

DSHS Children's Administration, Braam Settlement Agreement, Informational Quarterly Performance Reports

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Health and Education Plans Updated in ISSP Every 6 Months	Mental Health, Goal 2, Outcome 2	Percentage of children in out-of-home care that have health and education plans in their ISSPs updated every 6 months.
Adequate Safeguards for Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY)	Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 3	Percentage of children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition that are placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.
Adequate Safeguards for Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY)	Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 4	Percentage of children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition that are placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.
Foster Parent Support	Foster Parent Training and Information, Goal 1, Outcome 2	Percentage of licensed caregivers that report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).
Sibling Visits/Contacts	Sibling Separation, Goal 2, Outcome 1	Percentage of children placed apart from their siblings that have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings.
Sibling Placement	Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcomes 1 and 2	Two Measures: (a) Percentage of siblings removed together during the FY and were placed with all other removed siblings, and (b) Percentage of siblings removed together during the FY and were placed with some or all other removed siblings
Placement Stability	<i>Alternative Data:</i> Placement Stability, Two or Fewer Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 2	Two Measures: (a) Percentage of children currently in care who have not moved within 12 months of their previous move or entry into placements; for all children in care at least one year, and (b) Percentage of children with fewer than three events (placements) in an episode by time in care for up to one year, excluding children in care for less than eight days.

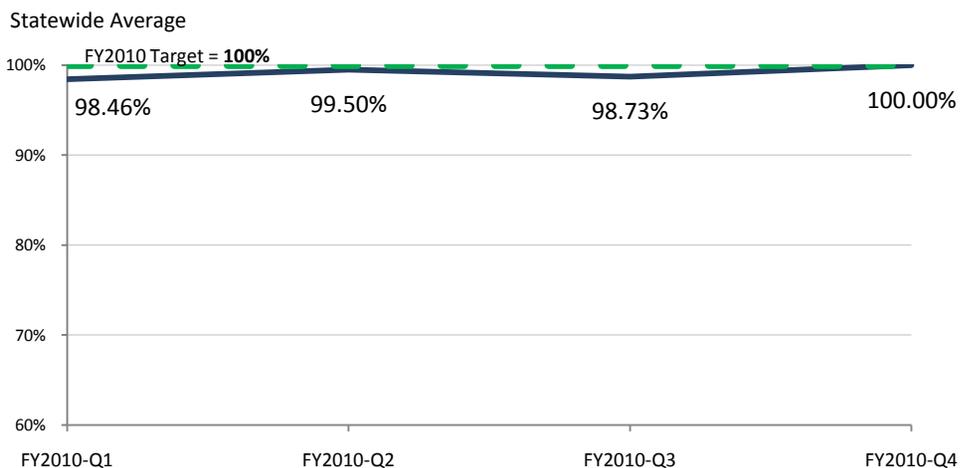
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DLR CPS Investigations Completed within 90 Days (Alternative Data: Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 2, Outcome 2)

Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) Investigations will be completed within 90 days unless the investigation is being conducted under a written protocol pursuant to 26.44.180 and a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney has determined that a longer investigation period is necessary.



SUMMARY

- Performance completing DLR CPS investigations assigned within 90 days during FY2010 Quarter 4 was 100% and met the benchmark.
- During FY2010, 858 of 865 (99.19%) assigned DLR CPS investigations involving facilities that provide overnight care to foster children were completed within 90 days or had law enforcement involvement requiring a longer investigation period.
- During FY2010 quarterly statewide performance ranged between 98.46% and 100%.
- Regions 5 and 6 met the benchmark during all four quarters of FY2010. Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 met the benchmark in three of the four quarters during FY2010.
- During FY2010, there were 7 investigations open >90 days without law enforcement involvement. 3 of 7 non-compliant investigations were in Region 3 and involved children from the same family placed in Washington State from New Mexico through the ICPC process and CA had difficulty obtaining information about the children's history from the sending state. The remaining four (4) investigations not completed within 90 days were in Regions 1, 2, and 4 and were identified as staff training issues that have been addressed.

DATA SOURCE: DLR Data Base, based on hand count report provided 9/13/10

MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of DLR CPS Investigations assigned during the quarter that are completed within 90 days unless the investigation is being conducted under a written protocol pursuant to 26.44.180 and a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney has determined that a longer investigation period is necessary. This is an alternative data source for Braam Settlement Agreement Outcome: 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.

DATA NOTES: **1** Performance is calculated by identifying the number of investigations assigned during the quarter and identifying the count and percentage of investigations closed within 90 days (compliance), closed or open greater than 90 days with law enforcement involvement (compliance), and closed or open greater than 90 days without law enforcement involvement (non-compliance). **2** The data represents DLR CPS investigation compliance for facilities that provide overnight care to foster children (i.e. foster homes, private agency foster homes, staff residential centers, group homes, and crisis response centers). **3** This alternative measure was agreed to by the Braam Oversight Panel to meet a request for quarterly reporting as compliance with the official outcome is measured through an annual Central Case Record Review that is conducted annually during the month of January.

ACTION PLAN

- Ongoing monthly review of performance to identify and address challenges.
- Regions are provided a monthly list of investigations open longer than 60 days for review and follow up to ensure DLR CPS cases are completed within 90 days.
- When there is law enforcement or the prosecuting attorneys' office involvement in the investigation that requires an investigation to remain open longer than 90 days, the supervisor ensures ongoing communication with law enforcement occurs and is documented in FamLink.

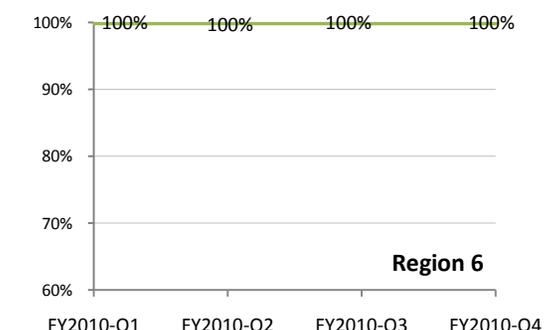
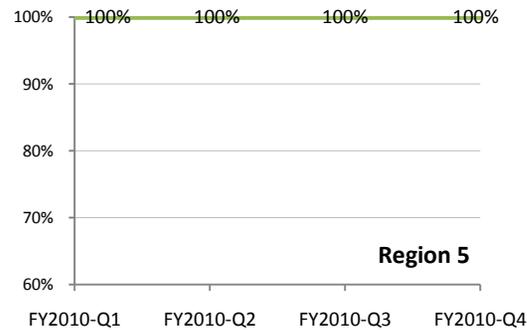
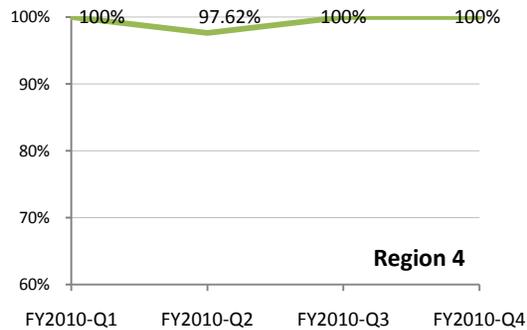
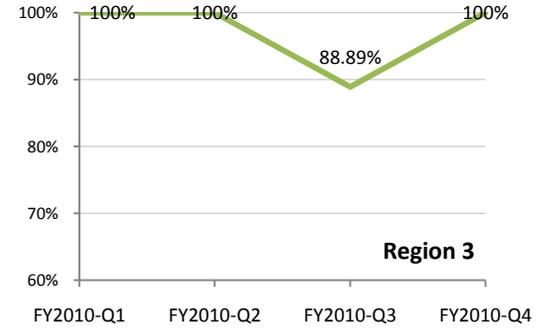
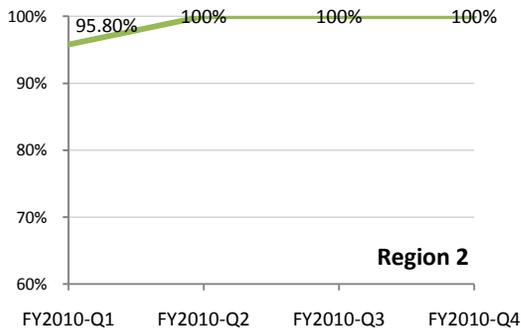
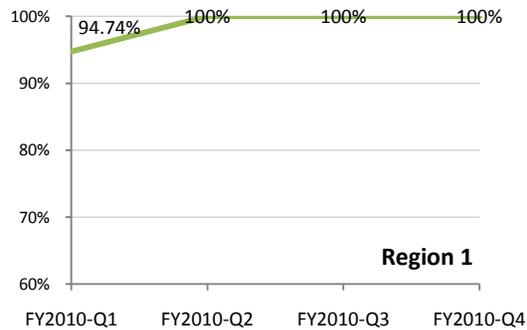
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Data source	DLR Data Base, based on hand count report provided 9/13/10
Data supplier	Jeanne McShane, Acting Administrator, Division of Licensed Resources, Children's Administration
Alternate supplier	Melissa Sayer, Statewide DLR CPS Program Manager, Division of Licensed Resources, Children's Administration
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Performance is calculated by identifying the number of investigations assigned during the quarter and identifying the count and percentage of investigations closed within 90 days (compliance), closed or open greater than 90 days with law enforcement involvement (compliance), and closed or open greater than 90 days without law enforcement involvement (non-compliance).</p> <p>2 The data represents DLR CPS investigation compliance for facilities that provide overnight care to foster children (i.e. foster homes, private agency foster homes, staff residential centers, group homes, and crisis response centers).</p> <p>3 This alternative measure was agreed to by the Braam Oversight Panel to meet a request for quarterly reporting as compliance with the official outcome is measured through an annual Central Case Record Review that is conducted annually during the month of January.</p>

DATA

DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Investigations	Investigations Completed <90 Days	Investigations Completed >90 Days with Law Enforcement Involvement	Total Compliance	Investigations Completed >90 Days without Law Enforcement Involvement	DLR Region 1	DLR Region 2	DLR Region 3	DLR Region 4	DLR Region 5	DLR Region 6
FY2010-Q1	98.46%	100%	195	181 (92.82%)	11 (5.64%)	192 (98.46%)	3 (1.54%)	94.74%	95.80%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY2010-Q2	99.50%	100%	202	185 (91.58%)	16 (7.92%)	201 (99.50%)	1 (0.50%)	100%	100%	100%	97.62%	100%	100%
FY2010-Q3	98.73%	100%	236	225 (95.34%)	8 (3.39%)	233 (98.73%)	3 (1.27%)	100%	100%	88.89%	100%	100%	100%
FY2010-Q4	100.00%	100%	232	214 (92.24%)	18 (7.76%)	232 (100%)	0 (0%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY2010	99.19%	100%	865	805	53	858	7	98.92%	98.90%	97.39%	99.42%	100%	100%

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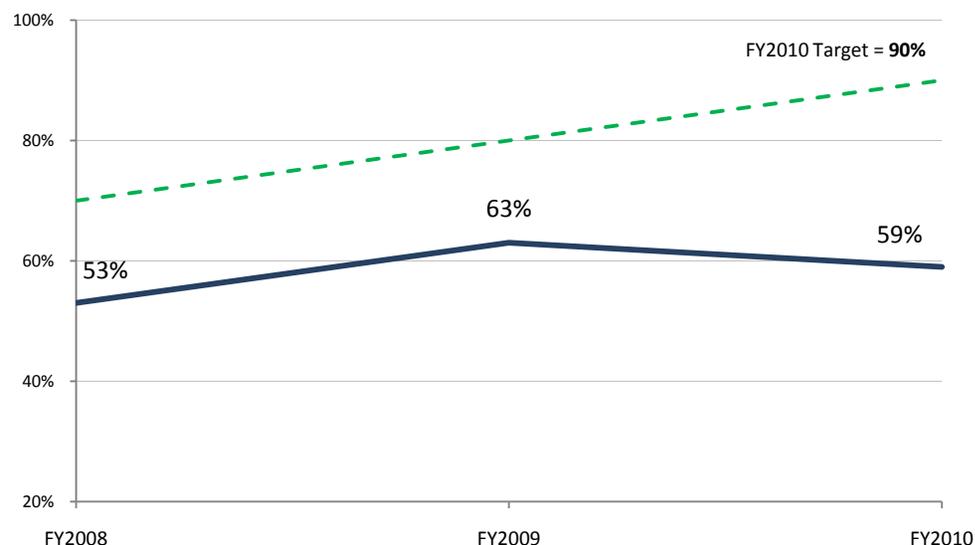
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Health and Education Plans Updated in ISSP every 6 Months

Children in out of home care will have health and education plans in their ISSP's updated every six months.

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: Central Case Review Reports provided by Lyn Craik, Supervisor of Central Case Review Team

MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of randomly selected cases reviewed during the quarter rated compliant by the Central Case Record Review Team on the following review question: Did the health and education plan in the most recent Individual Safety and Service Plan (ISSP) address new and ongoing needs of the child identified in screenings and assessments?

DATA NOTES: 1 The Central Case Review Team has a schedule of ongoing office reviews ensuring that each office is reviewed approximately every 18 months. 2 A random sample of cases from all program areas is selected by FamLink that were open during the six months prior to the review quarter. 3 There were eleven offices from six regions reviewed during FY2010. 4 Cases were applicable for review when the child was in care six months or longer. 5 The most recent ISSP was reviewed for this benchmark.

SUMMARY

- Performance during FY2010 for updated Health and Education Plans in children's Individual Safety and Service Plans (ISSP) was 59%. This is a decrease from FY2009 and an improvement from FY2008.
- During FY2010, 112 case records were reviewed by the Case Review Team (CRT) to measure performance on this outcome. This was significantly fewer cases than reviewed in previous years which typically included >200 cases. Fewer cases were reviewed due to time needed to revise the case review process and tools and for the CRT to assist with the federal CFSR on-site review process.
- During FY10 regional performance varied significantly, between 39% and 82%. Region 4 was the highest performer at 82%. Region 4 has consistently been the highest performer on this measure. Region 2 had the lowest performance of 39%. Regions 1, 3, and 5 showed improvement during FY10 and Regions 2, 4, and 6 experienced a decrease in performance.
- Data showing key reasons for cases rated not achieved were the following (in order of frequency): (a) the child's health status was not documented, (b) both the child's health and education status were not documented, and (c) the child's health and education status were documented with the exception of dental care.
- In September 2010, the ISSP template was modified to identify the FamLink Education Plan template is a required attachment to the ISSP.

ACTION PLAN

- Strengthen direction and resources for staff regarding info to include in the health and education section of the ISSP.
- Implement quality assurance review process for Area Administrator's oversight of supervisor approval of ISSP's.
- Continue to implement the Medicaid Purchasing Administration Foster Well-Being Program to increase the identification and documentation of children's health information in FamLink.
- Continue to conduct ongoing case reviews to identify and monitor state, regional, and local performance and address improvement needs.

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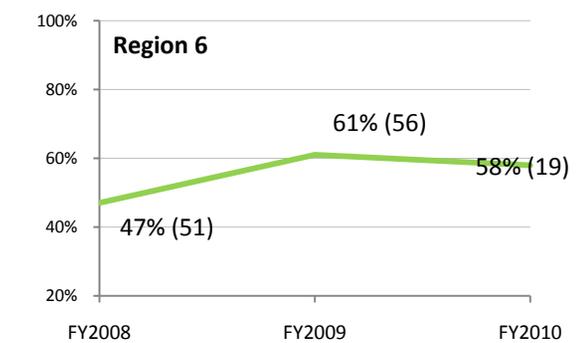
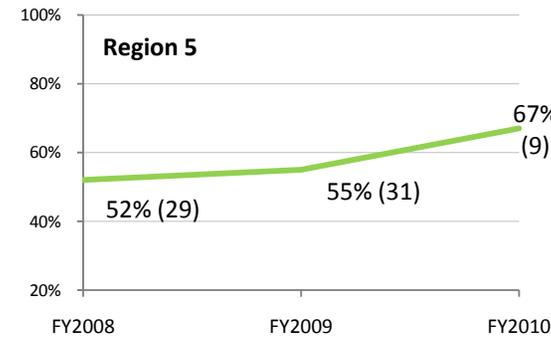
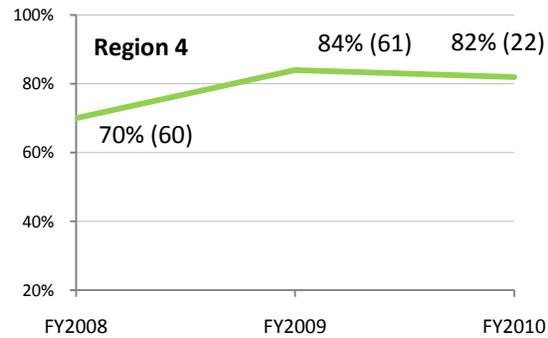
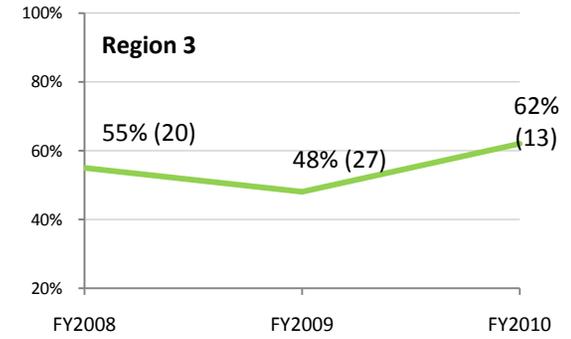
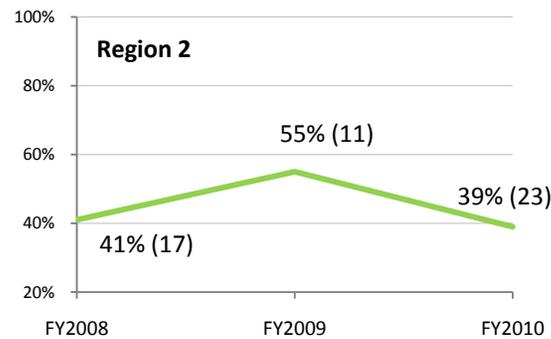
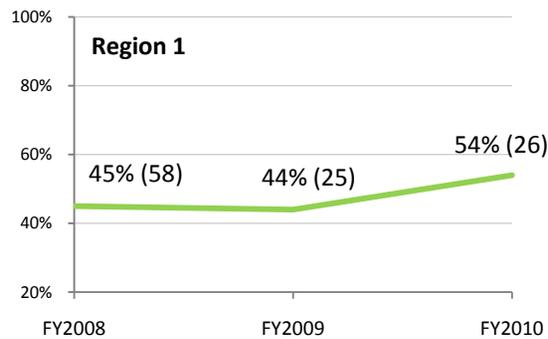
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Regional Trends (Number in parenthesis is total count of applicable cases)



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Measure definition	Percentage of randomly selected cases reviewed during the quarter rated achieved by the Central Case Record Review Team on the following review question: Did the health and education plan in the most recent Individual Safety and Service Plan (ISSP) address new and ongoing needs of the child identified in screenings and assessments.
Data source	Central Case Review Reports
Data supplier	Lyn Craik, Supervisor, Central Case Review Team, Field Operations Division, Children's Administration
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 The Central Case Review Team has a schedule of ongoing office reviews ensuring that each office is reviewed approximately every 18 months.</p> <p>2 A random sample of cases from all program areas is selected by FamLink that were open during the six months prior to the review quarter.</p> <p>3 There were eleven offices from six regions reviewed during FY2010.</p> <p>4 Cases were applicable when the child was in care six months or longer.</p> <p>5 The most recent ISSP was reviewed for this benchmark against case review criteria for this item.</p>

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DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Cases	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6	
				%	Case Count										
FY2008	53%	70%	235	45%	58	41%	17	55%	20	70%	60	52%	29	47%	51
FY2009	63%	80%	211	44%	25	55%	11	48%	27	84%	61	55%	31	61%	56
FY2010	59%	90%	112	54%	26	39%	23	62%	13	82%	22	67%	9	58%	19

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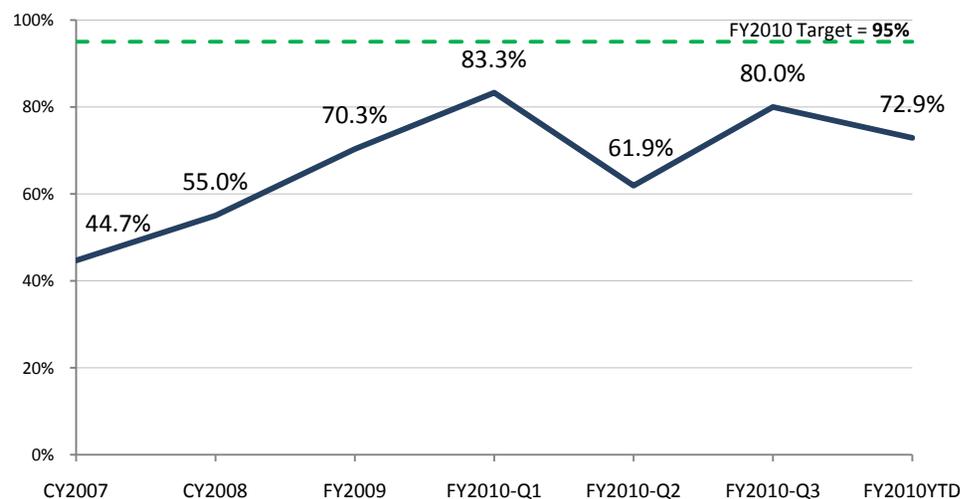
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Adequate Safeguards for Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY)

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.

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State, administered by WSU

MEASURE DEFINITION: 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.

DATA NOTES: **1** Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed and caregivers. **2** This outcome has been significantly revised from the 2007 survey. In the 2007 survey, SAY and PAAY were combined into a single outcome. Beginning with the 2008 survey, separate outcomes were measured for SAY and PAAY. A definition of "sexually aggressive youth" was added to the survey in 2009, along with a second screening question (Q115A) to help ensure only caregivers who cared for children meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation. **3** Only foster parents and caregivers who answer "yes" to having a child identified by the agency as sexually aggressive placed into their home (Q115A) are included in the calculation for this outcome. Answers to both Q114 and Q118 must be YES to be considered in compliance. **4** FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 -331 interviews.

SUMMARY

- FY2010YTD performance for ensuring adequate safeguards for Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) was 72.9%. Performance has not changed very much in comparison to FY2009 performance of 70.3%.
- Performance has improved since CY2008 (55%) and CY2007 (45%).
- Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly informational reports due to the small number of applicable cases.
- Region 4 was the highest performer during FY2009 at 100% and Region 5 had the lowest performance at 43%.
- FY2010 Quarter 3 performance for questions related to this outcome all rated >92% with caregivers reporting the following:
 - 92.9% (13 of 14) received specialized training to care for SAY.
 - 93.3% (14 of 15) received a Youth Supervision and Safety Plan by CA to support their care of the youth.
 - 92.3% (12 of 13) were involved in developing Supervision and Safety Plan.
 - 92.9% (13 of 14) of plans met safety and supervision needs of children in their home.
- Beginning in February 2010, a comprehensive statewide SAY-PAAY quality assurance plan was implemented to help ensure safeguards for children and caregivers are in place.
- In July 2010, the revised Youth Supervision and Safety Plan was released in FamLink. Social workers received a reminder about the revised form and practice expectations during the October 2010 Policy Roll-Out Training.
- In August 2010, training packets (DVD/hand-outs) were sent to regions to provide caregivers of SAY/PAAY youth. Behavioral Rehabilitative Services (BRS) and Child Placing Agency (CPA) providers also received copies.

ACTION PLAN

- Strengthen ongoing quarterly quality assurance review to identify and address practice improvement needs.
- Develop and utilize a FamLink Management Report.
- Obtain consultation from the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPCF) at Hunters College.

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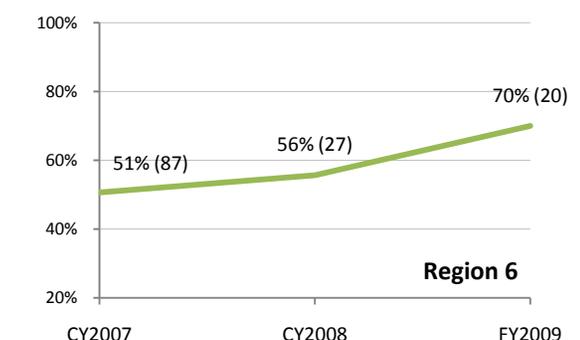
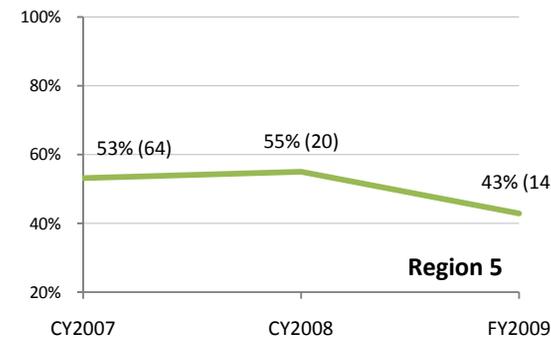
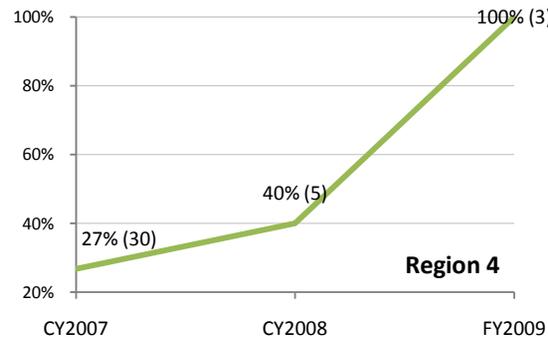
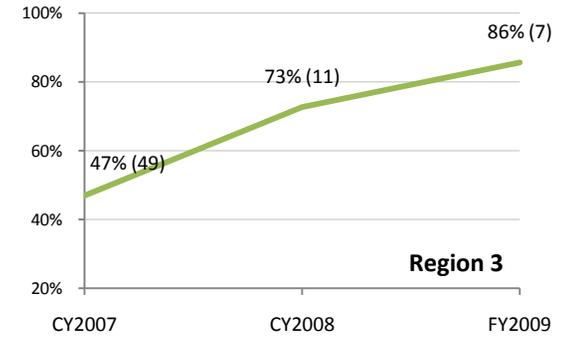
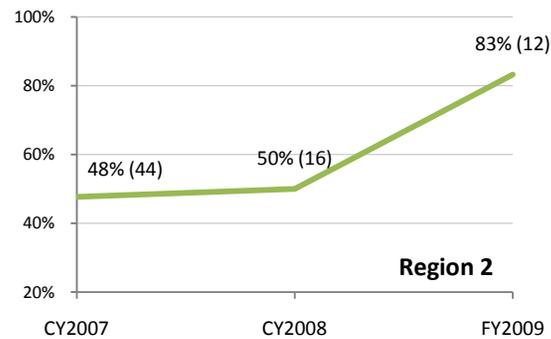
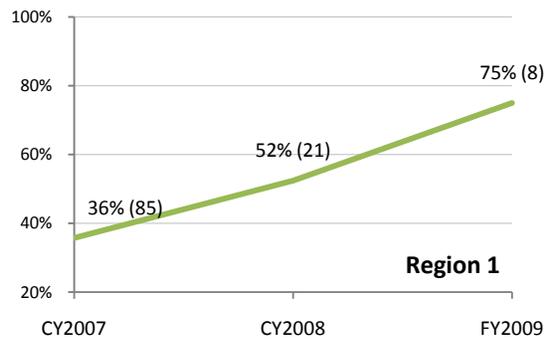
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Regional Trends (Number in parenthesis is total count of caregivers responding to this item in the survey)



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Measure definition	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.
Data source	Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State
Data supplier	John Tarnai, Ph.D., Principal Investigator and Bruce Austin, M.S., Study Director, Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC), Washington State University
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed and caregivers.</p> <p>2 This outcome has been significantly revised from the 2007 survey. In the 2007 survey, SAY and PAAY were combined into a single outcome. Beginning with the 2008 survey, separate outcomes were measured for SAY and PAAY. A definition of "sexually aggressive youth" was added to the survey in 2009, along with a second screening question (Q115A) to help ensure only caregivers who cared for children meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation.</p> <p>3 Only foster parents and caregivers who answer "yes" to having a child identified by the agency as sexually aggressive placed into their home (Q115A) are included in the calculation for this outcome. Answers to both Q114 and Q118 must be YES to be considered in compliance.</p> <p>4 FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 -331 interviews.</p>

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CY2007	44.7%	95%	358	36%	85	48%	44	47%	49	27%	30	53%	64	51%	87
CY2008	55.0%	95%	100	52%	21	50%	16	73%	11	40%	5	55%	20	56%	27
FY2009	70.3%	95%	64	75%	8	83%	12	86%	7	100%	3	43%	14	70%	20
FY2010-Q1	83.3%	95%	12	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											
FY2010-Q2	61.9%	95%	21												
FY2010-Q3	80.0%	95%	15												
FY2010YTD	72.9%	95%	48												

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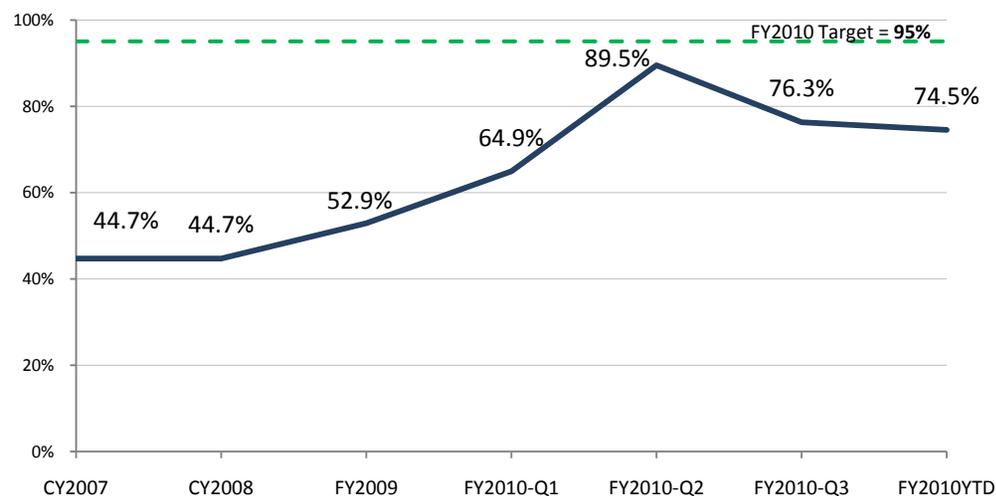
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Statewide Average



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3 For PAAY, Q110 is a screening question. Only foster parents who answer "yes" that a child identified by the agency as physically assaultive was placed into their home are included in the calculation for this outcome. Answers to both Q109 and Q113 must be YES to be considered in compliance. **4** FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 - 331 interviews.

SUMMARY

- **Correction Made to FY2010-Q2 Performance on 11/1/10.** An error in the calculation was identified by SESRC at WSU who administers the survey. Performance for FY2010-Q2 was changed from 51.2% to 89.5%.
- FY2010YTD performance for ensuring adequate safeguards for PAAY youth is 74.5%, 21% increase from FY2009 performance of 52.9%.
- Performance has significantly improved since CY2007 (44.7%).
- Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly informational reports due to the small number of applicable cases.
- Region 3 was the highest performer during FY2009 at 83% and Region 1 had the lowest performance at 44%.
- For FY2010-Q3, caregivers reported the following:
 - 79.6% (39 of 49) received specialized training to care PAAY.
 - 81.3% (39 of 49) received a Youth Supervision and Safety Plan by CA to support their care of the youth.
 - 76.9% (30 of 39) were involved in developing the Youth Supervision and Safety Plan and 89.5% (34 of 39) of the plans were reported to meet the safety and supervision needs of children in their home.
- Beginning in February 2010, a comprehensive statewide SAY-PAAY quality assurance plan was implemented to help ensure safeguards for children and caregivers are in place.
- In July 2010, the revised Youth Supervision and Safety Plan was released in FamLink. Social workers received a reminder about the revised form and practice expectations during the October 2010 Policy Roll-Out Training.
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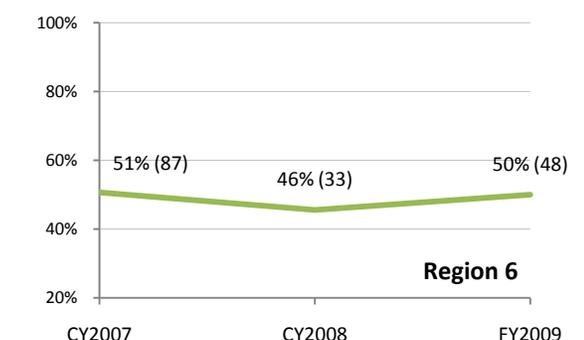
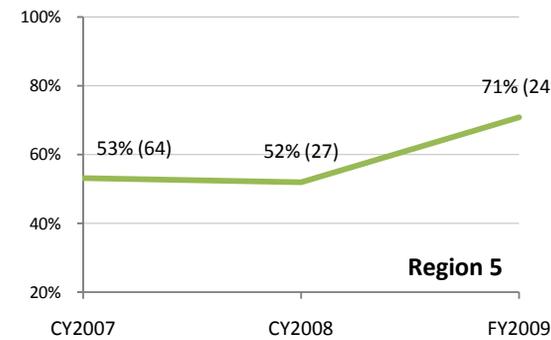
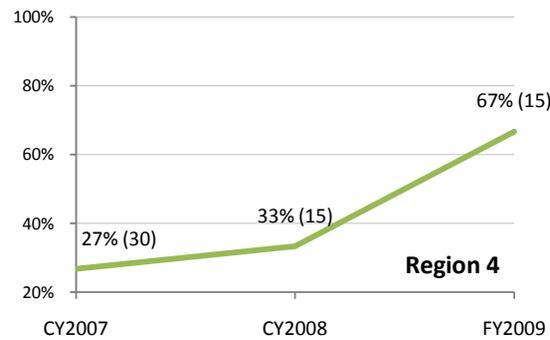
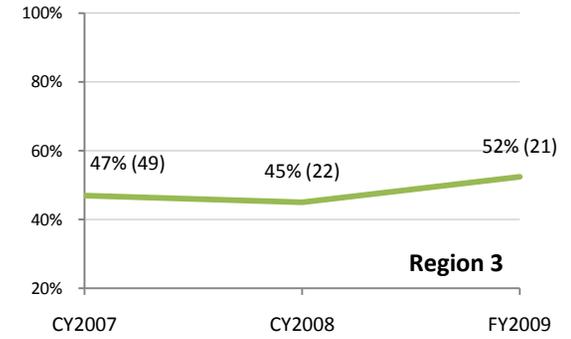
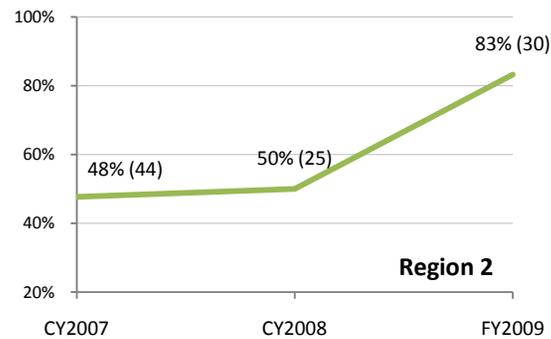
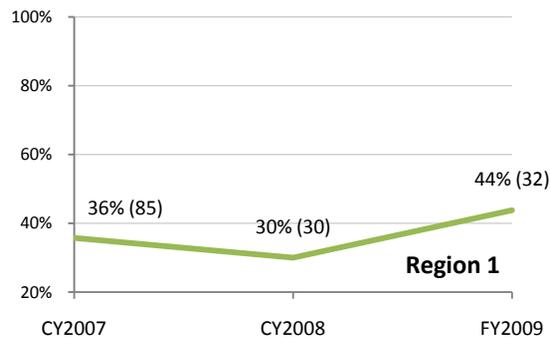
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Adequate Safeguards Physical Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY)

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.

Regional Trends (Number in parenthesis is total count of caregivers responding to this item in the survey)



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Adequate Safeguards for Physical Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAA Y)

Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAA Y) 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.

Measure definition	Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAA Y) 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.
Data source	Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State
Data supplier	John Tarnai, Ph.D., Principal Investigator and Bruce Austin, M.S., Study Director, Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC), Washington State University
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed and caregivers.</p> <p>2 This outcome has been significantly revised from the 2007 survey. In the 2007 survey, SAY and PAA Y were combined into a single outcome. Beginning with the 2008 survey, separate outcomes were measured for SAY and PAA Y. A definition of "physically assaultive / aggressive youth" was added to the survey in 2009, along with a second screening question (Q110A) to help ensure that only caregivers who cared for children meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation.</p> <p>3 For PAA Y, Q110 is a screening question. Only foster parents who answer "yes" that a child identified by the agency as physically assaultive was placed into their home are included in the calculation for this outcome. Answers to both Q109 and Q113 must be YES to be considered in compliance.</p> <p>4 FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 -331 interviews.</p>

DATA

DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Responses	Region 1	R1 Count	Region 2	R2 Count	Region 3	R3 Count	Region 4	R4 Count	Region 5	R5 Count	Region 6	R6 Count
CY2007	44.7%	95%	358	36%	85	48%	44	47%	49	27%	30	53%	64	51%	87
CY2008	44.7%	95%	150	30%	30	60%	25	45%	22	33%	15	52%	27	46%	33
FY2009	52.9%	95%	170	44%	32	47%	30	52%	21	67%	15	71%	24	50%	48
FY2010-Q1	64.9%	95%	37	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											
FY2010-Q2	89.5%	95%	43												
FY2010-Q3	76.3%	95%	49												
FY2010YTD	74.5%	95%	129												

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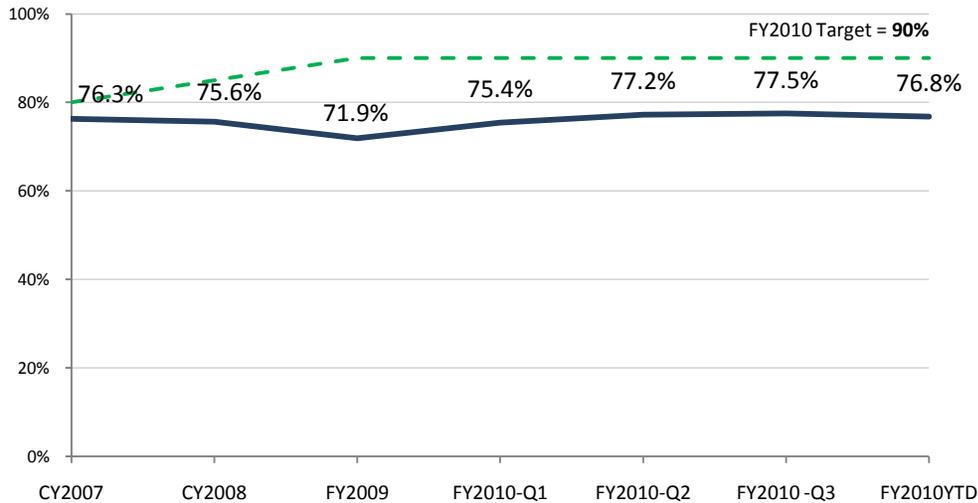
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Foster Parent Support

Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State, administered by WSU

MEASURE DEFINITION: Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).

DATA NOTES: **1** Percentage of randomly selected licensed caregivers reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources). **2** This outcome measure combines a total of seven questions: Q89, Q93, Q94, Q96, Q57, Q58, and Q78, but some questions are averaged so that equal weight is given to each of the four subsections of this outcome: support, cultural competency support, quality of help and support from the agency and social worker, and timely notification about case planning meetings. **3** The results for Q78 were not factored into the outcome in the results for the 2007 survey, because the related policy had not been put in place in 2006. Q78, is however included in the outcome calculations for surveys conducted after 2007. **4** FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 - 331 interviews.

SUMMARY

- FY2010YTD performance for Foster Parents reporting they received adequate support for their roles and responsibilities was 76.2%; about a 4-5% increase in comparison to FY2009 performance of 71.9%.
- Performance has remained relatively stable since CY2007 (76.3%).
- Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports.
- Region 5 was the highest performer during FY2009 at 75% and Region 3 had the lowest performance at 68%.
- Compliance is an aggregate of caregiver responses to the following seven questions (identified in order of high to low performance based on the most recent quarterly survey):

- Timely agency response to a caregiver crisis or emergency (88%)
- Agency support in dealing with cultural or ethnic issues (83%)
- Timely notification to shared case planning meetings (82%)
- Satisfaction with overall quality of help/support from child's SW (74%)
- Satisfaction with overall quality of agency help and support (74%)
- Notification by agency of court hearings within 10 days (70%)
- Agency notification of caregiver right to be heard at court (77%)

- To better support foster parents, CA has (a) expanded organizational supports, such as hubs and support groups, (b) engaged in ongoing collaboration with foster parent 1624 consultation teams, (c) increased communication through websites, monthly newsletter, and ListServ, (d) provided info / reminders to CA staff regarding practice expectations related to caregivers. (e) providing regional training and action planning facilitated by Dr. Denise Goodman a national consultant in recruitment, training, support, and retention of caregivers.

ACTION PLAN

- Continue to strengthen working relationship with caregivers and spirit of partnership between staff and caregivers.
- Develop and implement Caregiver Support Improvement Plan.
- Strengthen relationships between social workers and caregivers.
- Strengthen dissemination and use of survey results.

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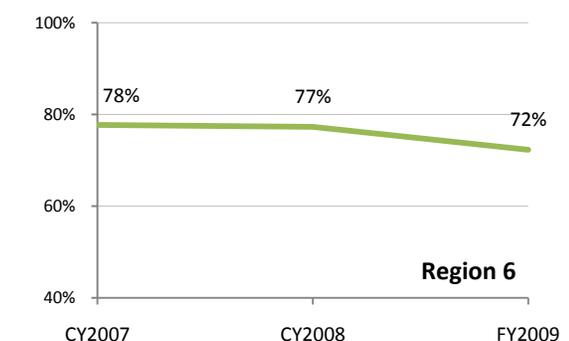
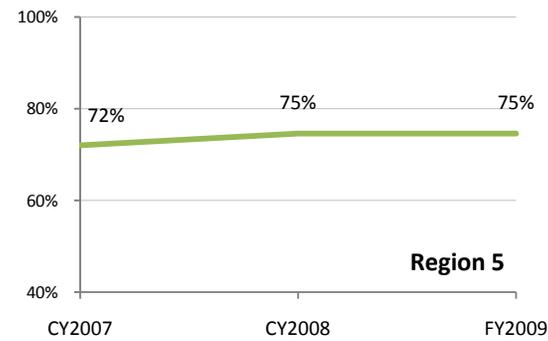
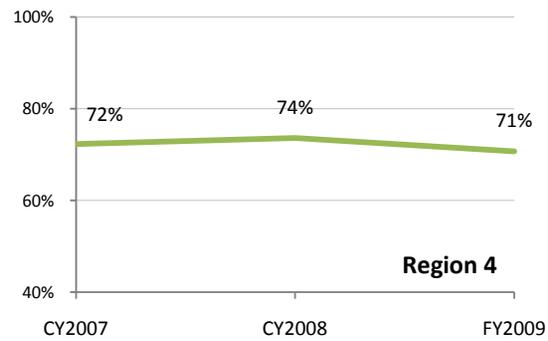
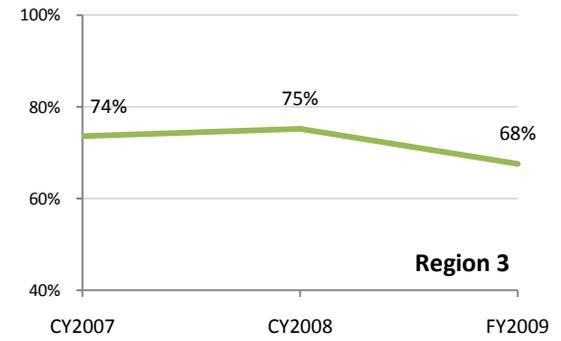
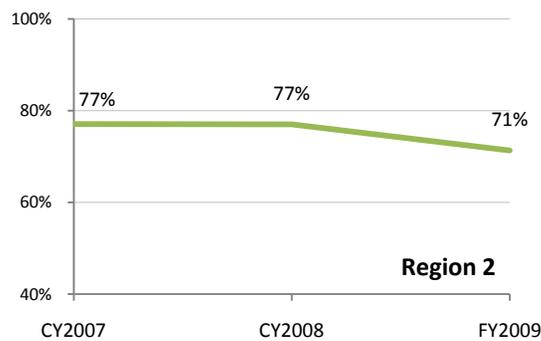
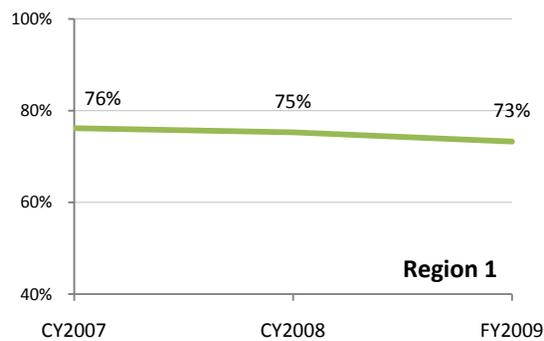
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Foster Parent Support

Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).

Regional Trends



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Foster Parent Support

Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).

Measure definition	Percentage of licensed caregivers that report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).
Data source	Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State
Data supplier	John Tarnai, Ph.D., Principal Investigator and Bruce Austin, M.S., Study Director, Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC), Washington State University
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Percentage of randomly selected licensed caregivers reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities, by region and for the state as a whole (including but not limited to crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).</p> <p>2 This outcome measure combines a total of seven questions: Q89, Q93, Q94, Q96, Q57, Q58, and Q78, but some questions are averaged so that equal weight is given to each of the four subsections of this outcome: support, cultural competency support, quality of help and support from the agency and social worker, and timely notification about case planning meetings.</p> <p>3 The results for Q78 were not factored into the outcome in the results for the 2007 survey, because the related policy had not been put in place in 2006. Q78, is however included in the outcome calculations for surveys conducted after 2007.</p> <p>4 FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 -331 interviews.</p>

DATA

DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Responses	Region 1	Region 1 Count	Region 2	Region 2 Count	Region 3	Region 3 Count	Region 4	Region 4 Count	Region 5	Region 5 Count	Region 6	Region 6 Count
CY2007	76.3%	80%	2904	76%	546	77%	349	74%	431	72%	347	72%	543	78%	688
CY2008	75.6%	85%	3362	75%	597	77%	463	75%	494	74%	468	75%	594	77%	745
FY2009	71.9%	90%	5243	73%	992	71%	686	68%	847	71%	640	75%	856	72%	1222
FY2010-Q1	75.4%	90%	364	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											
FY2010-Q2	77.2%	90%	330												
FY2010 -Q3	77.5%	90%	327												
FY2010YTD	76.8%	90%	1021												

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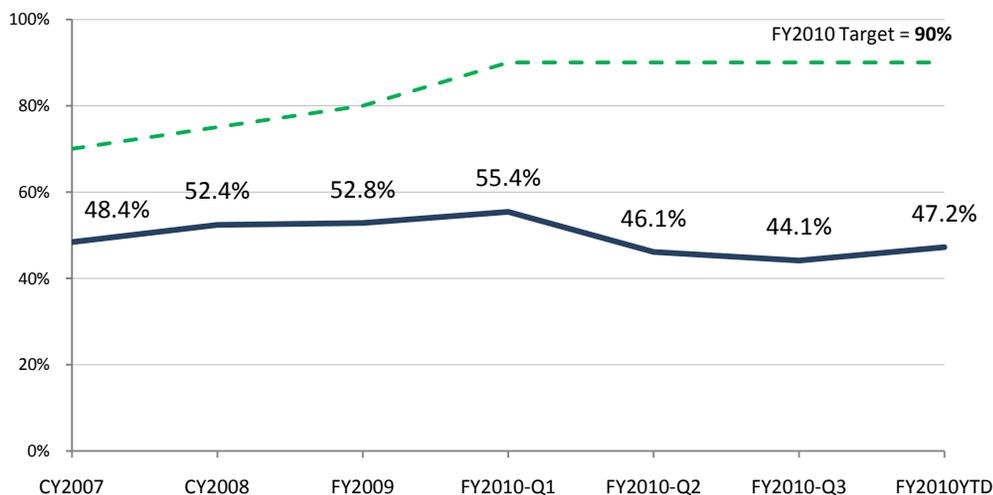
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Sibling Visits/Contacts

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.

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State, administered by WSU

MEASURE DEFINITION: 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.

DATA NOTES: **1** Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed and caregivers. **2** 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. In 2010 the survey was significantly changed to ask questions about each sibling relationship. **3** This outcome has three screening questions (Q125, Q126 and Q127). Only foster parents who indicate that the child has a sister or brother ("yes" to Q125), who was not placed in the foster parent's home in 2008 ("no" to Q126), and for whom contact was not disallowed by DCFS or the court ("no" to Q127) are included in the calculation of this outcome. **4** Compliance is based on a total of two or more monthly visits or contacts. Responses are considered in compliance if there were two or more visits per month (Q128), two or more other forms of contact per month (Q128B), or through a combination of visits and contacts (combination of Q128 and Q128B). **5** FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 - 331 interviews.

SUMMARY

- FY2010YTD performance for caregivers reporting children had two or more monthly visits/ contacts with all of their siblings was 47.2%.
 - Performance remains relatively stable since CY2007 and slightly decreased from 52.8% in FY2009. It is important to note the measure has changed overtime making it difficult to compare performance across years.
 - Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly informational reports.
 - Region 2 was the highest performer during FY2009 at 61% and Region 4 had the lowest performance of 43%.
 - Unlicensed caregivers reported greater frequency of sibling visits (55.5%) and contacts than licensed providers (45.5%).
 - Highlights of previous analysis using FY2010 Q2 results:
 - Majority of children have a sibling not residing with them (at least 60%).
 - Majority of siblings that reside elsewhere are half siblings (59.9%).
 - Majority of siblings residing elsewhere are age 5 to 17 years old (est. 45%).
 - Est. 20% of siblings residing elsewhere are < 5 years; 10% are >18 years old.
 - Siblings residing elsewhere live with foster parent (27%), mother/father (24%), relatives (14%).
 - Primary reason caregivers report siblings placed elsewhere are not having regular visits and contacts include (in order of frequency): (a) siblings reside far apart, (b) the child's age makes contact not possible, (c) visits not coordinated by the Department, and (d) the sibling was adopted.
 - Staff and caregiver communication in March, April, and May 2010 helped promote the value and resources for sibling relationships.
 - Several foster parent recruitment contracts were updated to include expectations for recruitment of sibling placement resources.
 - Foster Family Connections and CA sponsored the 5th annual Camp to Belong that brought together 97 campers from 38 sibling groups.
- ### ACTION PLAN
- Implement policy identifying priorities for making placement decisions that includes sibling relationships.
 - Finalize and distribute Sibling Visit planning and documentation tool.
 - Explore feasibility of piloting the recognized Neighbor to Family Program.
 - Implement Performance-based contracting.
 - Receive technical assistance from the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPCF) at Hunter College.

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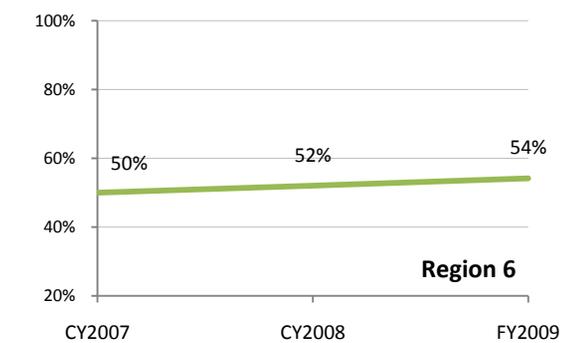
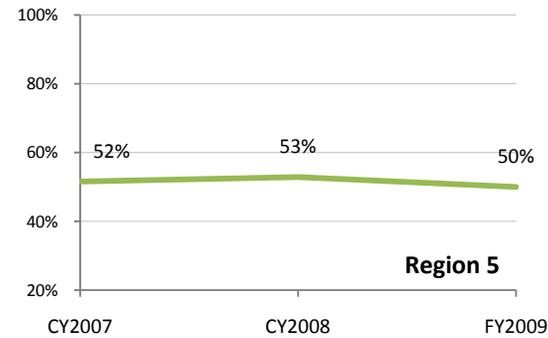
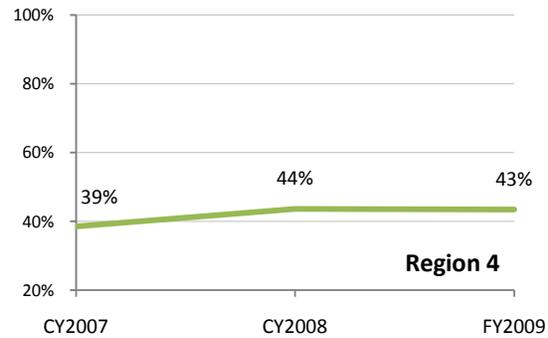
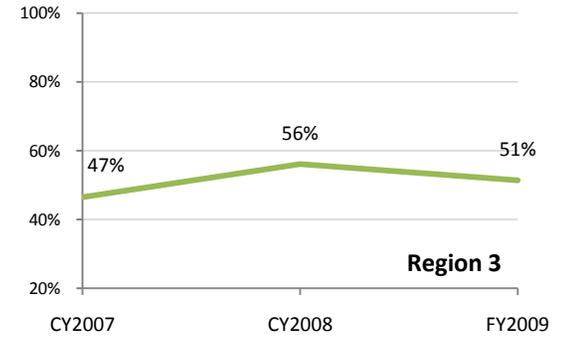
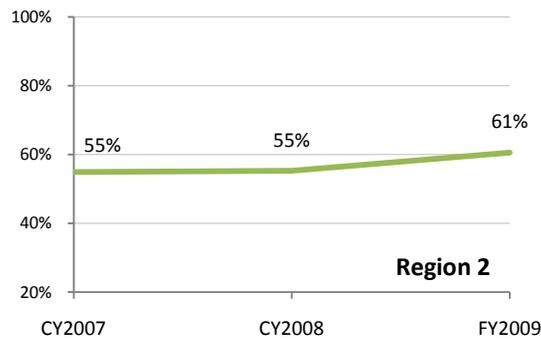
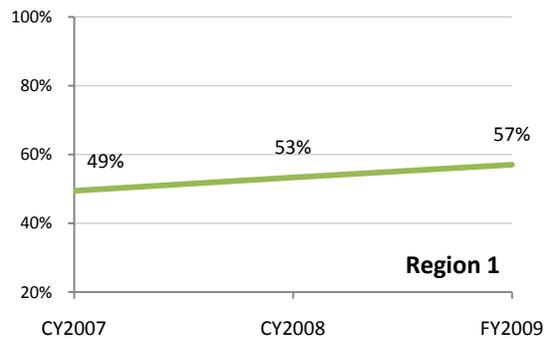
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Sibling Visits/Contacts

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.

Regional Trends



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Data supplier	John Tarnai, Ph.D., Principal Investigator and Bruce Austin, M.S., Study Director, Social and Economic Research Center, Washington State University
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed and caregivers.</p> <p>2 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. In 2010 the survey was significantly changed to ask questions about each sibling relationship.</p> <p>3 This outcome has three screening questions (Q125, Q126 and Q127). Only foster parents who indicate that the child has a sister or brother ("yes" to Q125), who was not placed in the foster parent's home in 2008 ("no" to Q126), and for whom contact was not disallowed by DCFS or the court ("no" to Q127) are included in the calculation of this outcome.</p> <p>4 Compliance is based on a total of two or more monthly visits or contacts. Responses are considered in compliance if there were two or more visits per month (Q128), two or more other forms of contact per month (Q128B), or through a combination of visits and contacts (combination of Q128 and Q128B).</p> <p>5 FY2010 includes results from three quarters of foster parent interviews conducted by WSU SESRC: Quarter 1 - 364 interviews, Quarter 2 - 334 interviews, and Quarter 3 -331 interviews.</p>

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CY2007	48.4%	70%	430	49%	81	55%	51	47%	71	39%	65	52%	62	50%	100
CY2008	52.4%	75%	584	53%	107	55%	76	56%	98	44%	78	53%	102	52%	123
FY2009	52.8%	80%	846	57%	151	61%	99	51%	238	43%	113	50%	140	54%	201
FY2010-Q1	55.4%	90%	316	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											
FY2010-Q2	46.1%	90%	233												
FY2010-Q3	44.1%	90%	252												
FY2010YTD	47.2%	90%	801												

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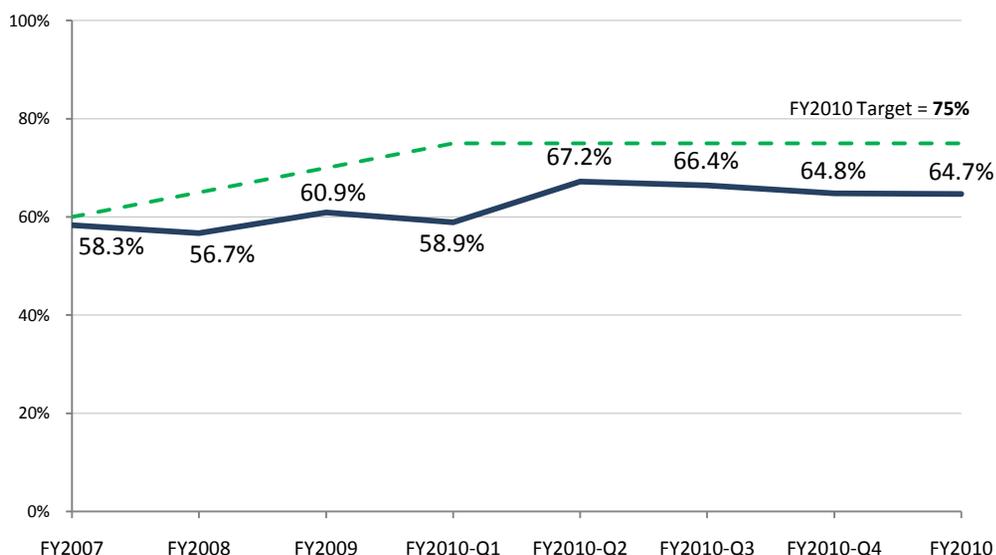
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Sibling Separation

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

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: FamLink, Data Warehouse, David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)

MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of siblings removed together during the FY and in care for at least 30 days who were placed with all other removed siblings.

DATA NOTES: **1** Counts the number and % of children placed with siblings, for all children with siblings in DCFS custody. **2** Uses a fiscal year entry cohort for each child entering out-of-home care. **3** Excludes all children with time in care < 30 days. **4** Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center.

5 Based on identifying the child's first placement setting in the removal episode and placement services authorized to identify first placements in a licensed or unlicensed foster home and no BRS services.

6 Children with full, half, and step siblings removed with 7 days of each other are included in this measure.

SUMMARY

- During FY2010, 64.7% of children placed in out-of-home care were placed with all of their siblings who were also placed in out-of-home care. This represents about a 4% increase in the number of sibling groups placed together from FY2009.

- Performance remains relatively stable with est. 6% increase since CY2007.

- Region 3 was the highest performer during FY2010 at 77%, reaching quarterly highs of 88%. Over time Region 5 has had the fewest number of sibling groups all placed together with FY2010 performance of 50%.

- Regions 3, 4 and 5 had an increase in performance during FY2010 and Regions 1, 2, and 6 performance slightly decreased in comparison to FY2009.

- A higher percentage of children residing with relatives are all placed together (FY2010 78.8%) in comparison to children in sibling groups residing with non-relative caregivers (FY2010 53.8%).

- **Highlights of info from WSU Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers:**

- Majority of children have a sibling not residing with them (at least 60%).

- Majority of siblings that reside elsewhere are half siblings (59.9%).

- Majority of siblings residing elsewhere are age 5 to 17 years old (est. 45%).

- Est. 20% of siblings that reside elsewhere are under 5 years and 10% are over 18 years of age.

- Siblings residing elsewhere live with foster parent (27%), mother/father (24%), relatives (14%).

- Several foster parent recruitment contracts were updated to include expectations for recruitment of sibling placement resources.

- Foster Family Connections and CA sponsored the 5th annual *Camp to Belong* that brought together 97 campers from 38 sibling groups.

ACTION PLAN

- Strengthen Family Team Decision Meeting practices to ensure discussion occurs regarding the value and plan to place siblings together and maintain relationships when brothers and sisters are placed apart.

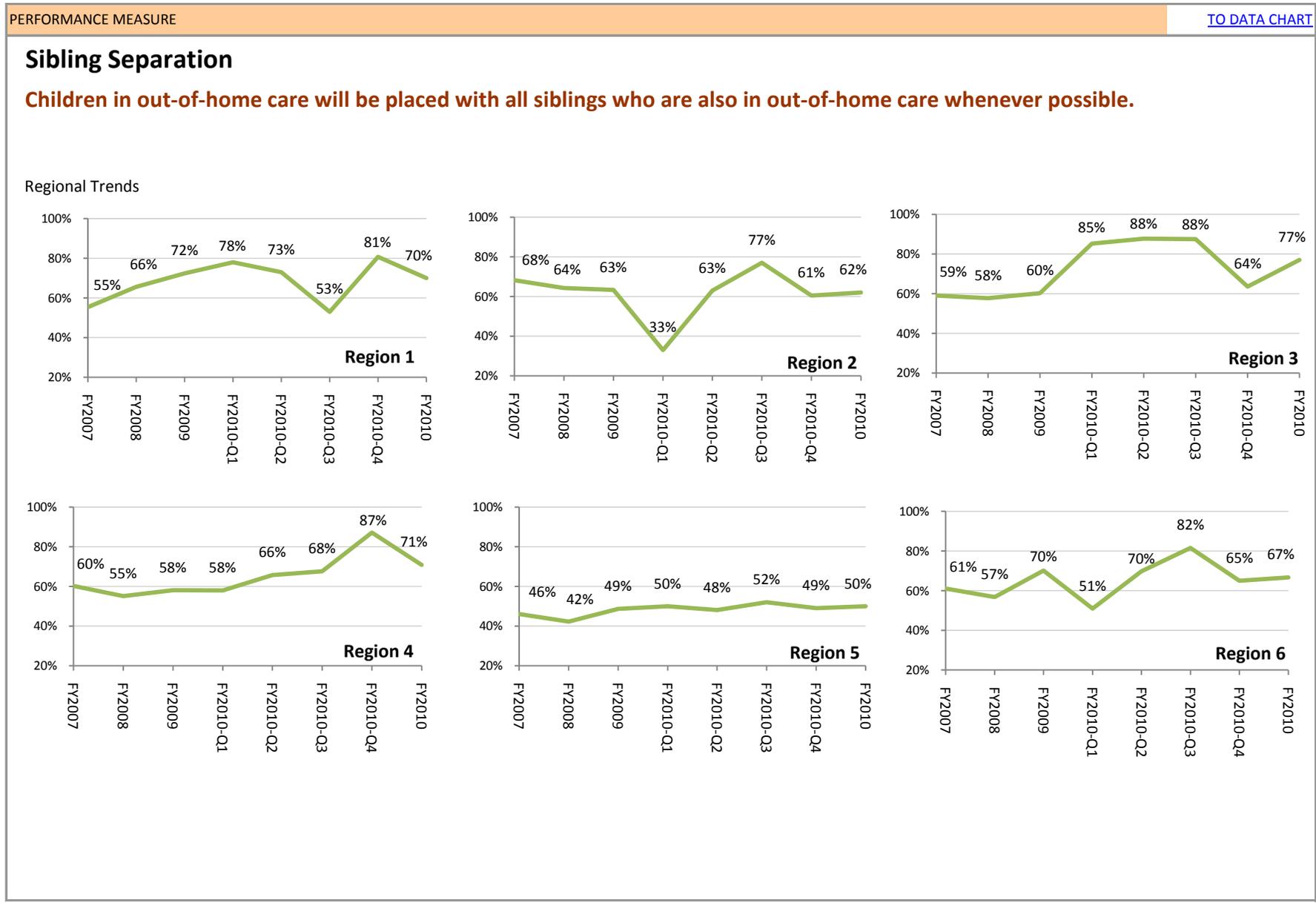
- Implement policy identifying priorities for making placement decisions that includes sibling relationships and protocol for placement coordinators.

- Explore feasibility of piloting recognized Neighbor to Family Program.

- Implement Performance-based contracting.

- Strengthen existing relative search and placement practices.

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Sibling Separation

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

Measure definition	Percentage of siblings removed together during the FY and in care for at least 30 days who were placed with all other removed siblings.
Data source	FamLink, Data Warehouse Tables
Data supplier	David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Counts the number and % of children placed with siblings, for all children with siblings in DCFS custody.</p> <p>2 Uses a fiscal year entry cohort for each child entering out-of-home care.</p> <p>3 Excludes all children with time in care < 30 days.</p> <p>4 Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center.</p> <p>5 Based on identifying the child's first placement setting in the removal episode and placement services authorized to identify first placements in a licensed or unlicensed foster home and no BRS services.</p> <p>6 Children with full, half, and step siblings removed with 7 days of each other are included in this measure.</p>

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FY2007	58.3%	60%	Counts not readily available	55%		68%		59%		60%		46%		61%	
FY2008	56.7%	65%		66%		64%		58%		55%		42%		57%	
FY2009	60.9%	70%		72%		63%		60%		58%		49%		70%	
FY2010-Q1	58.9%	75%	207	78%	18	33%	12	85%	34	58%	26	50%	66	51%	49
FY2010-Q2	67.2%	75%	241	73%	30	63%	30	88%	41	66%	35	48%	52	70%	53
FY2010-Q3	66.4%	75%	327	53%	64	77%	26	88%	56	68%	34	52%	98	82%	49
FY2010-Q4	64.8%	75%	469	81%	83	61%	38	64%	99	87%	39	49%	124	65%	86
FY2010	64.7%	75%	1245	70%	195	62%	106	77%	230	71%	134	50%	341	67%	237

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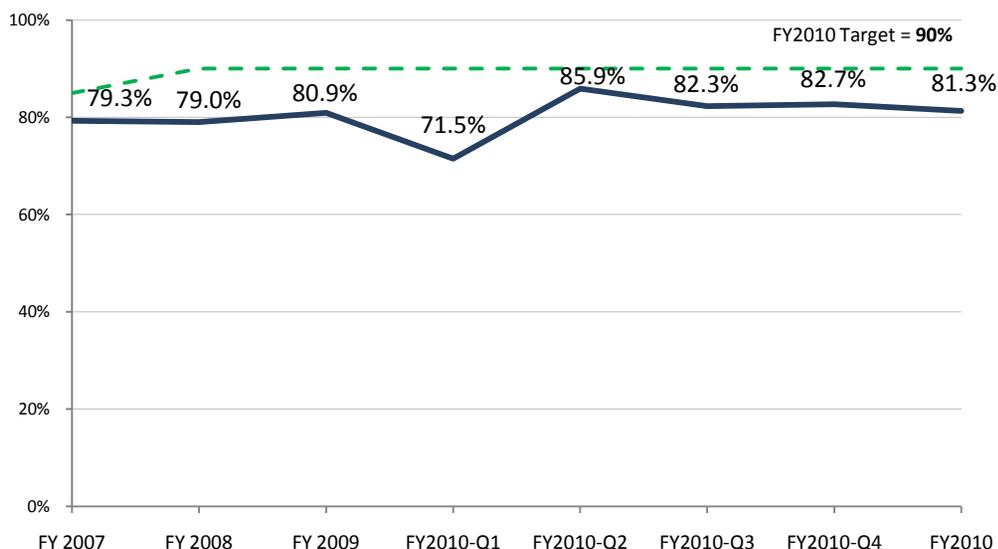
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Sibling Separation

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible.

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: FamLink, Data Warehouse, David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)

MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of siblings removed together during the FY and in care for at least 30 days who were placed with at least one other removed sibling.

DATA NOTES: **1** Counts the number and % of children placed with at least one sibling, for all children with siblings in DCFS custody. **2** Uses a fiscal year entry cohort for each child entering out-of-home care. **3** Excludes all children with time in care < 30 days. **4** Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center. **5** Based on identifying the child's first placement setting in the removal episode and placement services authorized to identify first placements in a licensed or unlicensed foster home and no BRS services. **6** Children with full, half, and step siblings removed with 7 days of each other are included in this measure.

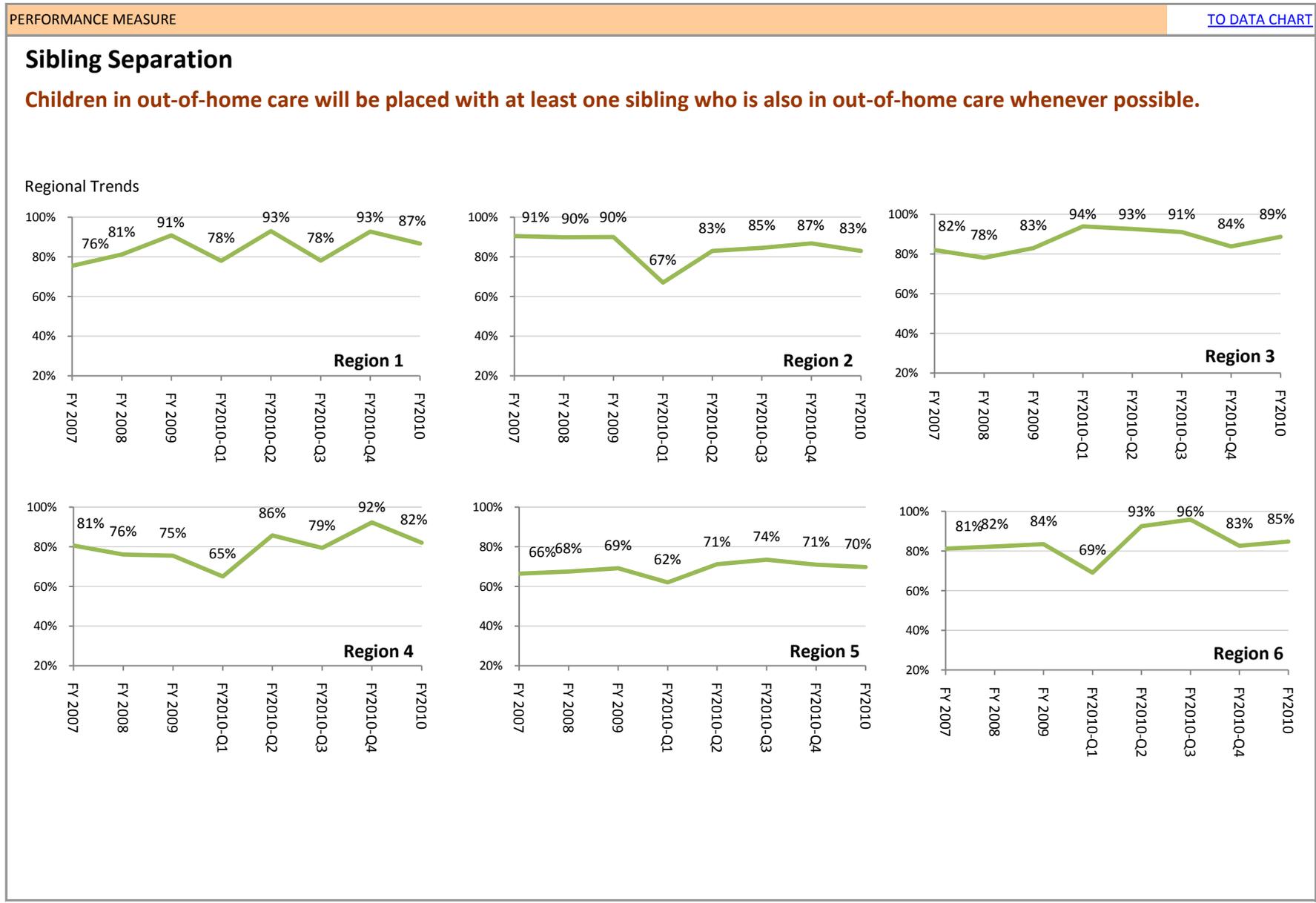
SUMMARY

- During FY2010, 81.3% of children placed in out-of-home care were placed with at least one sibling who was also placed in out-of-home care.
- Performance has remained relatively stable during the last four fiscal years with FY performance ranging between 79% - 81.3%.
- Region 3 was the highest performer during FY2010 at 89%, reaching a quarterly high of 94%. Over time Region 5 has had the fewest number of children placed with at least one sibling with FY2010 performance of 70%.
- Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6 had an increase in performance during FY2010 and Region 1 and 2 performance decreased in comparison to FY2009.
- A higher percentage of children residing with relatives are residing with at least one sibling (FY2010 89.6%) in comparison to children in sibling groups residing with non-relative caregivers (FY2010 74.9%).
- **Highlights of info from the WSU Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers:**
 - Majority of children have a sibling not residing with them (at least 60%).
 - Majority of siblings that reside elsewhere are half siblings (59.9%).
 - Majority of siblings residing elsewhere are age 5 to 17 years old (est. 45%).
 - Est. 20% of siblings that reside elsewhere are under 5 years and 10% are over 18 years of age.
 - Siblings residing elsewhere live with foster parent (27%), mother/father (24%), relatives (14%).
- Several foster parent recruitment contracts were updated to include expectations for recruitment of sibling placement resources.
- Foster Family Connections and CA sponsored the 5th annual *Camp to Belong* that brought together 97 campers from 38 sibling groups.

ACTION PLAN

- Strengthen Family Team Decision Meeting practices to ensure discussion occurs regarding the value and plan to place siblings together and maintain relationships when brothers and sisters are placed apart.
- Implement policy identifying priorities for making placement decisions that includes sibling relationships and protocol for placement coordinators.
- Explore feasibility of piloting recognized Neighbor to Family Program.
- Implement Performance-based contracting.
- Strengthen existing relative search and placement practices.

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Sibling Separation

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible.

Measure definition	Percentage of siblings removed together during the FY and in care for at least 30 days who were placed with at least one other removed sibling.
Data source	FamLink, Data Warehouse Tables
Data supplier	David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	January 2011
Frequency	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	<p>1 Counts the number and % of children placed with one or more siblings, for all children with siblings in DCFS custody.</p> <p>2 Uses a fiscal year entry cohort for each child entering out-of-home care.</p> <p>3 Excludes all children with time in care < 30 days.</p> <p>4 Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, Crisis Residential Center, etc.</p> <p>5 Based on identifying the child's first placement setting in removal episode and placement services authorized to identify first placements in a licensed or unlicensed foster home and no BRS services.</p> <p>6 Children with full, half, and step siblings removed with 7 days of each other are included in this measure.</p>

DATA

DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Children	Region 1	R1 Count	Region 2	R2 Count	Region 3	R3 Count	Region 4	R4 Count	Region 5	R5 Count	Region 6	R6 Count
FY 2007	79.3%	85%	Counts not readily available	76%		91%		82%		81%		66%		81%	
FY 2008	79.0%	90%		81%		90%		78%		76%		68%		82%	
FY 2009	80.9%	90%		91%		90%		83%		75%		69%		84%	
FY2010-Q1	71.5%	90%	207	78%	18	67%	12	94%	34	65%	26	62%	66	69%	49
FY2010-Q2	85.9%	90%	241	93%	30	83%	30	93%	41	86%	35	71%	52	93%	53
FY2010-Q3	82.3%	90%	327	78%	64	85%	26	91%	56	79%	34	74%	98	96%	49
FY2010-Q4	82.7%	90%	469	93%	83	87%	38	84%	99	92%	39	71%	124	83%	86
FY2010	81.3%	90%	1245	87%	195	83%	106	89%	230	82%	134	70%	341	85%	237

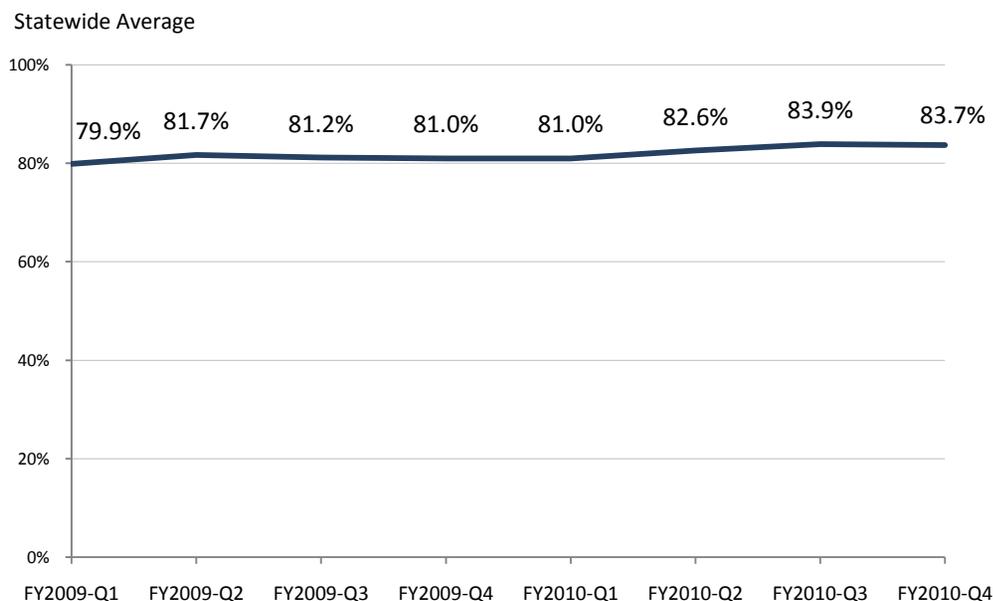
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PERFORMANCE MEASURE

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Placement Stability: First Year of Care (Alternative Data: Two or Fewer Placements)

Percentage of children with fewer than three events (placements) in an episode by time in care for up to one year, excluding children in care for less than eight days.



DATA SOURCE: FamLink, Data Warehouse, David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)

MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of children with fewer than three events (placements) in an episode by time in care for up to one year, excluding children in care for less than eight days.

DATA NOTES: **1** Based on open/exit cohorts for a quarter or FY for children in care up to 12 months as of end of cohort period and excludes children in care for at least 8 days. **2** Measure uses Federal rules for including and counting placement events within episodes. Second Round CFSR national median is 83.3%, 75% percentile is 86%. **3** Youth over 17 years of age at time of cohort start date are excluded. **4** Return Home for this measure is defined as the start of a Trial Return Home or the date of formal discharge from care, whichever comes first. **5** Up to 160 children a quarter are not included in regional counts due to missing data in tables used to develop this report. The number of data with missing regions decreases significantly with more recent quarters (e.g. 13 children with an unidentified region for FY2010-Q4).

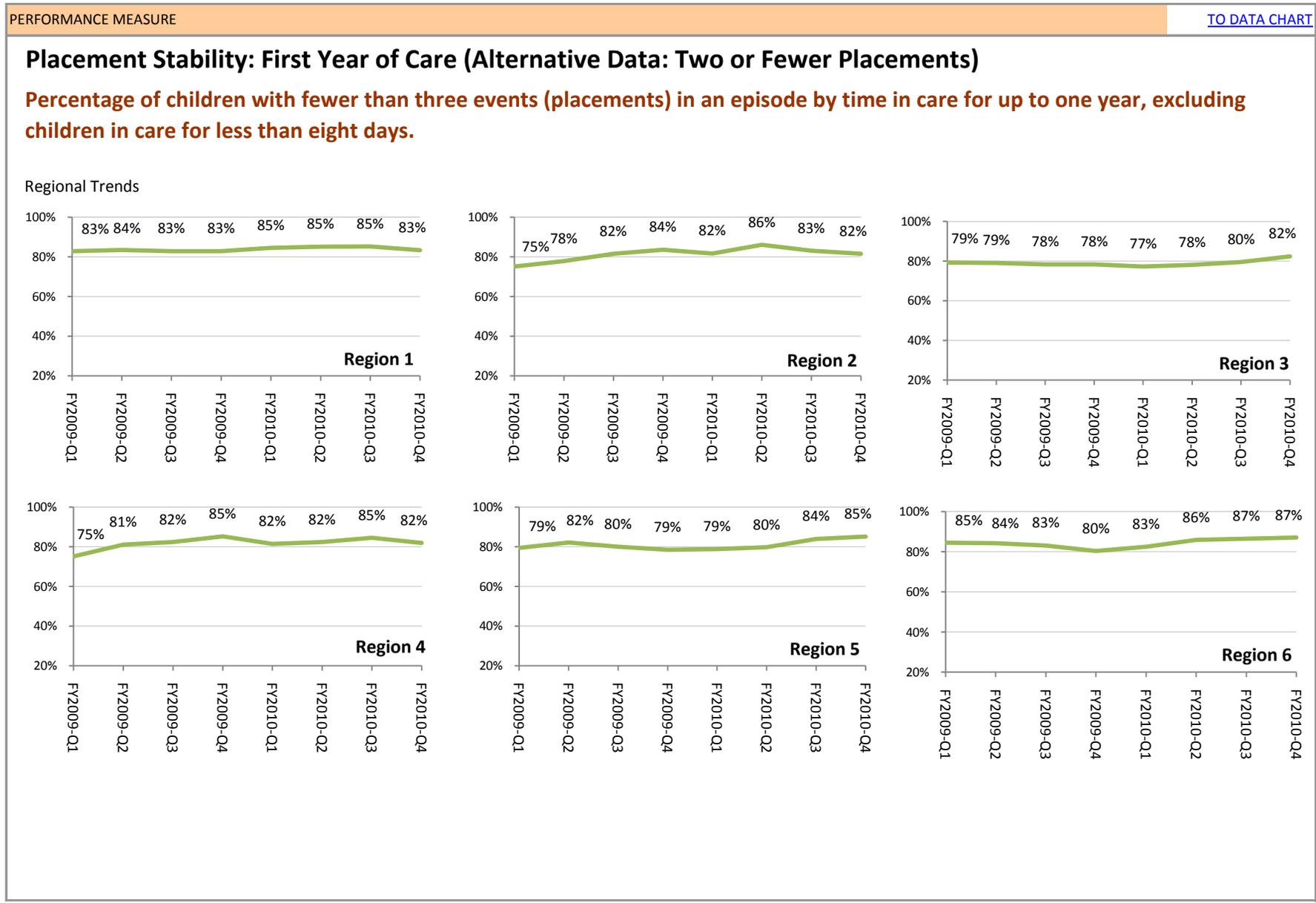
SUMMARY

- During the last two quarters of FY2010, approximately 84% of children in care less than one year experienced two or fewer placements during their first year in care.
- Performance on this measure shows a small but steady trend of improvement over the last nine quarters.
- Regions 1 and 6 have slightly higher performance in comparison to other regions during the last two fiscal years.
- Regions 2, 4, and 5 show an improvement of 6-7% between the first quarter of FY2009 and the last quarter of FY2010.
- Placement stability and continuity is important for children's personal development and achievement.
- Children moving to a new placements may involve transitions into relative care, an adoptive home, or other setting to complete the permanent plan.
- Social workers use Family Team Decision Making (FTDM) meetings when making placement decisions and to help prevent a child's placement from disrupting.
- When a child's case plan is submitted to the court recommending a new placement or change in placement the social worker must submit supporting documents to the court relevant to the recommendation.

ACTION PLAN

- Strengthen understanding of placement mobility in Washington through research done by Partners for Our Children (POC), University of Washington and Chapin Hall.
- Strengthen the use and effectiveness of FTDM meetings, including meetings to prevent placement disruption with the assistance of the Annie E. Casey foundation.
- Increase supports for relative caregivers, including creating regional teams to address licensing barriers.
- Revise minimum licensing standards to simplify language so rules are easily understood and provide flexibility in meeting standards while assuring child safety.
- Implement new practice for social workers to develop a support plan with caregivers when indicated by the needs of the child, placement of a sibling group, or a newly licensed foster home.

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Placement Stability: First Year of Care (Alternative Data: Two or Fewer Placements)

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DATA

DATE	Statewide Rate	Total Applicable Children	Region 1	R1 Count	Region 2	R2 Count	Region 3	R3 Count	Region 4	R4 Count	Region 5	R5 Count	Region 6	R6 Count
FY2009-Q1	79.9%	4028	83%	737	75%	481	79%	672	75%	547	79%	758	85%	672
FY2009-Q2	81.7%	4064	84%	690	78%	480	79%	680	81%	541	82%	824	84%	702
FY2009-Q3	81.2%	4264	83%	695	82%	500	78%	746	82%	545	80%	905	83%	754
FY2009-Q4	81.0%	4187	83%	653	84%	529	78%	679	85%	563	79%	920	80%	743
FY2010-Q1	81.0%	4060	85%	634	82%	508	77%	634	82%	546	79%	772	83%	772
FY2010-Q2	82.6%	3927	85%	601	86%	517	78%	598	82%	569	80%	841	86%	751
FY2010-Q3	83.9%	3731	85%	632	83%	467	80%	526	85%	573	84%	824	87%	683
FY2010-Q4	83.7%	4184	83%	687	82%	522	82%	636	82%	596	85%	994	87%	736

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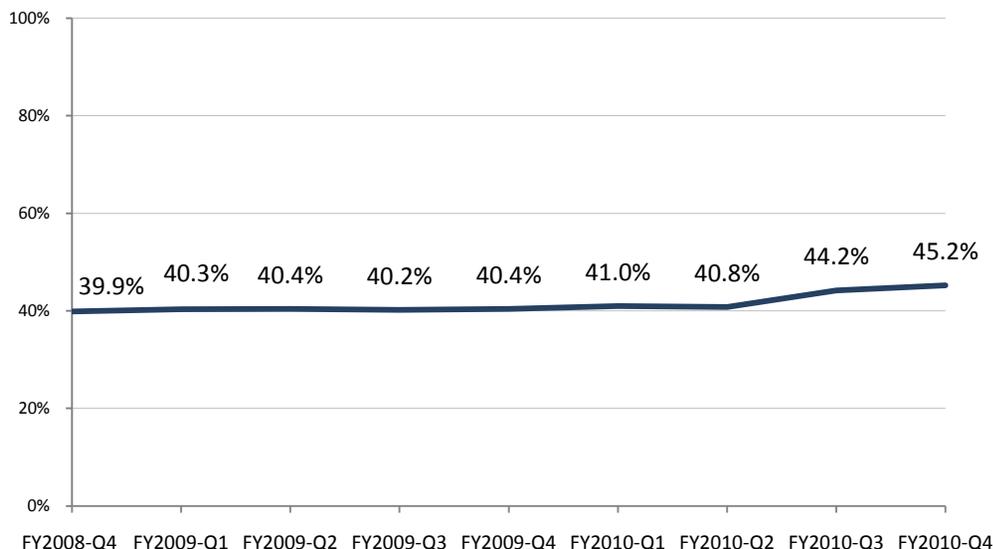
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

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Placement Stability: Ongoing (Alternative Data: Two or Fewer Placements)

Percentage of children currently in care who have not moved within 12 months of their previous move or entry into placements; for all children in care at least one year.

Statewide Average



DATA SOURCE: FamLink, Data Warehouse, David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)

MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of children currently in care who have not moved within 12 months of their previous move or entry into placements; for all children in care at least one year.

DATA NOTES: **1** Percentage of children currently in care who have not moved within 12 months of their previous move or entry into placement. **2** Based on open/exit cohorts for a given reporting period for children in care with LOS >= 1 year. **3** Uses Washington State exclusion rules that classifies more moves as temporary and excludes them from the count of moves in comparison to the Federal measure. **4** Excludes children > 17 as of the beginning of the cohort period. **5** Return Home for this measure is defined as the start of a Trial Return Home or the date of formal discharge from care, whichever comes first.

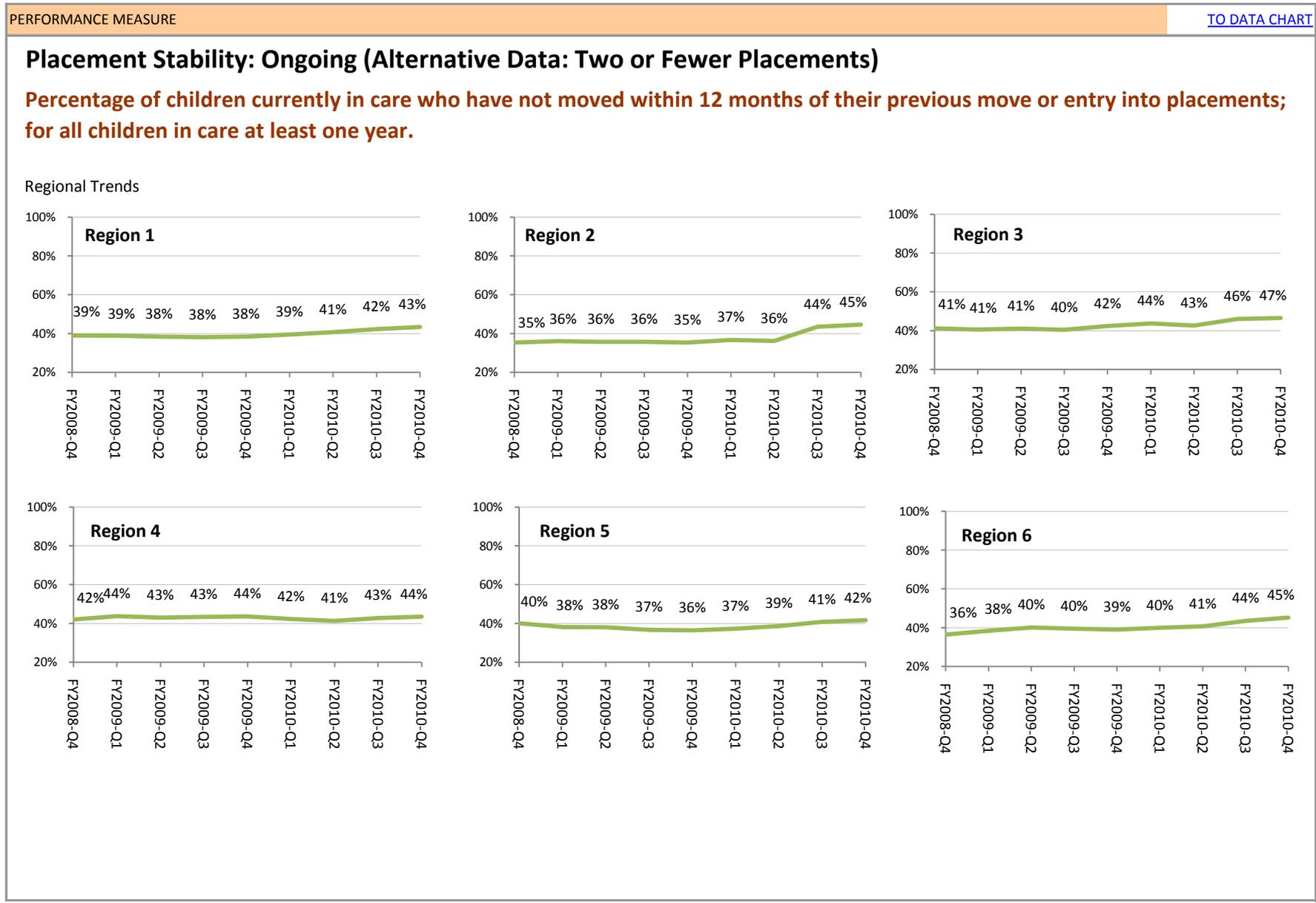
SUMMARY

- Less than half of the children in out-of-home care for at least one year remained in the same placement during the previous 12 months in care (FY2008 – FY2010).
- Performance on this measure has remained relatively stable over the last nine quarters. During the last two quarters of FY2010, 3-5 percent more children in care greater than one year did not move during their last 12 months (44% - 45%) in comparison to previous quarters.
- Performance in Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6 show steady increase over time.
- FY2010 data for this measure does not indicate a strong relationship for this stability measure and time in care (1<2 Years – 44.7%, 2<3 Years – 43.2%, 3<4 Years = 41.2%, 4 Years or More – 43.2%).
- Children moving to new placements may involve transitions into relative care, an adoptive home, or other setting to complete the permanent plan.
- Stability performance is better for children who spend a large amount of their time in out of home care with relatives.
- Social workers use Family Team Decision Making (FTDM) meetings to help stabilize and prevent a child's placement from disrupting.
- When a child's case plan is submitted to the court recommending a change in placement the social worker must submit supporting documents to the court relevant to the recommendation.
- Regional Administrators must approve most placement moves for children who have been in the same placement for 12 months or longer.

ACTION PLAN

- Strengthen understanding of placement mobility in Washington through research done by Partners for Our Children (POC), University of Washington and Chapin Hall.
- Strengthen use and effectiveness of FTDM meetings with the assistance of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- Increase supports for relative caregivers, including creating regional teams to address licensing barriers.
- Revise minimum licensing standards so rules are easily understood and provide flexibility in meeting standards while assuring child safety.
- Implement new practice for social workers to develop a support plan with caregivers when indicated by the needs of the child, placement of a sibling group, or a newly licensed foster home.

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Placement Stability: Ongoing (Alternative Data: Two or Fewer Placements)

Percentage of children currently in care who have not moved within 12 months of their previous move or entry into placements; for all children in care at least one year.

Measure definition	Percentage of children currently in care who have not moved within 12 months of their previous move or entry into placement; for all children in care at least one year. This is a measure of placement stabilization of children regardless of their time in care or number of placement moves in the past. ☐
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DATA

DATE	Statewide Ratio	Number w/out Placement Move in 12 mo.	Number in Placement at Least 1 Year	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
FY2008-Q4	39.9%	2730	6834	39%	35%	41%	42%	40%	36%
FY2009-Q1	40.3%	2778	6895	39%	36%	41%	44%	38%	38%
FY2009-Q2	40.4%	2760	6824	38%	36%	41%	43%	38%	40%
FY2009-Q3	40.2%	2655	6609	38%	36%	40%	43%	37%	40%
FY2009-Q4	40.4%	2681	6629	38%	35%	42%	44%	36%	39%
FY2010-Q1	41.0%	2590	6317	39%	37%	44%	42%	37%	40%
FY2010-Q2	40.8%	2490	6107	41%	36%	43%	41%	39%	41%
FY2010-Q3	44.2%	2762	6252	42%	44%	46%	43%	41%	44%
FY2010-Q4	45.2%	2790	6173	43%	45%	47%	44%	42%	45%