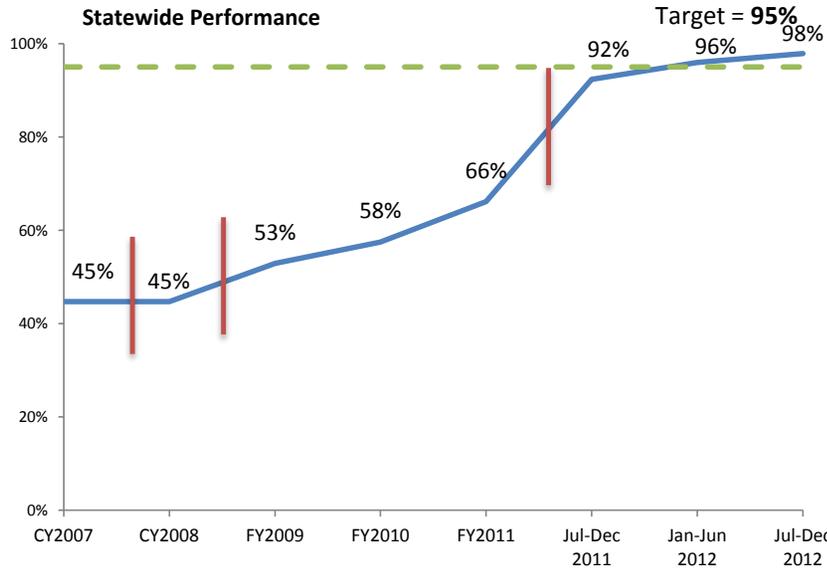
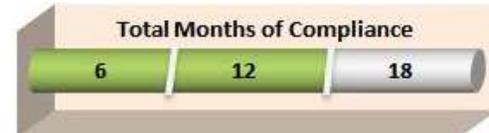
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children's Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) Training & Plan. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children's Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

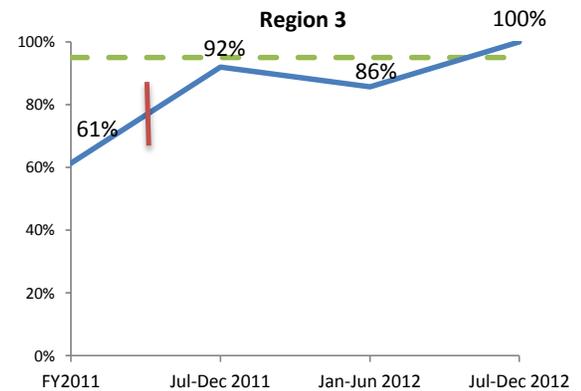
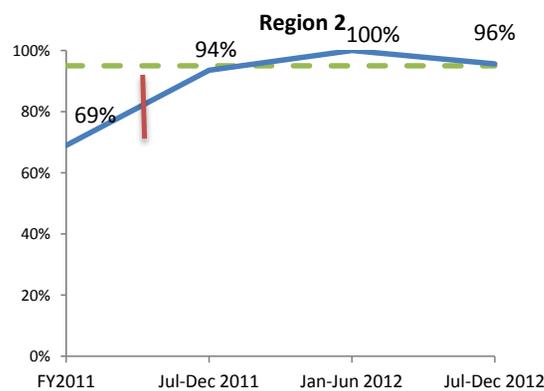
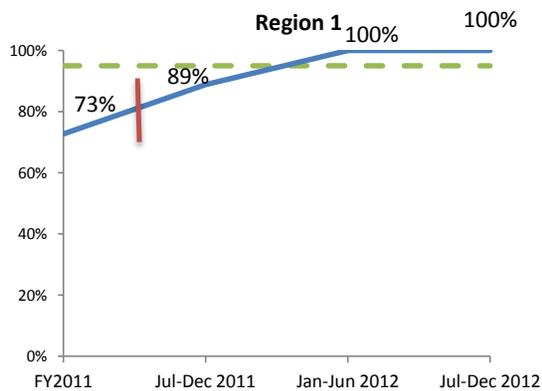
Outcome 17: Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY) Training & Plan

Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (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.



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, 98% of Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY) were placed with a caregiver who received specialized training and had a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.
- Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 95% for 12 consecutive months.
- Regions 1 and 3 were the highest performers at 100% for the reporting period.



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Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY) Training & Plan

Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAAY) 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.



| 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 2012 | 98% | 95% | 46 | 100% | 7 | 96% | 23 | 100% | 16 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 96% | 95% | 49 | 100% | 10 | 100% | 25 | 86% | 14 |
| Jul-Dec 2011 | 92% | 95% | 65 | 89% | 9 | 94% | 31 | 92% | 25 |
| FY2011 | 66% | 95% | 121 | 73% | 33 | 69% | 26 | 61% | 62 |
| FY2010 | 58% | 95% | 160 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 53% | 95% | 170 | | | | | | |
| CY2008 | 45% | 95% | 150 | | | | | | |
| CY2007 | 45% | 95% | 358 | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of youth identified as Physically Assaultive or Aggressive Youth (PAAY) on the last day of the reporting period who were placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have developed a safety and supervision plan. |
| Data source | FamLink |
| Data supplier | Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #2. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Population includes youth identified as Physically Assaultive or Aggressive Youth (PAAY) placed under CA Placement and Care Authority.</p> <p>2 The questions, decision rules and data source has been significantly revised overtime between CY2007 and the January-June 2012 reporting period. Data for CY2007 through FY2011 are not comparable to July-December 2011 and ongoing. CY2007 through FY2011 was measured through a survey of Foster Parent and Caregivers conducted by Washington State University and calculated interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. Over the course of the Foster Parent and Caregiver Survey, the questions and decisions rules changed. Starting with the July-December 2011 data Children's Administration uses administrative data to report performance, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011.</p> <p>3 Performance is point in time as of the last day of the reporting period.</p> <p>4 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.</p> |

Outcome 17: Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY) Training & Plan

Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAAY) 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.

Care for youth who are Physically Assaultive or Aggressive requires special skills and plans to supervise the youth.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

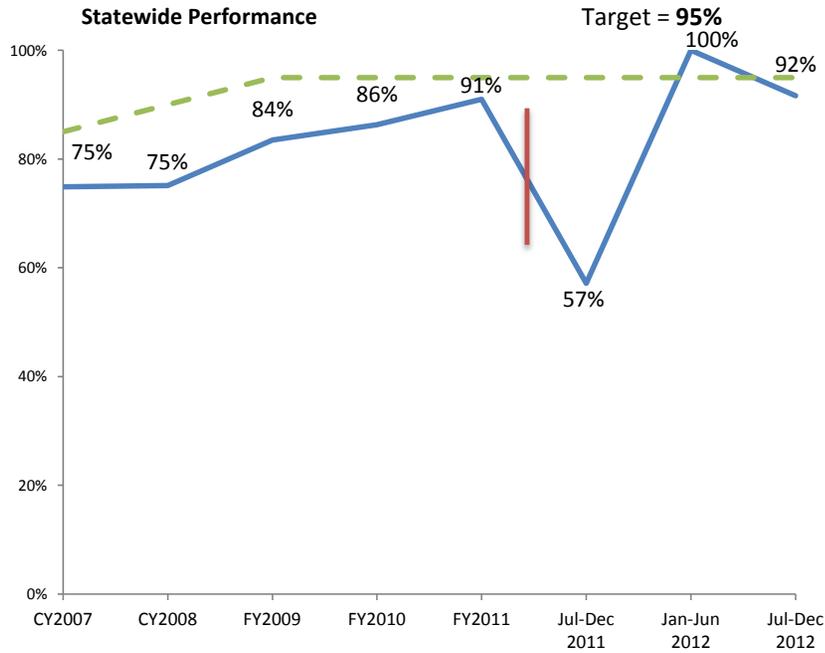
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children's Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY) Training & Plan. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children's Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

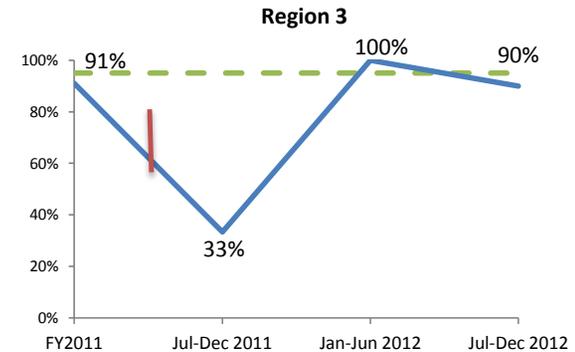
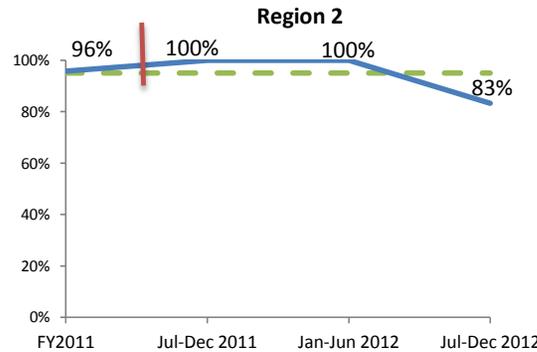
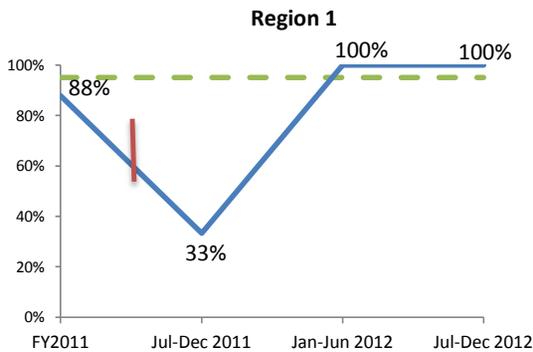
Outcome 18: Medically Fragile Children

Medically fragile children will be connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or receive consultation and ongoing training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.



SUMMARY

- For July to December 2012, 92% of foster children identified as medically fragile were connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or received consultation for their medical condition.
- Region 1 was the highest performer during the review period at 100%, with all 8 cases rated fully compliant.
- The targeted case review conducted by the Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit and Children's Administration is based on 24 children who met the definition of medically fragile. As identified in the case review report, an additional six children met the definition of medically fragile but were excluded from this case review.
- The case review was conducted through "set" and "rolling" reviews to ensure all medically fragile children were included.
 - "Set" reviews look at children who live in a facility, or whose care is coordinated by another entity such as Child Placing Agency or Behavior Rehabilitation Services.
 - "Rolling" reviews look at children who live in foster homes and receive care coordination from Fostering Well-Being Coordination Unit.



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Medically Fragile Children

Medically fragile children will be connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or receive consultation and ongoing training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.



| 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 2012 | 92% | 95% | 24 | 100% | 8 | 83% | 6 | 90% | 10 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 100% | 95% | 25 | 100% | 6 | 100% | 8 | 100% | 11 |
| Jul-Dec 2011 | 57% | 95% | 14 | 33% | 6 | 100% | 5 | 33% | 3 |
| FY2011 | 91% | 95% | 178 | 88% | 74 | 96% | 48 | 91% | 56 |
| FY2010 | 86% | 95% | 95 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |
| FY2009 | 84% | 95% | 218 | | | | | | |
| CY2008 | 75% | 90% | 485 | | | | | | |
| CY2007 | 75% | 85% | 390 | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of medically fragile children who are connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or receive consultation and ongoing training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition. |
| Data source | Case Review |
| Data supplier | Christina Garcia, Foster Care Health Unit Supervisor, Health and Recovery Services Administration and Michelle Bogart, Foster Care Health Program Manager, Children's Administration |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #5. |
| Data notes | <p>1 A case review determines whether medically fragile children are connected with ongoing and appropriate medical care, their medically fragile status is documented in CA's administrative data system, and the Caregiver Support Plan is uploaded into CA's administrative data system.</p> <p>2 Population includes one hundred percent of medically fragile children who received care coordination services from the Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit on the day of the reporting period who were also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In care at least 60 days from the date of referral to the Fostering Well-Being Unit during the measurement period, and – Still in care and custody of CA when the review occur. <p>3 Full compliance for this targeted case review is dependent on documentation found in FamLink, PRISM, or ProviderOne. Verification of compliance may also be met through contact with the child's social worker, caregiver and/or medical provider.</p> <p>4 Compliance with the full compliance measure is achieved when all the questions included in the review were 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.</p> <p>5 July-December 2011 is based on a case review of medically fragile children who received care coordination services from the Fostering Well-Being Care Coordination Unit, as stated in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, effective November 1, 2011. Data for CY2007 through FY2011 is measured through a survey of Foster Parent and Caregivers conducted by Washington State University and calculated interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. With the change in data sources, CY2007 through FY2011 are not comparable to July-December 2011 and future data.</p> <p>6 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.</p> |

Outcome 18: Medically Fragile Children

Medically fragile children will be connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or receive consultation and ongoing training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.

Children's Administration is committed to ensuring children receive services responsive to their needs and takes very seriously the needs of medically fragile children. CA recognizes caregivers of medically fragile children provide a critical service and have unique and specialized training and support needs.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

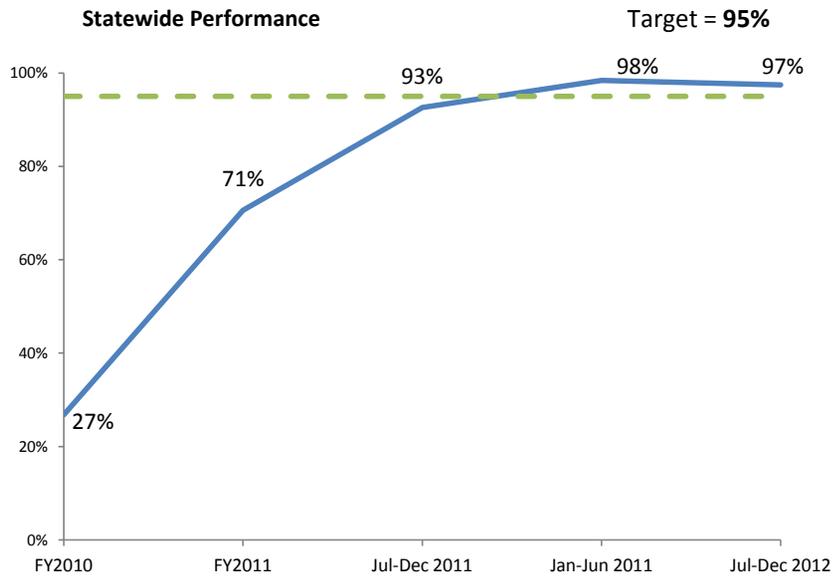
- Updated Children's Administration policy on medically fragile children to reflect the requirements for identifying medically fragile children, FamLink documentation, and development of a Caregiver Support Plan. Provided online training to staff about the policy changes.
- Continued to identify and verify medically fragile children in out-of-home care to ensure their care coordination needs were identified and addressed. Monitored the Medically Fragile list with Fostering Well Being Care Coordination Unit and regional Fostering Well Being leads.
- Fostering Well Being notified the HQ Health Program Manager when a Medically Fragile child is not documented in FamLink. Fostering Well Being Care Coordination Summaries were revised to include a recommendation for the case worker to complete a Caregiver Support Plan.

Next Reporting Period Strategies

- Fostering Well Being Care Coordination Unit (FWB CCU) nurse will include the regional Medically Fragile lead on email communications to the medically fragile child's social worker. This allows Medically Fragile leads to assist social workers and caregivers in the oversight of the medically fragile child's needs and avoid gaps in care. (Ongoing)
- Conduct quarterly phone calls with the regional Medically Fragile leads and Fostering Well Being. Calls will focus on issues related to health care oversight of the medically fragile children. (Ongoing)
- FamLink Health/Mental Health Pages were updated February 2013 to allow for better documentation of medically fragile children with a start and end date for the diagnosis. The updated pages include an alert when a child is identified as medically fragile to inform the social worker about the requirements for a Caregiver Support Plan. (Complete)

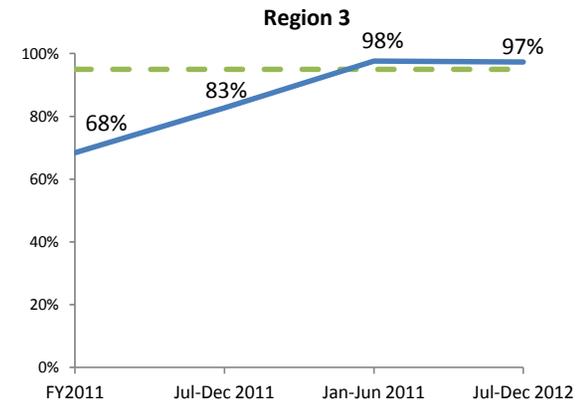
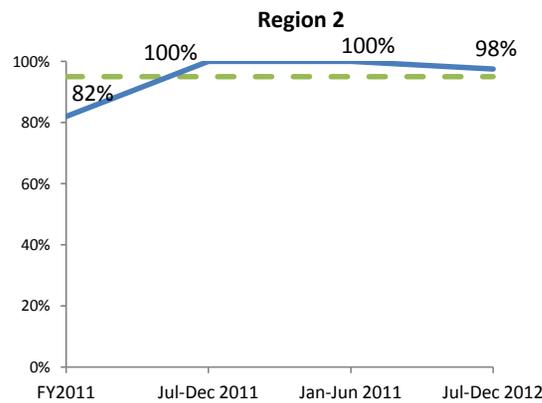
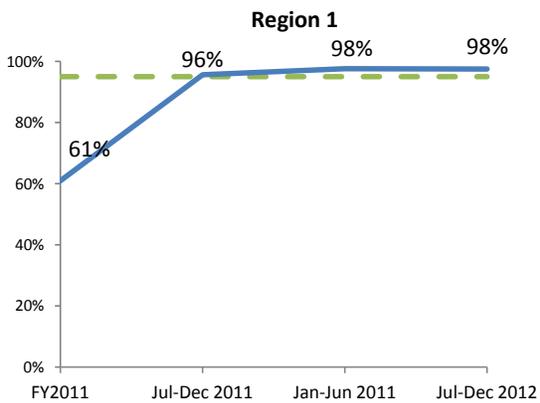
Outcome 19: Youth Transition (Exit) Staffings

A multi-disciplinary staffing meeting will be held at least six months before a youth in foster care turns 18 years old to address issues related to transition to independence.



SUMMARY

- July to December 2012 performance was 97% for holding a multi-disciplinary transition staffing at least six months prior to a youth's exit from foster care to address youth's transition to independence. This is a steady improvement from prior reporting periods.
- Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure of 95% for 12 consecutive months.
- Regions 1 & 2 were the highest performers at 98%.



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Youth Transition (Exit) Staffings

A multi-disciplinary staffing meeting will be held at least six months before a youth in foster care turns 18 years old to address issues related to transition to independence.

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| DATE | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Compliant Staffings | Staffing Held Before 17 or Between 17.6-17.8 Years | | Staffing Held Within 90 Days of 18 Years | | No Staffing Documented | | Total Non-Compliant | | Total Youth 17.5 Years | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|-------|--|-------|------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|------------------------|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | Percent | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | Count | | Percent | Cases | Percent | Cases | Percent | Total Cases |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 97% | 95% | 190 | 0% | 0 | 2% | 4 | 1% | 1 | 3% | 5 | 195 | 98% | 40 | 98% | 80 | 97% | 75 |
| Jan-Jun 2012 | 98% | 95% | 190 | 1% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 1% | 2 | 2% | 3 | 193 | 98% | 41 | 100% | 69 | 98% | 83 |
| Jul-Dec 2011 | 93% | 95% | 200 | 3% | 7 | 1% | 2 | 3% | 7 | 7% | 16 | 216 | 96% | 68 | 100% | 73 | 83% | 75 |
| FY2011 | 71% | 95% | 300 | 9% | 38 | 6% | 27 | 14% | 60 | 29% | 125 | 425 | 61% | 115 | 82% | 133 | 68% | 177 |
| FY2010 | 27% | 95% | 128 | 19% | 91 | 22% | 103 | 33% | 156 | 73% | 350 | 478 | Regional Breakout Data Not Available Prior to FY2011 | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Percentage of multi-disciplinary staffing meetings that are held with youth prior to 17.6 months of age to address issues related to their transition to independence. |
| Data source | FamLink |
| Data supplier | Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | July-December 2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is unchanged in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. |
| Data notes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Population includes all youth in out-of-home care under CA Placement and Care Authority who were in care for at least 30 days and turned 17.5 years old during the reporting period. 2 Population excludes youth with the following case types: Tribal Payment Only, Emancipated by Tribe, CHINS, and Guardianships. 3 To achieve compliance the multi-disciplinary staffing meeting must be held before 17.5 years of age or within 30 days of turning 17.5 years old and be documented accurately in FamLink 4 If a required staffing is held while a youth is on the run, the staffing is counted as compliant. Children's Administration practice is for another staffing to be held after the youth returns to care and can participate in the meeting. 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 19: Youth Transition (Exit) Staffings

A multi-disciplinary staffing meeting will be held at least six months before a youth in foster care turns 18 years old to address issues related to transition to independence.

Planning for a youth's transition into Independence is important for all youth, more so for foster youth who often have fewer resources and supports as they emancipate.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

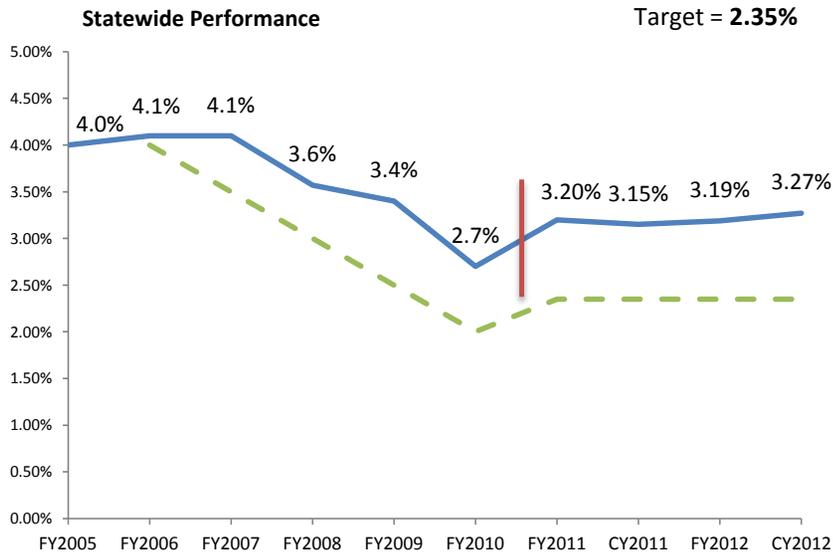
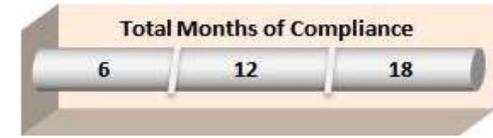
Next Reporting Period Strategies

Children's Administration has achieved the full compliance measure for Youth Transition (Exit) Staffings. Therefore, pursuant to the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement, strategies to improve performance will not be reported.

Children's Administration will continue to consider this important area of practice in ongoing practice support and quality assurance.

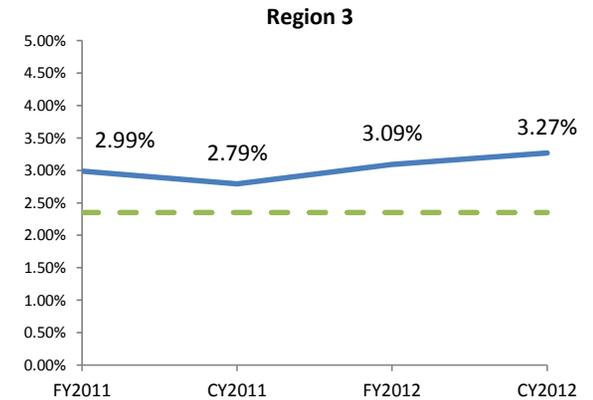
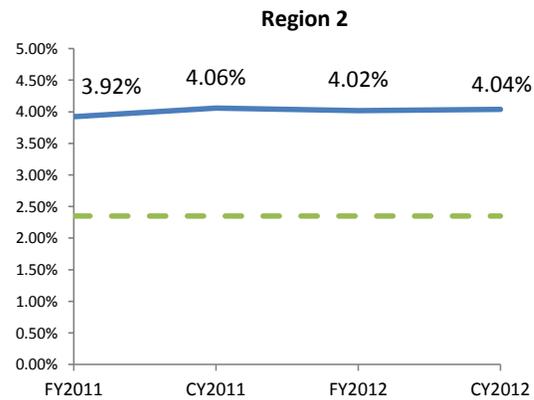
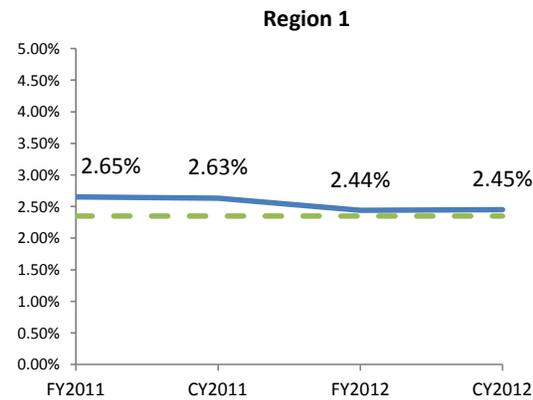
Outcome 20: Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status

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



SUMMARY

- During CY2012, 3.27% of youth were on runaway status from out-of-home care placements.
- Region 1 had the lowest frequency of youth on runaway status at 2.45% for the reporting period.
- A review of youth on runaway status for the reporting period indicated 110 youth were on their first run (27%). The goal is to intervene with these youth early to help avert future runs.



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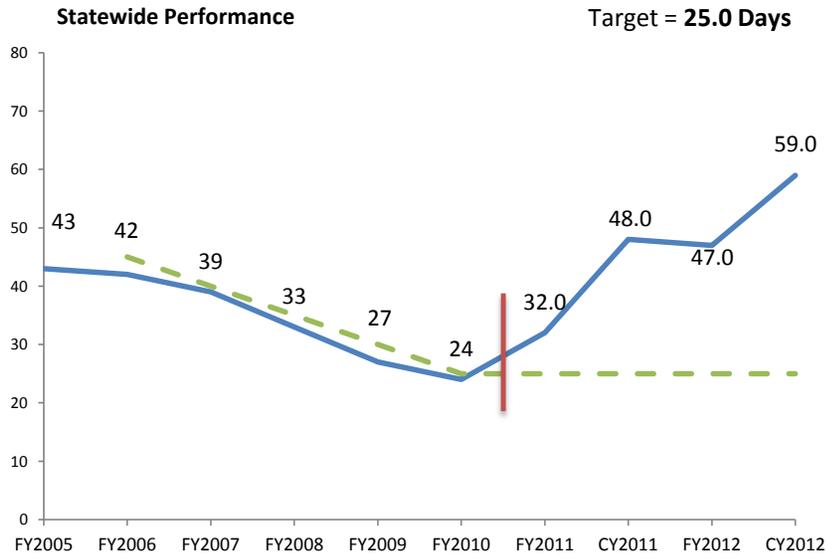


| Date | Statewide Performance | Full Compliance Measure | Total Youth | Total Youth with Runs | Region 1 | | Region 2 | | Region 3 | |
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| | | | | | Percent | Total Youth | Percent | Total Youth | Percent | Total Youth |
| CY2012 | 3.27% | 2.35% | 12707 | 434 | 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% | | | | | | | | |
| FY2008 | 3.6% | 3.0% | Data Not Readily Available | Data Not Readily Available | | | | | | |
| FY2007 | 4.1% | 3.5% | | | | | | | | |
| FY2006 | 4.1% | 4.0% | | | | | | | | |
| FY2005 | 4.0% | | | | | | | | | |

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| 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 Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | CY2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is changed in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. See date note #3. |
| Data notes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Population includes children and youth of all ages 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 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. |

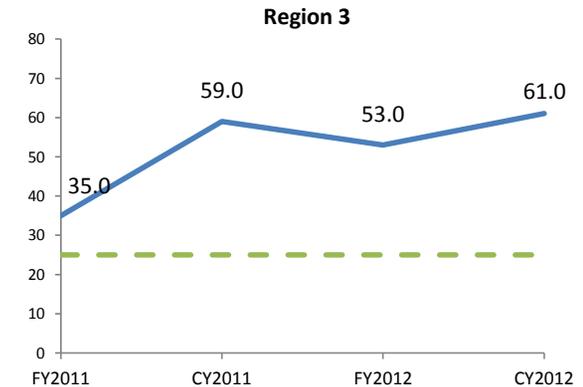
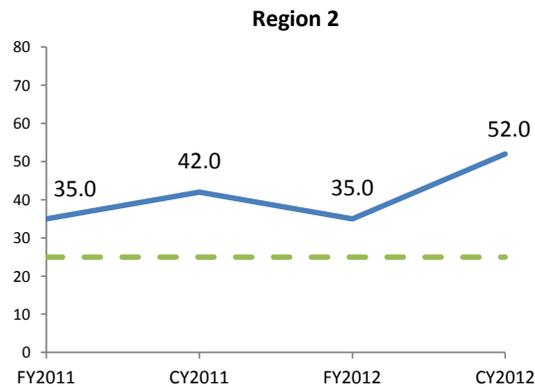
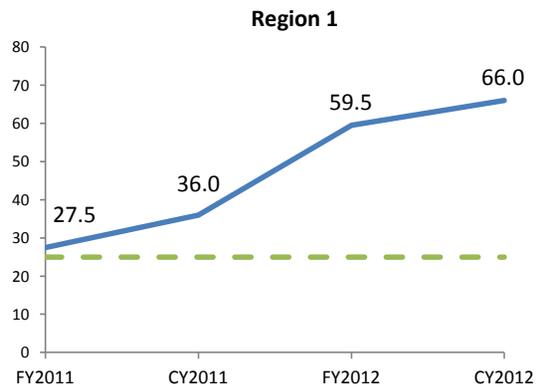
Outcome 21: Median Number of Days Youth are on Runaway Status

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 CY2012 (January to December 2012) was 59.0 days which is above the full compliance measure of 25.0 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.
- Children's Administration is concerned about diminished performance in the last three reporting periods and continues to analyze the data. This report identifies several practice improvement strategies we feel will help reduce the number of days youth are on the run.



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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 |
| 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 | | | | | | | |
| FY2008 | 33 | 35 | Data Not Readily Available | | | | | | |
| FY2007 | 39 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| FY2006 | 42 | 45 | | | | | | | |
| FY2005 | 43 | | | | | | | | |

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| Measure definition | Length of running events during the prior 12 months for youth under CA Placement and Care Authority on the last day of the period in median days. |
| Data source | FamLink |
| Data supplier | Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) |
| Period | CY2012 |
| Next update | September 2013 (Semi-Annual Report) |
| | This measure is unchanged in the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement. |
| Data notes | <p>1 Population includes children and youth over the age of 10 years 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 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.</p> |

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Outcome 20: Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status

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

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

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

CA recognizes the very serious threats to youth on the run and remains committed to continuing to decrease the number of youth who run.

Prior Reporting Period Strategies

- Established a dedicated team within Children’s Administration to focus exclusively on issues related to runaway youth. The team consists of regional representatives as well as HQ program managers who have specific expertise and knowledge in areas of mental health, safety, and adolescence.
- Established, implemented, and facilitated a Missing from Care workgroup with external representatives from state agencies, county, FPAWS, and other relevant community partners to discuss strategies and interventions regarding missing from care youth.
- Developed and distributed a memorandum from RA’s to social workers regarding youth missing from care. This memo drew attention to the urgency and importance of prioritizing this work, clarifying roles, expectations and accountability across all levels within CA.
- Provided monthly data to Regional Administrators and Deputy RA’s to bring attention to the urgency and increase accountability for quality assurance regarding missing from care youth outcomes.

Next Reporting Period Strategies

- Continue Locate and Support Teams in each region with a focus youth who have been missing from care for over 90 days then focus efforts on other missing youth. Teams will use successful methods identified in national research and target their efforts to locate missing youth. If data indicates teams are successful at locating youth, CA will consider expanding teams to other areas. RA’s will be discussing barriers and successful methods in monthly Field Operations Management Team meetings. (Ongoing)
- Provide completed Missing from Care training toolkit information/ resources to caregivers, contracted providers, and youth on existing external websites. (March 2013)
- Continue Missing from Care workgroup with external representatives from state agencies, county, FPAWS, and other relevant community partners to discuss strategies and interventions regarding missing from care youth. (Ongoing)

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Prior Reporting Period Strategies (continued)

- Engaged statewide judiciary committee to explore utilizing court and legal services to add more focus and intervention when a youth is reported as missing from care. Strategies discussed and currently in implementation, include social workers filing a motion to facilitate:
 - Assigning legal counsel to youth that run if not already assigned. Consider CASA advocate if not already assigned.
 - Request a hearing in two weeks once youth is on the run. If youth has returned, the hearing would focus on efforts to preventing future running behavior.
- Revised the regional monthly tracking spreadsheet completed by social workers and regional missing from care leads to obtain more child specific data to assist in monitoring performance, analyzing data and information to identify patterns, and effectiveness of current practice and strategies.
- Began development and phase-in implementation of a Missing from Care training tool kit for CA staff, caregivers, and appropriate contracted providers.

Next Reporting Period Strategies (continued)

- Continue Children’s Administration Missing from Care Internal team to focus exclusively on issues related to runaway youth. The team consists of regional representatives as well as HQ program managers who have specific expertise and knowledge in areas of mental health, safety, and adolescence. (Ongoing)

The team goal is to:

- Raise the urgency and profile of runaway youth.
- Increase accountability at all levels and quality assurance.
- Reduce runaway episodes.
- Reduce the length of time youth are on the run.
- Monitor monthly performance.
- Identify issues and concerns related to current practice and strategies.
- Continue to provide monthly data to Regional Administrators and Deputy RA’s to bring attention to the urgency and increase accountability for quality assurance regarding missing from care youth outcomes. (Ongoing)
- Continue gathering information through regional monthly tracking spreadsheets currently being completed by social workers and regional missing from care leads to obtain more child specific data to assist in monitoring performance, analyzing data and information to identify patterns, and effectiveness of current practice and strategies. (Ongoing)