Children's Administration

April 2011

Braam Settlement Agreement Quarterly Informational Performance Report

May 18, 2011

Washington State
Department of Social
& Health Services

CA Children's Administration

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

Table of Contents

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Informational Report	Braam Settlement Agreement Reference	Description	Benchmark	Actual *Informational Purposes*	Page Number *Quick Link*
Placement Stability - Two or Fewer Placements	Placement Stability, Goal 1, Outcome 2	Percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current episode of out-of-home care (based on percentage of children entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time-in-care specifications based on entry year).	90%	88.4% (FY11-Q3) 89.0% (FY11-Q2)	3
Child Health and Education Plan Updated in ISSP every 6 Months	Mental Health, Goal 2, Outcome 2	Percentage of children in out-of-home care that have their health and education plan in their ISSP updated every 6 months.	90%	87.5% (FY11-Q2) 79.0% (FY11-Q1)	6
Annual Screening of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Needs Documented in FamLink	*Alternative Measure:* Mental Health, Goal 3, Outcome 2	Percentage of children and youth in out-of-home care on the last day of the quarter that were in care for at least 12 months with FamLink showing they were screened for mental health and substance abuse needs during the previous 12 months.	90% for Outcome	53.4% (FY11-Q2) 56.0% (FY11-Q1)	9
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).	90%	80.8% (FY11-Q1) 76.6% (FY10-Q4)	12
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.	95%	77.4% (FY11-Q1) 53.5% (FY10-Q4)	17

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 (PAAY) 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.	95%	64.0% (FY11-Q1) 59.5% (FY10-Q4)	20
DLR CPS Investigations	*Alternative Measure:* Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 2, Outcome 2	Percentage of Licensing Resources (DLR) 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.	100%	97.9% (FY11-Q2) 97.8% (FY11-Q1) 99.2% (FY10)	23
Sibling Placement (All Siblings)	Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 1	Percentage of siblings removed together during the quarter that were placed with all other removed siblings.	75%	64.4% (FY11-Q2) 67.9% (FY11-Q1)	26
Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)	Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 2	Percentage of siblings removed together during the quarter that were placed with some or all other removed siblings.	90%	81.0% (FY11-Q2) 77.5% (FY11-Q1)	31
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 at least one of their siblings.	90%	48.0% (FY11-Q2) 45.0% (FY10-Q4)	36
Youth on Runaway Status	*Informational Data:* Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1	Count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. Additional characteristics about the youth and run event are included: length of time on the run (open run events), number of run events during the placement episode, placement setting youth ran from, age grouping and race/ethnicity of the youth.	N/A	N/A	39

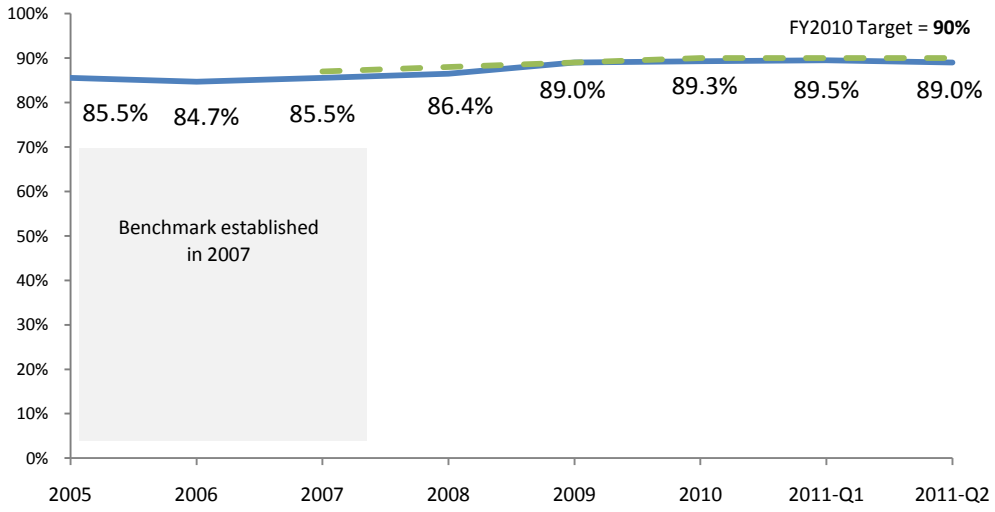
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Placement Stability - Two or Fewer Placements

The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home care episode will increase (outcome measure based on percentage of youth entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time in care specifications based on entry year. (Placement Stability, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

Statewide Performance



DATA SOURCE: FamLink; supplied by Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration
MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of youth entering care during the previous two fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements (with time-in-care specifications based on entry year).
DATA NOTES: **1** Population includes foster youth entering out-of-home care during the 24 months prior to the end of the quarter. **2** Population includes children and youth who were in care for at least 30 days and under CA Placement and Care Authority (PCA). **3** The measure is based on time in care. The population includes new placement entries beginning up to 12 months from the end of the last complete quarter with length of stay between 30-365 days and placements beginning between 1-2 years from the end of the last complete quarter with length of stay between 366-730 days. **4** Counts of placement moves include exclusions approved by the Braam Oversight Panel, including children/youth's first placement with relatives and first placement with other siblings. *(See complete Data Notes on page 5)*

SUMMARY

- **89% of children entering out of home care experienced two or fewer placements during their time in care.**
- **Performance shows incremental improvement during the past four years. This quarter CA is 1% within of meeting the 90% benchmark.**
- **Regions 4 and 5 met the benchmark for FY2011-Q2.**
- **Placement stability and continuity is important for children's personal development and achievement.**
- **Children who experience a change in placement may be moving into relative care, an adoptive home, or other setting to complete their 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 court and a new placement or change in placement is recommended CA is required to submit supporting documents relevant to the recommendation.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Strengthen understanding of placement mobility in Washington state, including feasibility of Partners for Our Children (POC) updating the results of their recently published study and providing additional analysis to inform policy and practice decisions.**
- **Strengthen use and effectiveness of FTDM meetings with assistance from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.**
- **Increase supports for relative caregivers.**
- **Revise minimum licensing standards so rules are easily understood and provide flexibility in meeting standards while assuring child safety.**
- **Implement new practice to develop a support plan with caregivers when placing children in their care based on the needs of the child, placement of a sibling group, or a newly licensed foster home.**

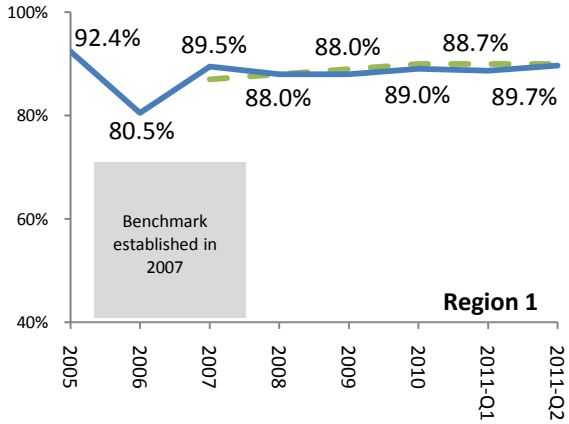
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

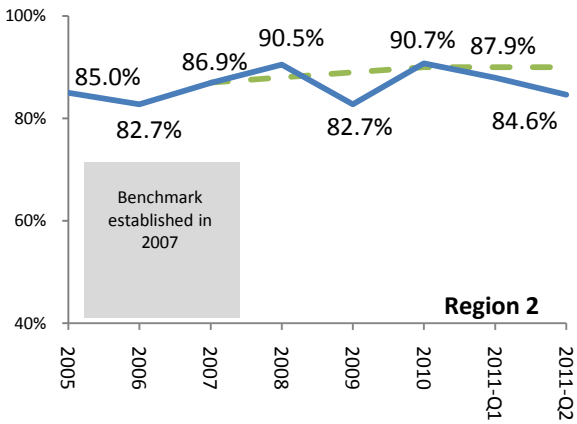
TO DATA CHART

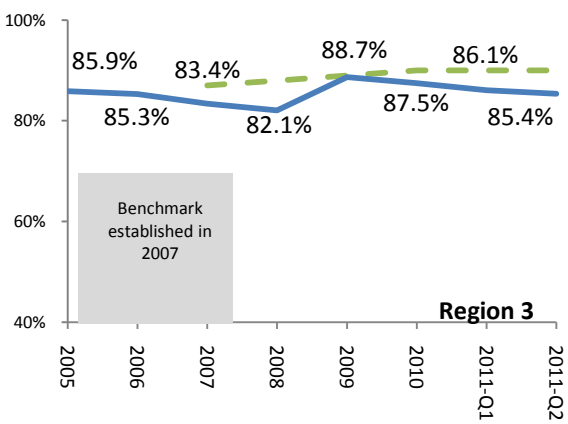
Placement Stability - Two or Fewer Placements

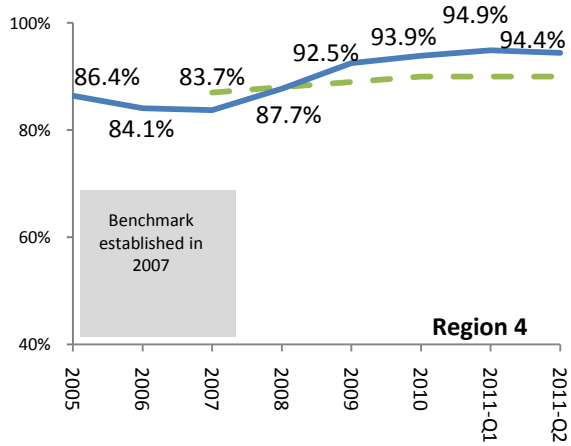
The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home care episode will increase (outcome measure based on percentage of youth entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time in care specifications based on entry year. (Placement Stability, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

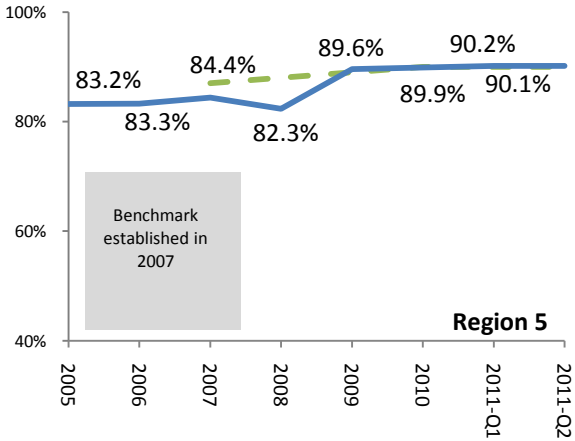
Regional Trends (FY2010 Target = 90%)

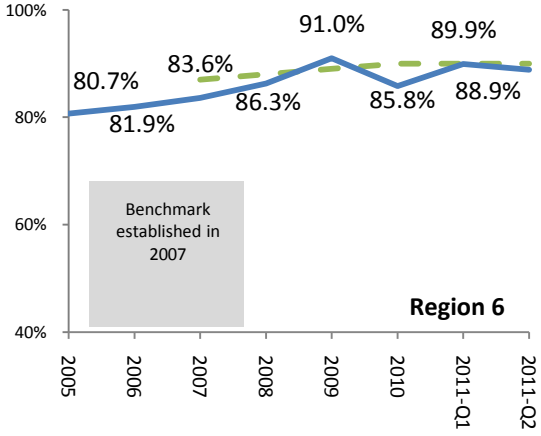












Children's Administration

Placement Stability - Two or Fewer Placements

The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home care episode will increase (outcome measure based on percentage of youth entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time in care specifications based on entry year. (Placement Stability, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

Measure definition	Percentage of youth entering care during the previous two fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements (with time-in-care specifications based on entry year)
Data source	FamLink Run Date 4-14-2011
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Quarter
Data notes	**1** Population includes foster youth entering out-of-home care during the 24 months prior to the end of the quarter. **2** Population includes children and youth who were in care for at least 30 days and under CA Placement and Care Authority (PCA). **3** The measure is based on time in care. The population includes new placement entries beginning up to 12 months from the end of the last complete quarter with length of stay between 30-365 days and placements beginning between 1-2 years from the end of the last complete quarter with length of stay between 366-730 days. **4** Counts of placement moves include exclusions approved by the Braam Oversight Panel, including children/youth's first placement with relatives and first placement with other siblings. **5** FY2009 data has been 'corrected' based on new report methodology using FamLink Data Warehouse tables. The original FY2009 data was based on FamLink Release 1 data tables develop prior to the Data Warehouse. **6** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

DATA

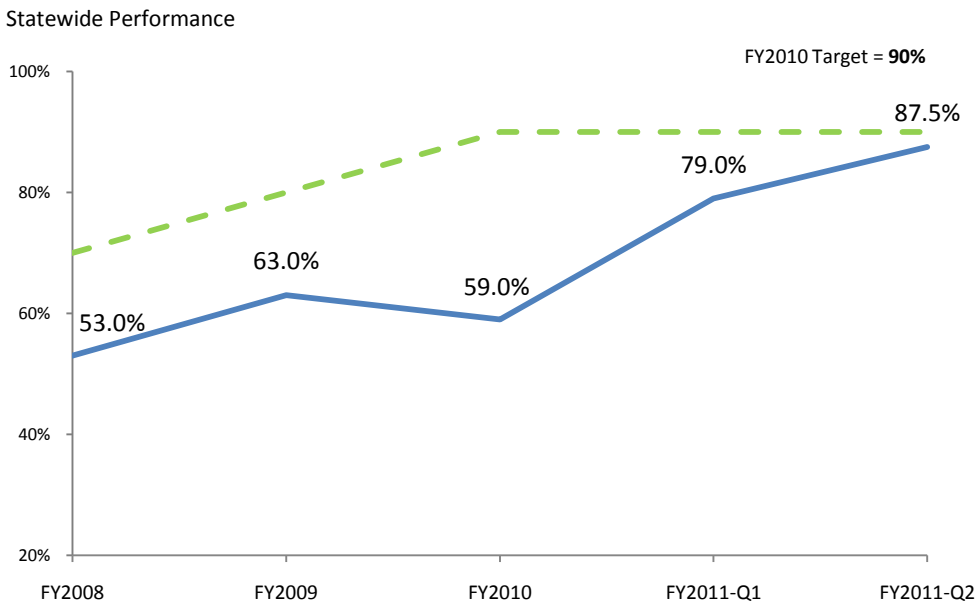
DATE	Statewide Performance	TARGET	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
2005	85.5%		92.4%	85.0%	85.9%	86.4%	83.2%	80.7%
2006	84.7%		80.5%	82.7%	85.3%	84.1%	83.3%	81.9%
2007	85.5%	87.0%	89.5%	86.9%	83.4%	83.7%	84.4%	83.6%
2008	86.4%	88.0%	88.0%	90.5%	82.1%	87.7%	82.3%	86.3%
2009	89.0%	89.0%	88.0%	82.7%	88.7%	92.5%	89.6%	91.0%
2010	89.3%	90.0%	89.0%	90.7%	87.5%	93.9%	89.9%	85.8%
2011-Q1	89.5%	90.0%	88.7%	87.9%	86.1%	94.9%	90.2%	89.9%
2011-Q2	89.0%	90.0%	89.7%	84.6%	85.4%	94.4%	90.1%	88.9%

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

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. (Mental Health, Goal 2, Outcome 2)



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** FY2008 was the first year case review data was available to report on this outcome. **2** The Central Case Review Team conducts case record reviews across the state and their schedule provides for each office to be reviewed approximately every 18 months. **3** Reviews involve a random sample of cases from all program areas that were open during the six months prior to the review quarter. **4** There were five offices from three regions reviewed during FY2011-Quarter 2. *(See complete Data Notes on page 8)*

SUMMARY

- **Our performance for the second quarter of 2011 for having updated Health and Education Plans in children's Individual Safety and Service Plans (ISSP) was 87.5%.**
- **The number of applicable cases used to measure performance on this outcome was limited to 24 cases from five offices during FY2011-Q2.**
- **During FY2011-Q2, Regions 2, 3 and 6 had cases reviewed to measure performance on this outcome. Regions 3 and 6 achieved 100% performance.**
- **During FY2010 regional performance ranged between 39% and 82%. Region 4 was the highest performer at 82% and consistently performs well on this outcome. Regions 1, 3, and 5 showed improvement during FY2010.**
- **Case review shows the main reasons cases were rated not achieved: (a) the child's health status was not documented, (b) the child's health and education status were not documented, and (c) the child's health status did not address dental care.**
- **In September 2010, the ISSP form was modified to identify the FamLink Education Plan as a required attachment. Staff received a refresher training during the October 2010 Policy Roll-Out Training.**

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.**

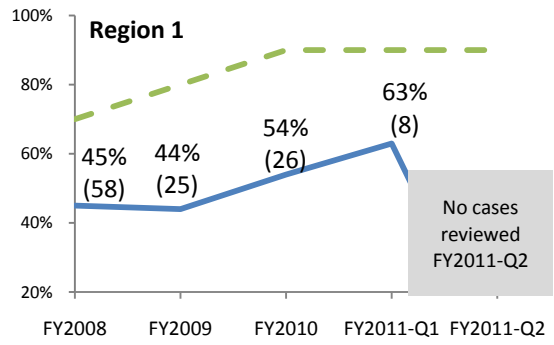
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

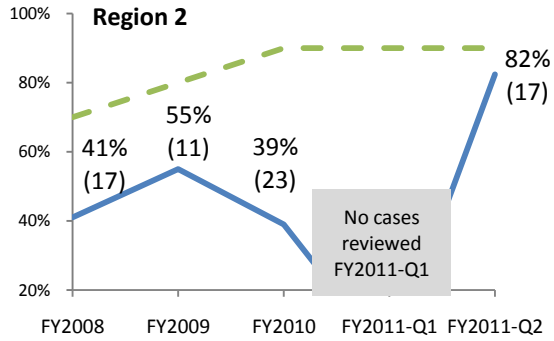
TO DATA CHART

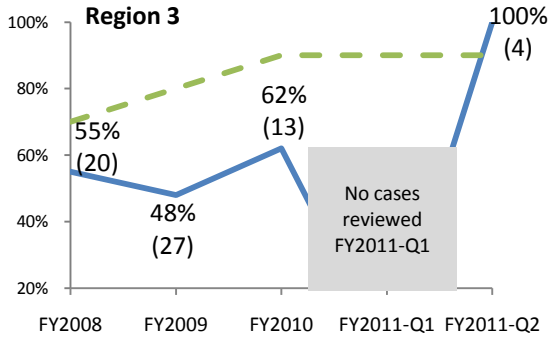
Health and Education Plans Updated in ISSP every 6 Months

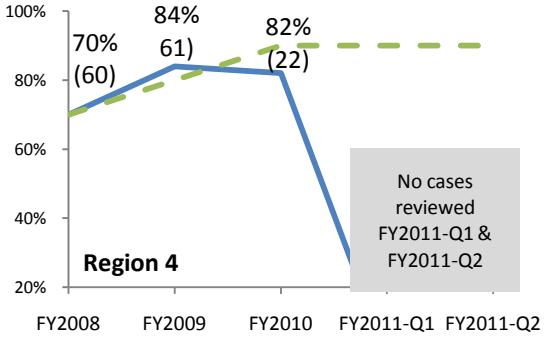
Children in out of home care will have health and education plans in their ISSP's updated every six months. (Mental Health, Goal 2, Outcome 2)

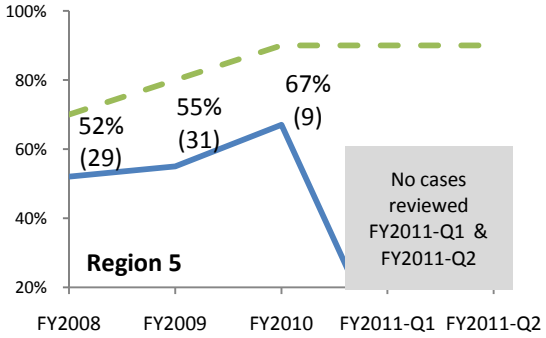
Regional Trends (Number in parenthesis is total count of applicable cases)

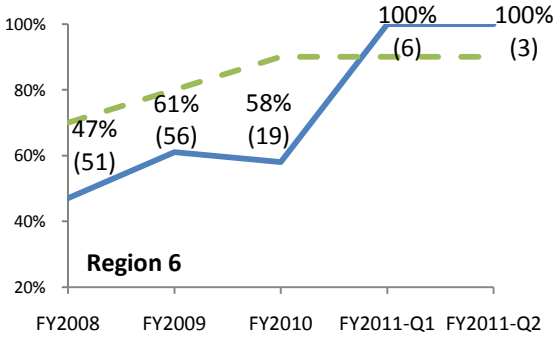












Children's Administration

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. (Mental Health, Goal 2, Outcome 2)

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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	**1** FY2008 was the first year case review data was available to report on this outcome. **2** The Central Case Review Team conducts case record reviews across the state and their schedule provides for each office to be reviewed approximately every 18 months. **3** Reviews involve a random sample of cases from all program areas that were open during the six months prior to the review quarter. **4** There were five offices from three regions reviewed during FY2011-Quarter 2. **5** Cases were applicable when the child was in care six months or longer. **6** The most recent ISSP was reviewed for this benchmark using standard case review criteria for this item. Criteria to achieve full compliance: Screenings and assessments for the child occurred and the most recent ISSP identified and addressed new and ongoing needs of the child resulting from assessments. The plan included routine health care and schooling and when applicable: • Specialized medical needs and treatment plan, • Mental health needs and treatment plan, • Substance Abuse needs and treatment plan, • Developmental needs and treatment plan, • Special education needs and education plan, or Screenings and assessments for the child have occurred and the most recent ISSP identified the new and ongoing needs of the child resulting from assessments and a plan for services or implementation of services to address all identified needs (including routine care) was documented in the case record. **7** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

DATA

DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Cases	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Region 4		Region 5		Region 6	
				%	Case Count	%	Case Count	%	Case Count	%	Case Count	%	Case Count	%	Case Count
FY2008	53.0%	70%	235	45%	58	41%	17	55%	20	70%	60	52%	29	47%	51
FY2009	63.0%	80%	211	44%	25	55%	11	48%	27	84%	61	55%	31	61%	56
FY2010	59.0%	90%	112	54%	26	39%	23	62%	13	82%	22	67%	9	58%	19
FY2011-Q1	79.0%	90%	14	63%	8	0%	N/A	0%	N/A	0%	N/A	0%	N/A	100%	6
FY2011-Q2	87.5%	90%	24	0%	N/A	82%	17	100%	4	0%	N/A	0%	N/A	100%	3

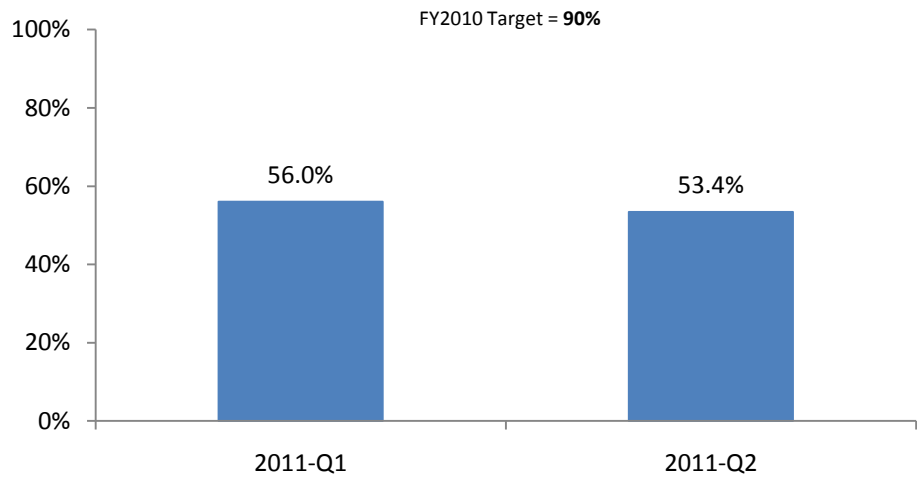
INFORMATIONAL MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Annual Screening for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs Documented in FamLink

Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months. (Mental Health, Goal 3, Outcome 2, Alternative Measure)

Statewide Performance



DATA SOURCE: FamLink; supplied by Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration
MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of children and youth in out-of-home care on the last day of the quarter that were in care for at least 12 months with FamLink showing they were screened for mental health and substance abuse needs during the previous 12 months.
DATA NOTES: **1** This is the second quarter this alternative report is being used to provide information on the corresponding outcome measure. **2** This alternative report is based solely on information documented in FamLink. The annual performance measure used to evaluate compliance with the Braam Settlement Agreement outcome uses additional data sources to identify qualifying mental health and substance abuse screenings: Regional Support Network (RSN) data and Medicaid billing and encounter records. The alternative quarterly measure is limited to FamLink documentation due to the time lag and workload to receive and cross-match RSN mental health service and Medicaid billing and encounter records data. *(See complete Data Notes on page 11)*

SUMMARY

- **About 53% of children and youth in out-of-home care for 12 months or longer during FY2011-Q2 have FamLink documentation showing they received a qualifying screening for mental health and substance abuse needs in the previous 12 months.**
- **This report is based solely on qualifying screening and treatment services documented in FamLink. The corresponding outcome measure uses additional data sources to identify qualifying screenings, including Regional Support Network (RSN) data and Medicaid billing and encounter records.**
- **Children and youth may have received a mental health or substance abuse screening, assessment or treatment service from an RSN, physician, community or private mental health or substance abuse treatment provider, and the information is not documented in FamLink in a manner that can be used for reporting purposes.**
- **Good health and emotional well-being increase the likelihood of developmental, social, and educational achievement.**
- **The Fostering Well-Being (FWB) Program is making great strides implementing strategies that will help improve performance on this outcome.**
- **CA social workers receive an annual automated FamLink reminder to schedule EPSDT exams for children on their caseload.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to validate and refine the new FamLink Management Report.**
- **Continue to communicate practice expectations and FamLink documentation instructions.**
- **Continue to implement the FWB Program, including providing caregiver's brochures about EPSDT exams, developing annual notification letter for caregivers to schedule the EPSDT exam, and communication with healthcare providers regarding information and billing instructions for EPSDT exams.**

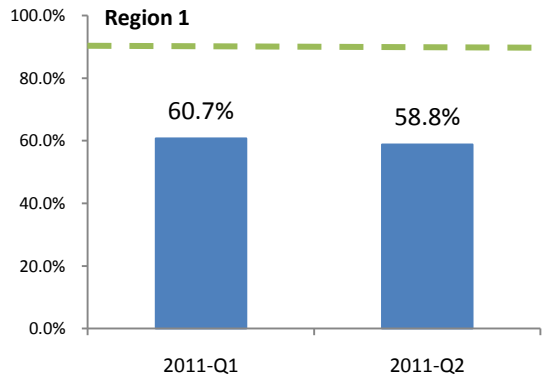
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

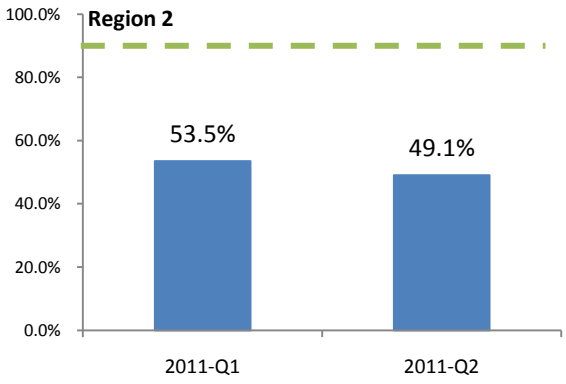
TO DATA CHART

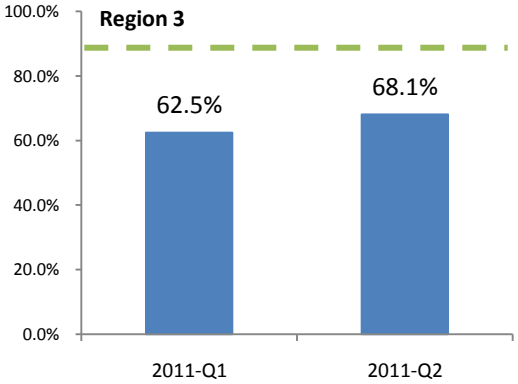
Annual Screening for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs Documented in FamLink

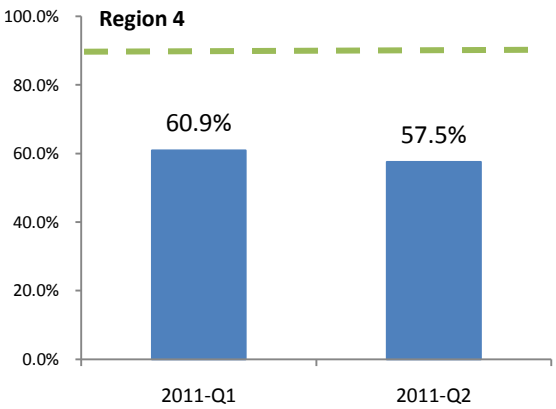
Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months. (Mental Health, Goal 3, Outcome 2, Alternative Measure)

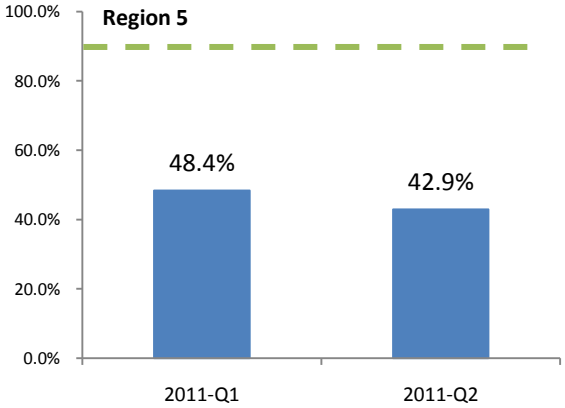
Regional Trends

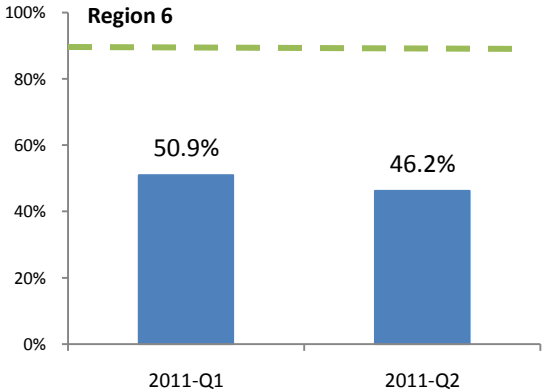












Children's Administration

Annual Screening for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs Documented in FamLink

Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months. (Mental Health, Goal 3, Outcome 2, Alternative Measure)

Measure definition	Percentage of children and youth in out-of-home care on the last day of the quarter that were in care for at least 12 months with FamLink showing they were screened for mental health and substance abuse needs during the previous 12 months.
Data source	FamLink Run Date 4/20/2011
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Quarter
Data notes	**1** This is the second quarter this alternative report is being used to provide information on the corresponding outcome measure. **2** This alternative report is based solely on information documented in FamLink. The annual performance measure used to evaluate compliance with the Braam Settlement Agreement outcome uses additional data sources to identify qualifying mental health and substance abuse screenings: Regional Support Network (RSN) data and Medicaid billing and encounter records. The alternative quarterly measure is limited to FamLink documentation due to the time lag and workload to receive and cross-match RSN mental health service and Medicaid billing and encounter records data. **3** FY2011-Q1 data was updated with the April 2011 quarterly report to reflect the most current performance data available. **4** Population includes children and youth under the age of 18 years, placed under CA Placement and Care Authority (PCA) that met the following criteria: (a) were in out-of-home care on the last day of the quarter and were in care for at least 12 months, and (b) exited from out of home care during the quarter and were in out of home care for at least 12 months. **5** Performance evaluates whether the child received a qualifying screening within 12 months previous to the last day of the quarter or within 12 months from their exit from care according to information documented in FamLink. **6** Qualifying screenings in FamLink include Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) exam, and mental health or substance abuse screening, assessment, or treatment services (e.g. Behavioral Rehabilitative Services (BRS), CA funded psychological treatment or counseling services) during the previous 12 months. **7** This newly developed informational report and the report methodology is still in the process of being validated and refined. **8** A copy of the December 2010 Caregiver Connection newsletter is posted on the foster parent website at: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ca/Caregiver_Connection_DEC10.pdf

DATA

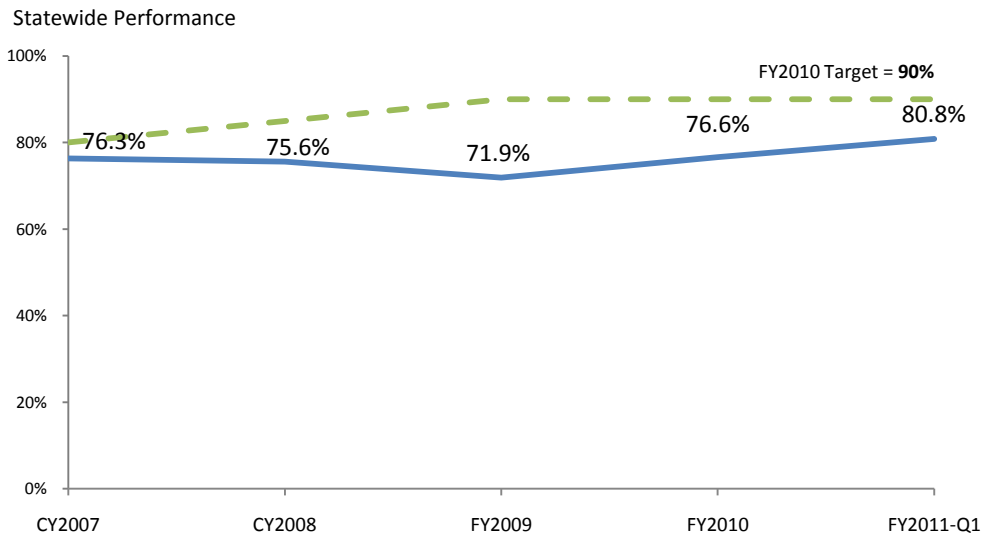
DATE	Statewide Performance	TARGET	Total Children	Region 1	R1 Counts	Region 2	R2 Counts	Region 3	R3 Counts	Region 4	R4 Counts	Region 5	R5 Counts	Region 6	R6 Counts
2011-Q1	56.0%	90%	5583	60.7%	532	53.5%	370	62.5%	609	60.9%	573	48.4%	504	50.9%	539
2011-Q2	53.4%	90%	5479	58.8%	489	49.1%	343	68.1%	626	57.5%	527	42.9%	455	46.2%	487

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

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). (Foster Parent Training and Information, Goal 1, Outcome 2)



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 T**his outcome measure combines a total of seven questions: Q89, Q93, Q94, Q96, Q57, Q58, and Q78, and 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.

SUMMARY

- **FY2011-Q1 performance for Foster Parents reporting they received adequate support for their roles and responsibilities was 80.8%.**
- **Performance has remained relatively stable since CY2007 (76.3%).**
- **Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports.**
- **Compliance is an aggregate of caregiver responses to seven questions. FY2010 and FY2011 quarterly performance for each question is included on page 14.**
- **To better support and engage foster parents, Children's Administration leadership has facilitated the following:**

- Increased organizational supports, such as hubs and support groups
- Engagement in ongoing collaboration with foster parent 1624 consultation teams
- Increased caregiver communication through the use of websites, monthly newsletter, and ListServ
- Communication with CA staff regarding practice expectations for working with caregivers
-In-service staff training by Dr. Denise Goodman, a national consultant in recruitment, training, support, and retention of caregivers
- Ongoing monthly random calls to foster parents to touch base

- **A statewide workgroup met for several months to develop a Caregiver Support Improvement Plan. The workgroup included foster parent, social worker, supervisor, relative caregiver and other CA staff representatives. The draft proposal is in the process of being finalized for review and feedback.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to strengthen working relationship with caregivers and the spirit of partnership between CA staff and caregivers.**
- **Finalize and implement Caregiver Support Improvement Plan.**
- **Strengthen dissemination and use of foster parent survey results.**

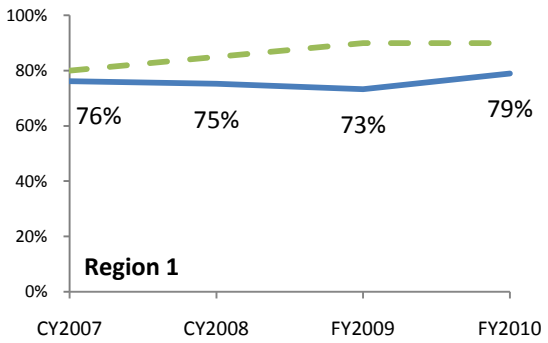
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

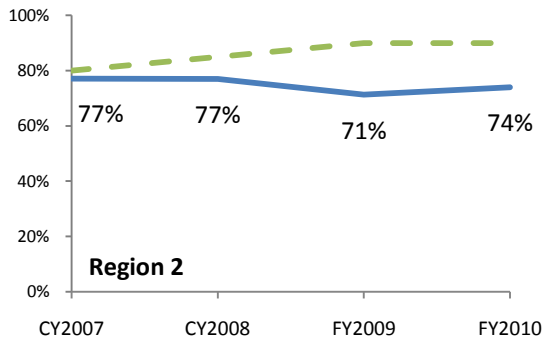
TO DATA CHART

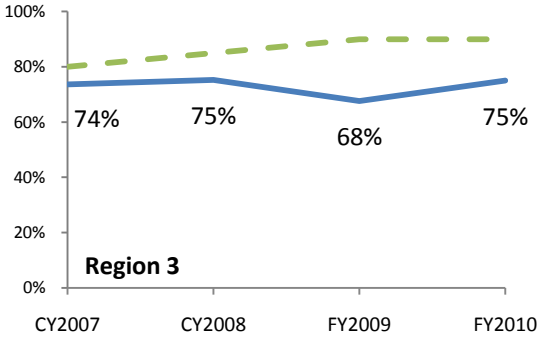
Foster Parent Support

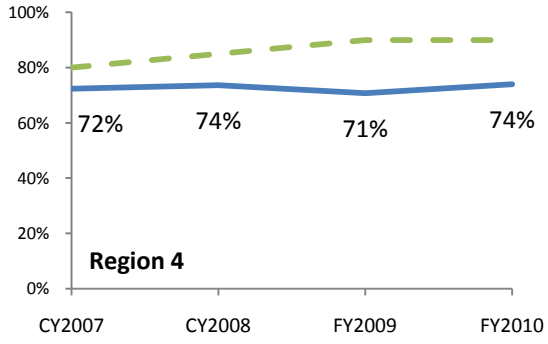
Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources). (Foster Parent Training and Information, Goal 1. Outcome 2)

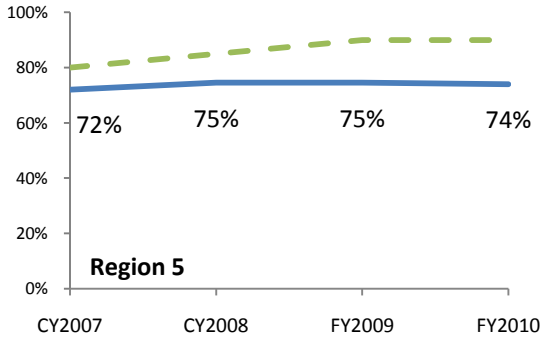
Regional Trends

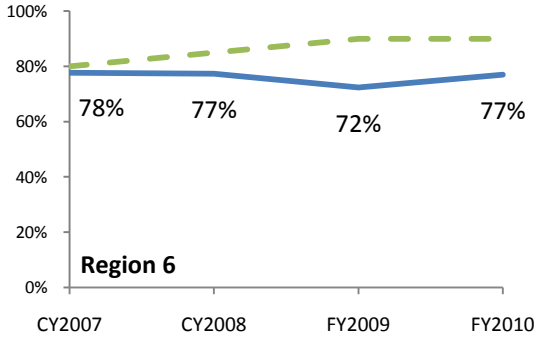










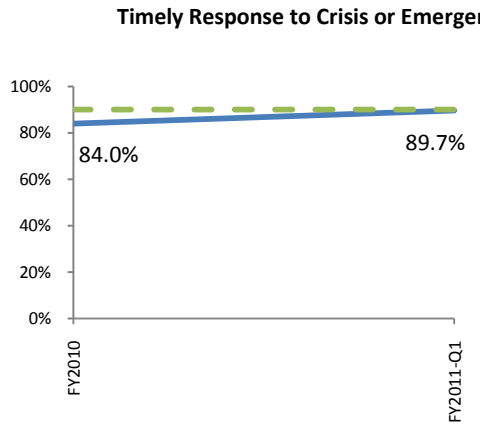


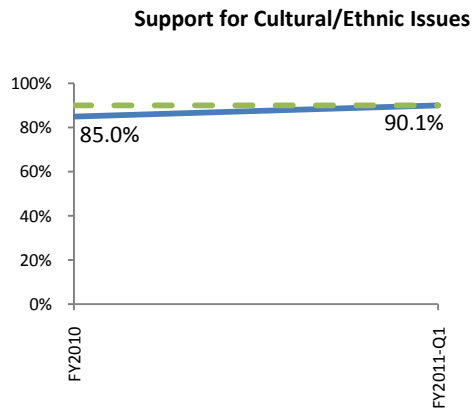
INFORMATIONAL

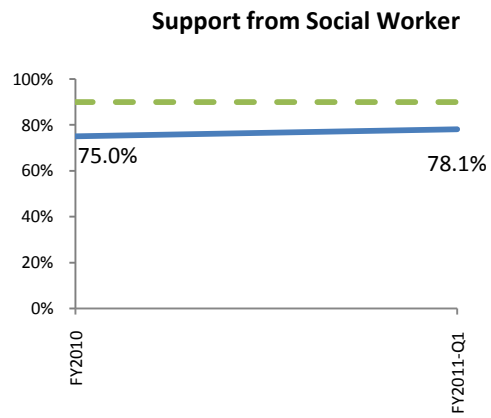
TO DATA CHART

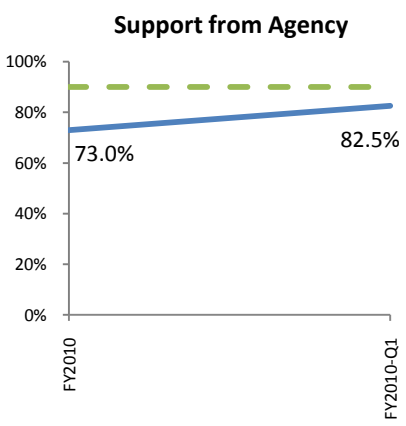
Foster Parent Support

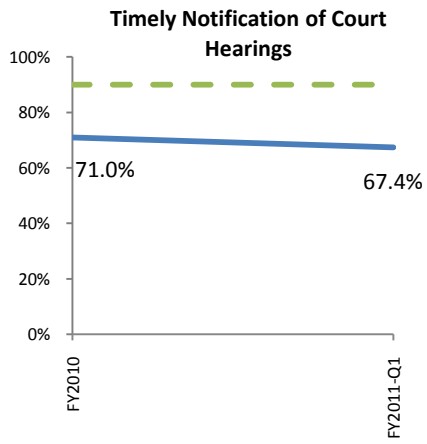
Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources). (Foster Parent Training and Information, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

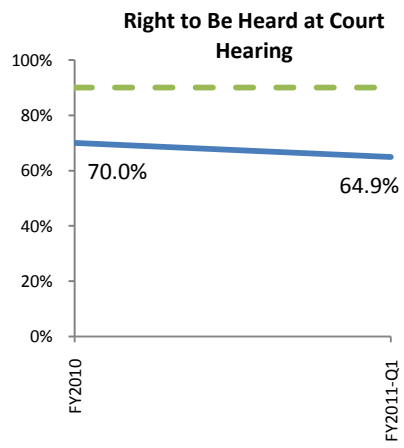


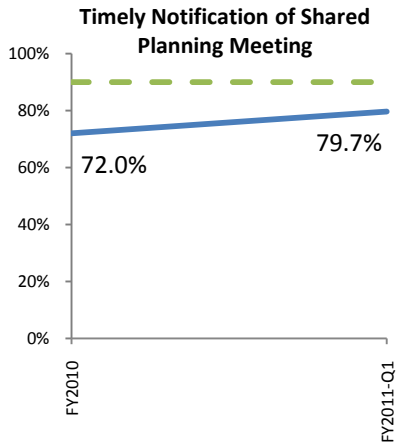












Children's Administration

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). (Foster Parent Training and Information, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
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, and 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 2007 survey results because the related policy was not implemented in 2006. Q78, is however included in the outcome calculations for surveys conducted after 2007.

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	76.6%	90%	5042	79%	1082	74%	643	75%	845	74%	705	74%	770	77%	997
FY2011-Q1	80.8%	90%	315	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											

DATA - Q89: The last time you had a crisis or emergency related to your role as a caregiver in 2010, and asked the agency for help, did you get a timely response?

DATE	Statewide Rate (Right Away/ Yes, But Took Awhile)	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Yes, Right Away		Yes, But It Took Awhile		No	
				Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count
FY2010	84.0%	90.0%	419	54.4%	228	29.3%	123	16.3%	68
FY2011-Q1	89.7%	90.0%	58	58.6%	34	31.0%	18	10.3%	6

DATA - Q93: How supportive is the agency in helping you deal with cultural or ethnic issues related to the care of this child during 2010?

DATE	Statewide Rate (Very Satisfied/ Somewhat Satisfied)	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied	
				Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Pecent	Count
FY2010	85.0%	90.0%	964	53.4%	515	31.6%	305	6.5%	63	8.5%	81
FY2011-Q1	90.1%	90.0%	152	57.9%	88	32.2%	49	3.3%	5	6.6%	10

DATA - Q94: Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of help and support provided by this child's social worker in the second half of 2010?

DATE	Statewide Rate (Very Satisfied/ Somewhat Satisfied)	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied	
				Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Pecent	Count
FY2010	75.0%	90.0%	1251	43.2%	540	31.4%	393	12.2%	153	13.2%	165
FY2011-Q1	78.1%	90.0%	183	49.2%	90	29.0%	53	12.0%	22	9.8%	18

DATA - Q96: Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of help and support provided by the agency in the second half of 2010?

DATE	Statewide Rate (Very Satisfied/ Somewhat Satisfied)	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Somewhat Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied	
				Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Pecent	Count
FY2010	73.0%	90.0%	1254	37.2%	466	35.9%	451	15.1%	189	11.8%	148
FY2010-Q1	82.5%	90.0%	183	44.3%	81	38.3%	70	8.7%	16	8.7%	16

DATA - Q57: During the second half of 2010, did the agency notify you about court hearings for this child within 10 working days prior to court hearings, excluding hearingsa called on an emergency basis?

DATE	Statewide Rate	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Yes	No	
				Count	Percent	Count
FY2010	71.0%	90.0%	902	642	28.8%	260
FY2011-Q1	67.4%	90.0%	178	120	32.6%	58

DATA - Q58: In the second half of 2010, did the agency tell you that you have the right to be heard at these hearings?

DATE	Statewide Rate	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Yes	No	
				Count	Percent	Count
FY2010	70.0%	90.0%	889	623	30.0%	266
FY2011-Q1	64.9%	90.0%	174	113	35.1%	61

DATA - Q78: During the second half of 2010 how often did you receive timely notification at least 5 days prior, about these shared case planning meetings?

DATE	Statewide Rate (Always/Most of the Time)	Target	Total Applicable Responses	Always		Most of the Time		About Half of the Time		Rarely		Never	
				Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Pecent	Count	Percent	Count
FY2010	72.0%	90.0%	996	47.7%	475	24.4%	243	10.5%	105	9.0%	89	8.4%	84
FY2011-Q1	79.7%	90.0%	123	61.0%	75	18.7%	23	11.4%	14	5.7%	7	3.3%	4

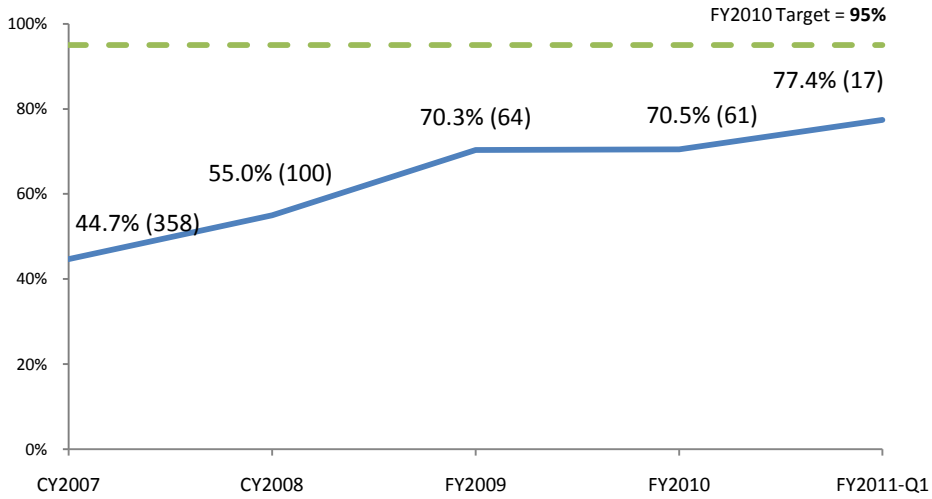
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

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. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 3)

Statewide Performance



DATA SOURCE: Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State, administered by WSU
MEASURE DEFINITION: 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.
DATA NOTES: **1** Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. **2** This outcome measure was significantly following 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. **3** 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 youth meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation. **4** Performance requires caregivers answers to both Q114 and Q118 be "Yes" to be considered in compliance. *(See Complete Data Notes on page 19)*

SUMMARY

- **FY2011-Q1 performance for ensuring adequate safeguards are in place for Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) was 77.4%.**
- **FY2010 performance (70.5%) is about the same as FY2009 (70.3%).**
- **Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly informational reports due to the small number of applicable cases. Regional performance during FY2010 ranged between 60-78%. Region 5 was the highest performer.**
- **Caregivers reported the following responses in the FY2011-Q1 survey:**

- 70.6% (12 of 17) received specialized training to care for SAY.
- 94.1% (16 of 17) received a Youth Supervision and Safety Plan by CA.
- 93.8% (15 of 16) of the plans were in written form.
- 87.5% (14 of 16) caregiver involvement developing the plan.
- 100% (16 of 16) of plans met safety and supervision.

- **Beginning in February 2010, a statewide quality assurance plan was implemented to help ensure safeguards for SAY/PAAY youth 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.**
- **A draft FamLink report was developed and provided to regions to assist with quality assurance activities.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to implement ongoing quality assurance review activities to identify and address practice improvement needs.**
- **Continue to use and refine FamLink Report query and develop and implement a new online FamLink Management Report.**
- **Follow up on ideas from consultation with the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC) at Hunters College.**

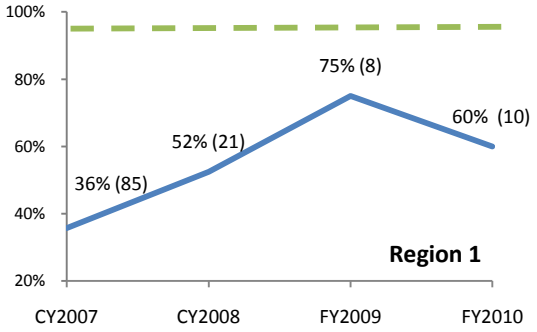
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

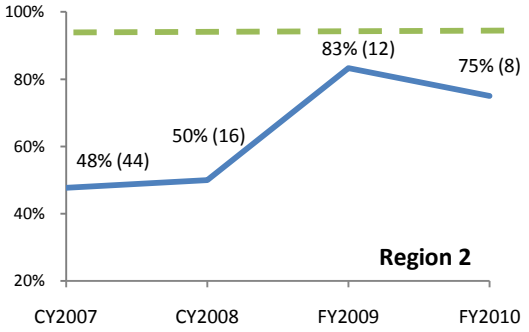
TO DATA CHART

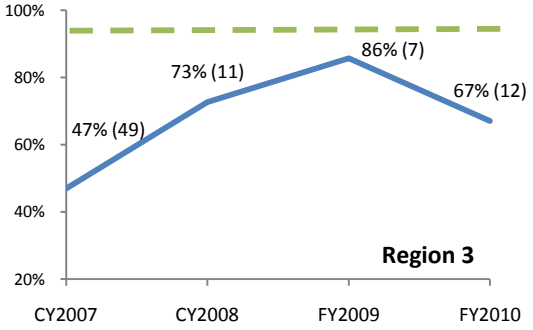
Adequate Safeguards for Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY)

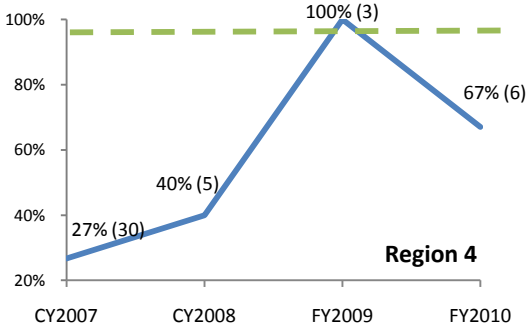
Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 3)

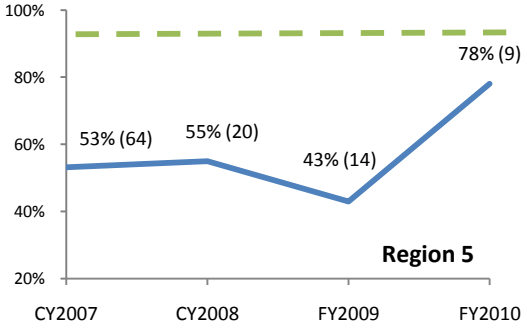
Regional Trends (Number in parenthesis is total count of caregivers responding to this item in the survey)

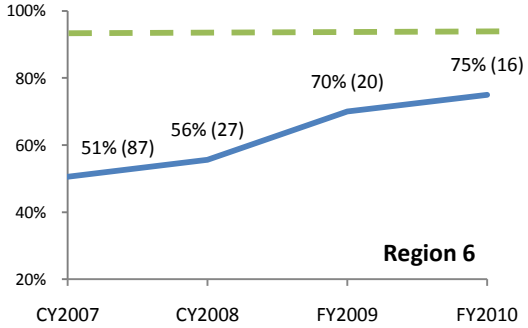












Children's Administration

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. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 3)

Measure definition	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.
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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	**1** Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. **2** This outcome measure was significantly following 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. **3** 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 youth meeting this definition would be included in the outcome calculation. **4** Performance requires caregivers answers to both Q114 and Q118 be "Yes" to be considered in compliance. Q114 - "Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as sexually aggressive, sometimes referred to as SAY." Q118 - "Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home." **5** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

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	35.7%	85	47.7%	44	46.9%	49	26.7%	30	53.1%	64	50.6%	87
CY2008	55.0%	95%	100	52.4%	21	50.0%	16	72.7%	11	40.0%	5	55.0%	20	55.6%	27
FY2009	70.3%	95%	64	75.0%	8	83.3%	12	85.7%	7	100.0%	3	42.9%	14	70.0%	20
FY2010	70.5%	95%	61	60.0%	10	75.0%	8	67.0%	12	67.0%	6	78.0%	9	75.0%	16
FY2011-Q1	77.4%	95%	17	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											

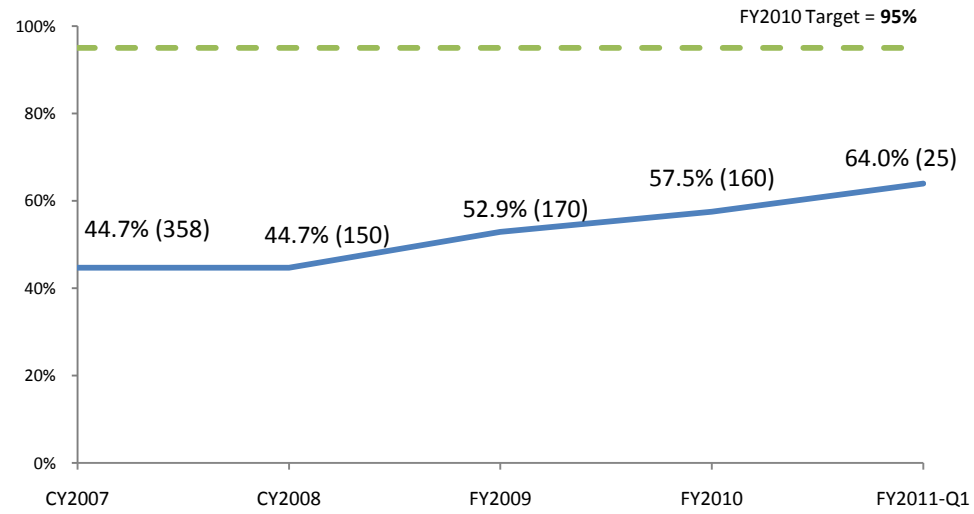
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Adequate Safeguards for 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. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 4)

Statewide Performance



DATA SOURCE: Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State, administered by WSU
MEASURE DEFINITION: Percentage of children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAAY) 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.
DATA NOTES: **1** Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. **2** This outcome measure was significantly following 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. **3** 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. **4** Performance requires caregivers' answers to both Q109 and Q113 be "Yes" to be considered in compliance. *(See Complete Data Notes on page 22)*

SUMMARY

- **FY2011-Q1 performance for ensuring adequate safeguards are in place for Physically Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY) was 64%.**
- **FY2011-Q1 performance shows steady improvement over FY2010 quarterly performance.**
- **Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly informational reports due to the small number of applicable cases. Regional performance for FY2010 ranged between 50-66%. Region 6 was the highest performer.**
- **Caregivers reported the following responses in the FY2011-Q1 survey:**

- 72.0% (18 of 25) received specialized training to care for PAAY.
- 76% (19 of 25) received a Youth Supervision and Safety Plan from CA.
- 94.7% (18 of 19) of the plans were in written form.
- 94.7% (18 of 19) caregiver involvement developing the plan.
- 89.5% (17 of 19) of plans met safety and supervision needs.

- **In February 2010, a statewide 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 practice expectations during the October 2010 Policy Roll-Out Training.**
- **In August 2010, training packets (DVD/hand-outs) were provided to caregivers of SAY/PAAY youth. Behavioral Rehabilitative Services (BRS) and Child Placing Agency (CPA) providers also received copies.**
- **In October 2010, FamLink design changes were made to display an indicator on the Person Management Page if a youth is identified as PAAY.**
- **A draft FamLink report was developed and provided to regions to assist with quality assurance activities.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to implement ongoing quality assurance review activities to identify and address practice improvement needs.**
- **Continue to use and refine ad hoc FamLink Report and develop and implement a new online FamLink Management Report.**
- **Follow up on ideas from consultation with the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC) at Hunters College.**

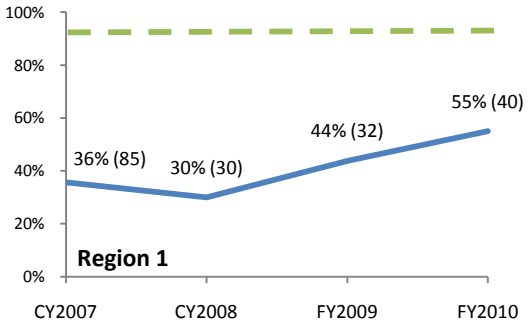
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

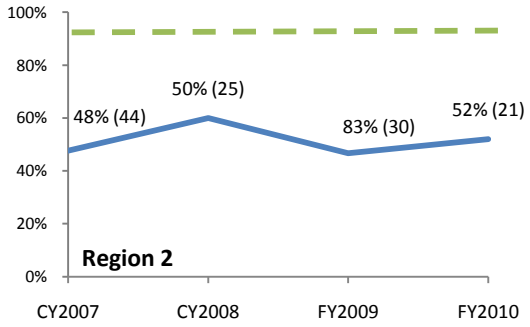
TO DATA CHART

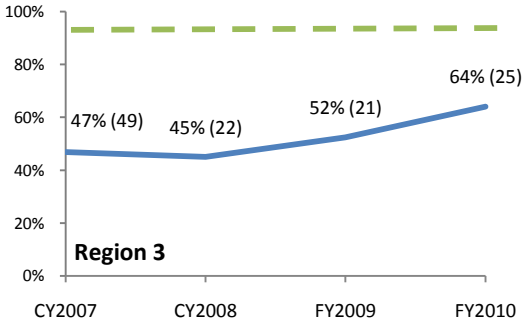
Adequate Safeguards Physical Assaultive/Aggressive Youth (PAAY)

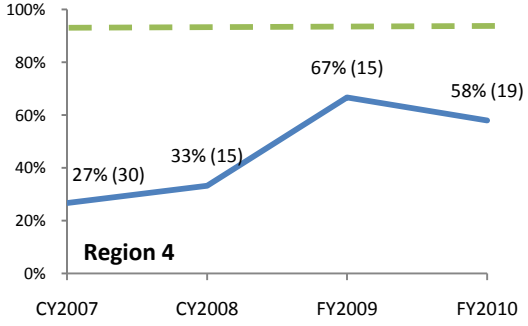
Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 4)

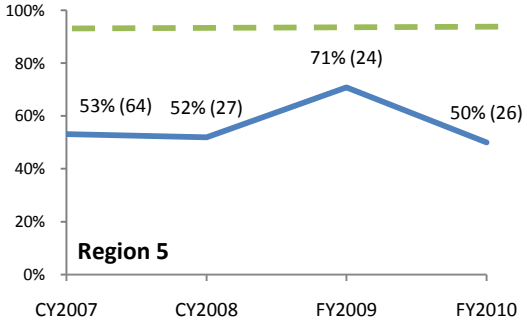
Regional Trends (Number in parenthesis is number of caregivers responding to this item in the survey)

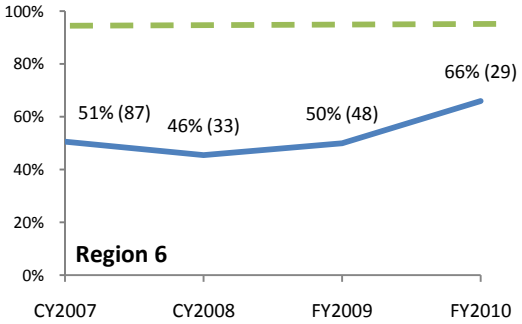












Children's Administration

Adequate Safeguards for 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. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 4)

Measure definition	Compliant performance requires caregivers to answer "yes" to two questions in the Foster Parent Survey: "Q109-Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive, sometimes referred to as PAAY? Q113-Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home?".
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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	**1** Results for this outcome include interview responses from randomly selected licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers. **2** This outcome measure was significantly following 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. **3** 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. **4** Performance requires caregivers' answers to both Q109 and Q113 be "Yes" to be considered in compliance. Q109 - "Have you received specialized training to care for a child identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive, sometimes referred to as PAAY." Q113 - "Did the plan meet the safety and supervision needs of the children in your home." **5** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

DATA

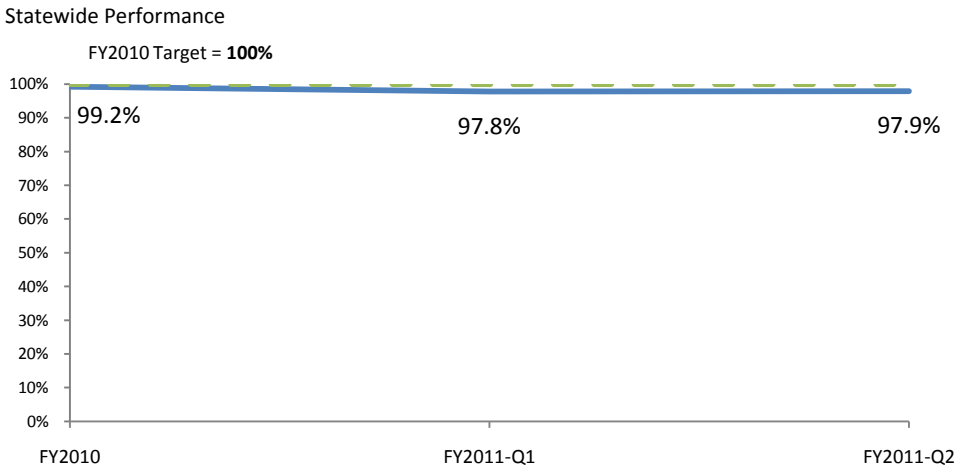
DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Responses	Region 1	R1 Count	Region 2	R2 Count	Region 3	R3 Count	Region 4	R4 Count	Region 5	R5 Count	Region 6	R6 Count
CY2007	44.7%	95%	358	35.7%	85	47.7%	44	46.9%	49	26.7%	30	53.1%	64	50.6%	87
CY2008	44.7%	95%	150	30.0%	30	60.0%	25	45.0%	22	33.3%	15	51.9%	27	45.5%	33
FY2009	52.9%	95%	170	43.8%	32	46.7%	30	52.4%	21	66.7%	15	70.8%	24	50.0%	48
FY2010	57.5%	95%	160	55.0%	40	52.0%	21	64.0%	25	58.0%	19	50.0%	26	66.0%	29
FY2011-Q1	64.0%	95%	25	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											

INFORMATIONAL MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

DLR CPS Investigations Completed within 90 Days

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. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 2, Outcome 2, Alternative Measure)



DATA SOURCE: DLR Data Base; supplied by Jeanne McShane, DLR Regional Administrator, CA

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 investigations 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.

SUMMARY

- **During FY2011-Q2, 195 of 199 (97.9%) 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 FY2011-Q2 regional performance ranged between 88% and 100%.**

- **Recognition to Regions 5 and 6 for achieving 100% for the past six quarters and to Regions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 who met the benchmark in FY2011-Q2.**

- **During FY2011, there were nine investigations open >90 days without law enforcement involvement. Eight of nine of the non-compliant investigations were in Region 3 and leadership is following up to address performance improvement needs related to a change in supervision.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to conduct ongoing monthly review of performance to identify and address challenges.**

- **Provide regions 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, DLR CPS supervisors ensure ongoing communication with law enforcement occurs and is documented in FamLink.**

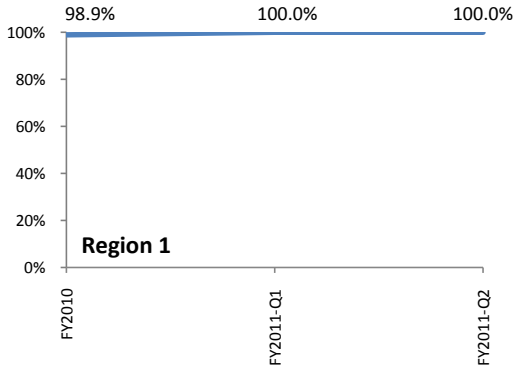
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

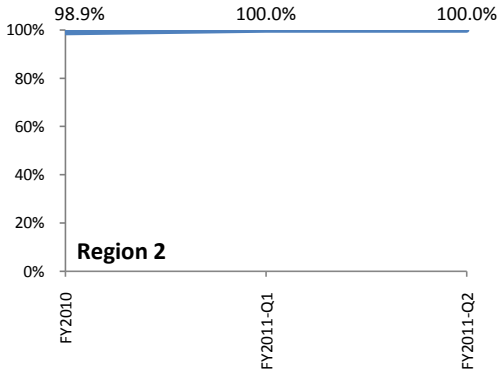
TO DATA CHART

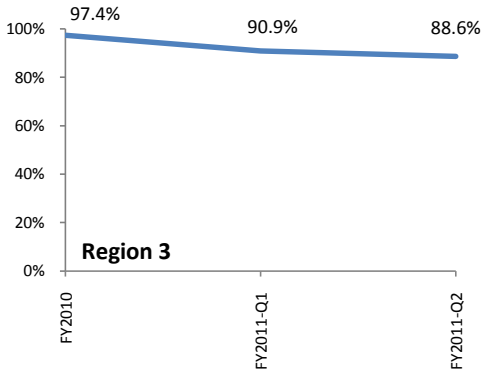
DLR CPS Investigations Completed within 90 Days

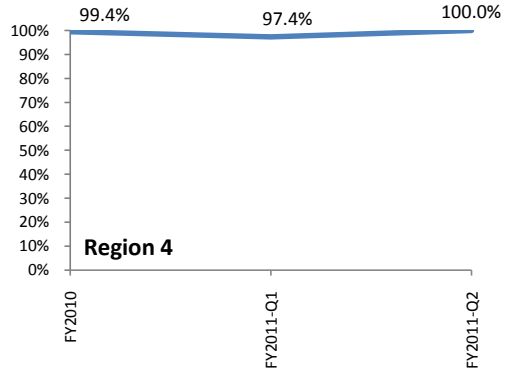
Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) Investigations will be completed within 90 days unless the investigation is being conducted under a written protocol pursuant to 26.44.180 and a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney has determined that a longer investigation period is necessary. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 2, Outcome 2, Alternative Measure)

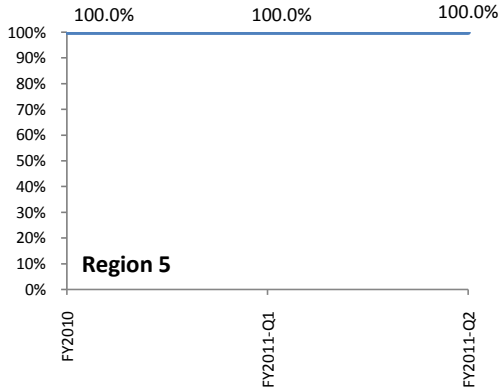
Regional Trends (FY2010 Target = 100%)

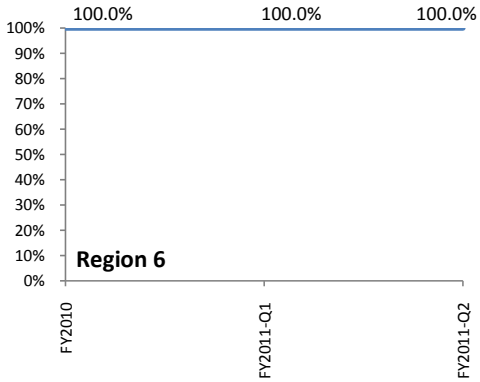












Children's Administration

DLR CPS Investigations Completed within 90 Days

Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) Investigations 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. (Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 2, Outcome 2, Alternative Measure)

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 source	DLR Data Base, based on hand count report provided 4/19/11
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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
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 investigations 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.

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
				Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count						
FY2010	99.2%	100%	865	93.0%	805	6.2%	53	99.2%	858	3.3%	7	98.9%	98.9%	97.4%	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%
FY2011-Q1	97.8%	100%	229	93.5%	214	4.4%	10	97.8%	224	2.2%	5	100.0%	100.0%	90.9%	97.4%	100.0%	100.0%
FY2011-Q2	97.9%	100%	199	96.4%	192	1.6%	3	97.9%	195	2.1%	4	100.0%	100.0%	88.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

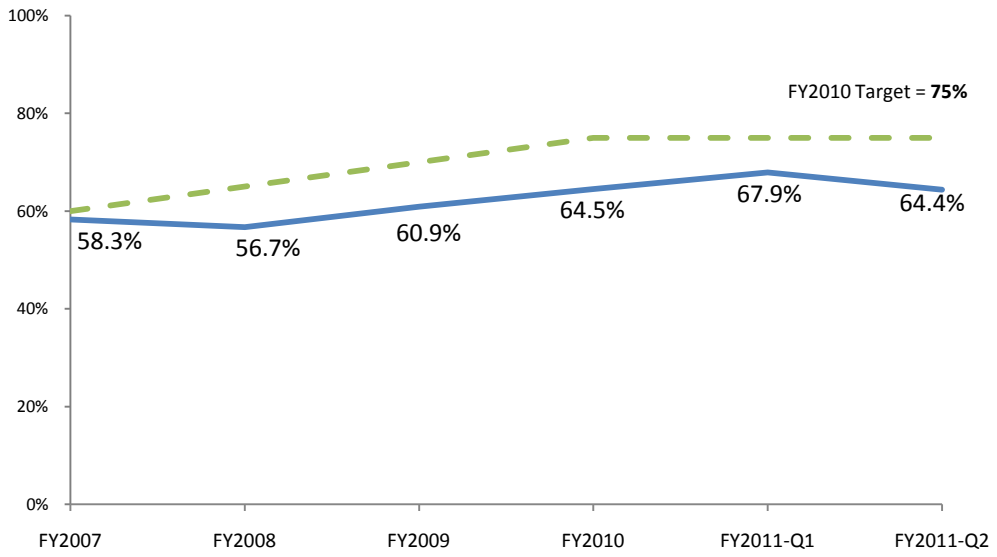
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Sibling Placement (All Siblings)

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 1)

Statewide Performance



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

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

DATA NOTES: **1** FY2010 performance was updated in December 2010 to take into account changes implemented in the data warehouse to sibling relationship data. The changes corrected duplicate data, provided information for some of the missing relationships, and corrected begin dates for relationships. The update had a minimal impact on performance. **2** Counts the number and percent of children placed with all siblings removed together, for all children with siblings under CA Placement and Care Authority. **3** Based on cohort of children entering out-of-home care. **4** Excludes all children with time in care less than 30 days.
5 Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center. *(See complete Data Notes on page 28)*

SUMMARY

- **During FY2011-Q2, about 64% of children placed into out-of-home care were placed with all of their brothers and sisters who were also placed into out-of-home care.**
- **This outcome shows improvement in the number of sibling groups placed together over time.**
- **Region 2 was the highest performer during the quarter at 81%.**
- **Region 5 shows the lowest performance for placing all sibling groups together. However, Region 5 continues to have the highest number of sibling groups placed into out-of-home care.**
- **Performance in Regions 1 and 5 shows improvement or stayed the same for FY2011-Q2 and Regions 3, 4 and 6 experienced a decline.**
- **A higher percentage of children residing with relatives are all placed together (FY2010 77%) in comparison to children in sibling groups residing with non-relative caregivers (FY2010 56%).**
- **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.**
- **CA policy was updated to identify priorities for making placement decisions that includes sibling relationships.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Strengthen Family Team 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.**
- **Explore feasibility of piloting the nationally recognized Neighbor to Family Program in Pierce County.**
- **Implement Performance-based contracting.**
- **Strengthen existing relative search and placement practices.**

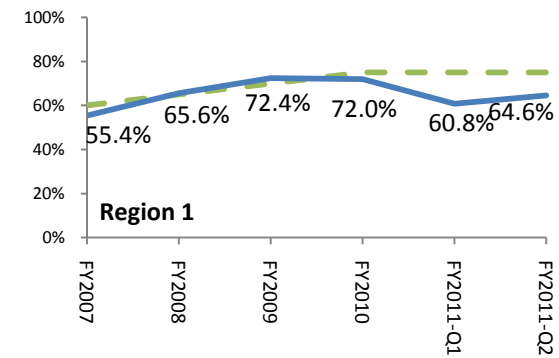
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

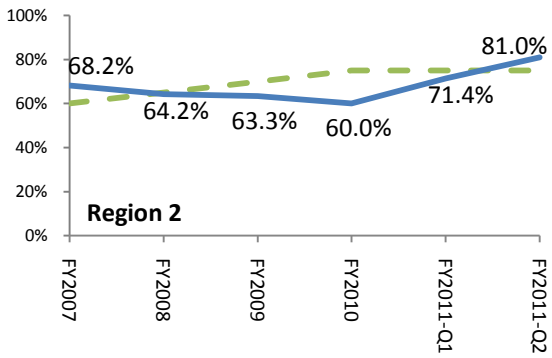
TO DATA CHART

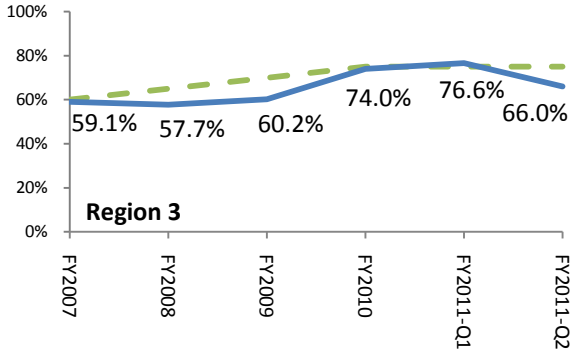
Sibling Placement (All Siblings)

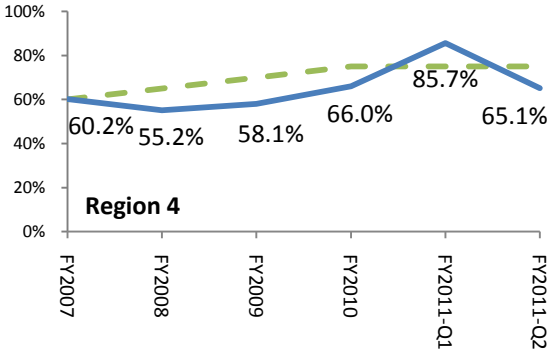
Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 1)

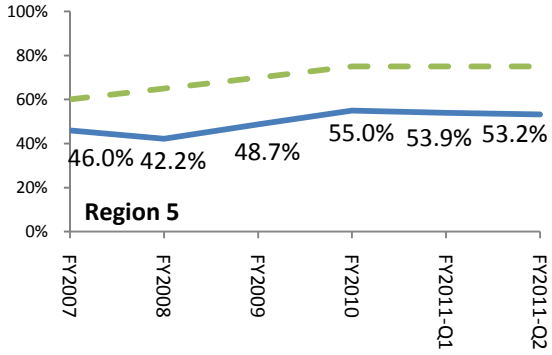
Regional Trends (FY2010 Target = 75%)

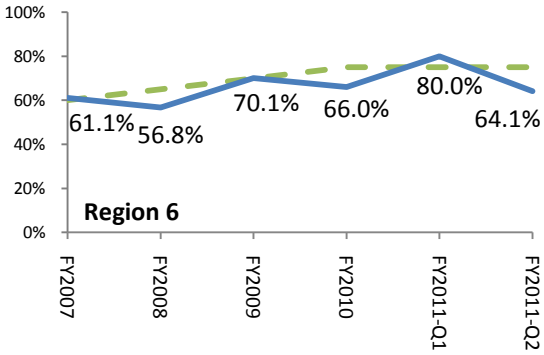












Children's Administration

Sibling Placement (All Siblings)

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 1)

Measure definition	Percentage of siblings removed together during the quarter 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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	**1** FY2010 performance was updated in December 2010 to take into account changes implemented in the data warehouse to sibling relationship data. The changes corrected duplicate data, provided information for some of the missing relationships, and corrected begin dates for relationships. The update had a minimal impact on performance. **2** Counts the number and percent of children placed with all siblings removed together, for all children with siblings under CA Placement and Care Authority. **3** Based on cohort of children entering out-of-home care. **4** Excludes all children with time in care less than 30 days. **5** Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center. **6** Performance 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. **7** Children with full, half, and step siblings removed within 7 days of each other are included in this measure. **8** Population excludes some sibling groups and children within a sibling group that appear to be missing sibling relationship information in the Relationship Matrix in FamLink. Changes to the Relationship Matrix in FamLink are effective as of the date the information was changed and is unable to impact previous periods of performance. The estimated impact to performance is currently unknown but is estimated to be minimal in data aggregated statewide. **9** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

DATA

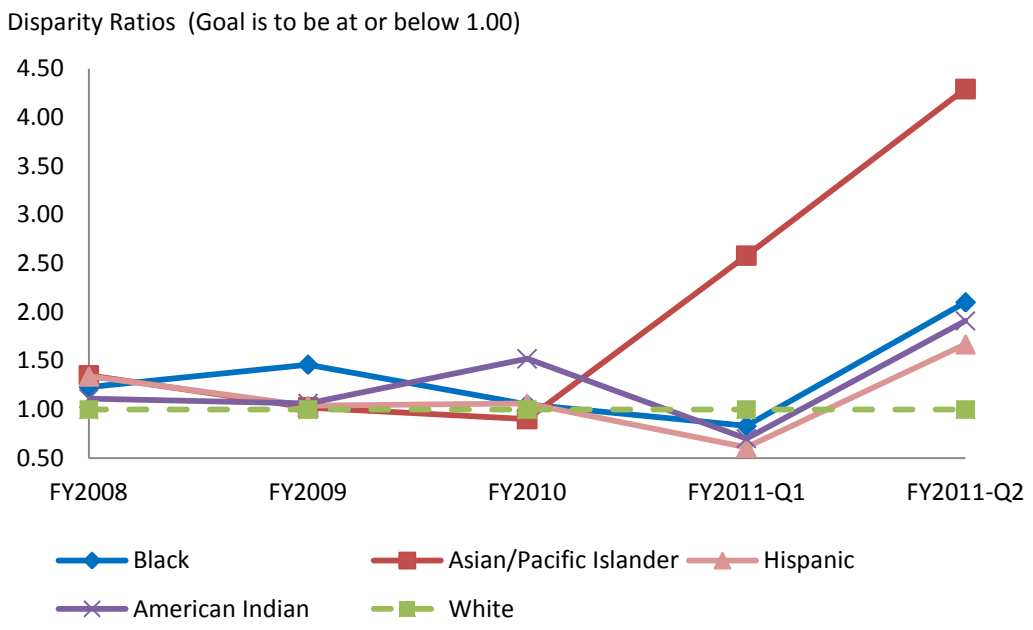
DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Children	Region 1	R1 Count	Region 2	R2 Count	Region 3	R3 Count	Region 4	R4 Count	Region 5	R5 Count	Region 6	R6 Count
FY2007	58.3%	60%	Counts not readily available	55.4%		68.2%		59.1%		60.2%		46.0%		61.1%	
FY2008	56.7%	65%		65.6%		64.2%		57.7%		55.2%		42.2%		56.8%	
FY2009	60.9%	70%		72.4%		63.3%		60.2%		58.1%		48.7%		70.1%	
FY2010	64.5%	75%	1237	72.0%	126	60.0%	129	74.0%	209	66.0%	131	55.0%	338	66.0%	251
FY2011-Q1	67.9%	75%	374	60.8%	74	71.4%	35	76.6%	77	85.7%	21	53.9%	102	80.0%	65
FY2011-Q2	64.4%	75%	337	64.6%	48	81.0%	21	66.0%	100	65.1%	43	53.2%	47	64.1%	78

INFORMATIONAL

TO DATA CHART

Racial Disparity Index: Sibling Placement (All Siblings)

Disparity ratio of minority to White children for the percentage of children in out-of-home care that are placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 1)



DATA SOURCE: FamLink; supplied by David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration and calculated by Elizabeth Jones, Statewide QA Manager, Children's Administration

MEASURE DEFINITION: The proportion of the non-white child population who are not placed with all of their siblings who were also placed into out of home care compared to the white population (see Data Notes for *Sibling Placement (All Siblings)* Outcome Measure for additional detail).

DATA NOTES: 1 The disparity index is calculated by dividing the proportion of children in the non-White racial/ ethnic group experiencing a particular undesirable outcome by the proportion of White children experiencing the undesirable outcome. **2** The disparity index is a measure widely used in child welfare to calculate the degree to which outcomes vary across different racial/ ethnic groups. **3** The disparity index is not an indicator of performance on the outcome itself. *(See complete Data Notes on next page)*

SUMMARY

- **During FY2011-Q2, a larger proportion of Asian/Pacific Islander and Black children placed into out of home care, in comparion to White children, were not placed with all of their brothers and sisters who are also placed into out of home care**
- **There was a small number of Asian and Pacific Islander children placed into out-of-home care during the quarter (9 children) making the ratio sensitive to fluctuation.**
- **The racial disparity index shows an increased trend of disparity for American Indian, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander and Black children.**
- **The Washington State Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee (WSRDAC) developed a multi-year remediation plan to implement policies and practices that will reduce and ultimately eliminate racial disproportionality and improve disparate outcomes for children of color in the child welfare system without compromising child safety.**
- **During CY2010, approximately 220 CA staff and 50 community partners attended racial equity training.**
- **A growing amount of data is aggregated by race/ethnicity and impacts to children of color is part of the discussion and analysis that informs program and practice improvement work.**

ACTION PLAN

- **A statewide workgroup will be examining additional data in early 2011 to better understand factors that may help explain racial disparity for this outcome and and issues within CA's control that can be addressed.**
- **Regional Disproportionality Committees are focusing on issues and strategies to reduce racial disproportionality and disparity in the child welfare system.**
- **In partnership with WSRDAC, CA will develop additional areas of focus for the 2011 remediation plan.**

Children's Administration

Racial Disparity Index: **Sibling Placement (All Siblings)**

Disparity ratio of minority to White children for the percentage of children in out-of-home care that are placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 1)

Measure definition	The proportion of the non-White child population who are not placed with all of their siblings who were also placed into out of home care compared to the white population (see Data Notes for *Sibling Placement (All Siblings)* Outcome Measure for additional detail).
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) and Jessica Pierce, Statewide QA Program Specialist, Children's Administration
Next update	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Quarter
Data notes	**1** The disparity index is calculated by dividing the proportion of children in the non-White racial/ ethnic group experiencing a particular undesirable outcome by the proportion of White children experiencing the undesirable outcome. **2** The disparity index is a measure widely used in child welfare to calculate the degree to which outcomes vary across different racial/ ethnic groups. 3 The disparity index is not an indicator of performance on the outcome itself. For example, in some areas, performance for children of all racial/ ethnic groups could be high, but the disparity index could reveal marked differences among the groups. Conversely, overall performance could be low while the disparity index may show little variation among the racial/ethnic groups. **4** Each child is assigned only one race using methodology for defining race agreed to by the Washington State Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee (WSRDAC) and employed by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) and DSHS in conducting data analysis for WSRDAC. The methodology for assigning children to one race category includes: *- American Indian. If any of the six racial codes indicated American Indian background, the child was coded Indian in our analysis.* *- Black. If a child had no Indian heritage, but any of the codes indicated Black or African American, the child is coded as Black.* *- Asian/Pacific Islander. If a child was coded as Asian or one of the Pacific Islander codes, with no Black or American Indian heritage, the child's race was coded as Asian/Pacific Islander.* *- Hispanic. Any child with Hispanic heritage, but not in the first three categories, was coded as Hispanic.* *- White. Any child with no indication of Indian, Black, Asian, or Hispanic race/ethnicity was coded as White.* **5** Data include race classifications of "other" and "unknown." Based on recommendations from the Braam Oversight Panel these children are excluded as a separate group in the charts presented in this report. For this outcome the count of children in this category are as follows: FY2008 (26 children), FY2009 (36 children), FY2010 (41 children), FY2011-Q1 (8 children) and FY2011-Q2 (3 children).

DATA

DATE	Black	Total Count		Asian/Pacific Islander	Total Count		Hispanic	Total Count		American Indian	Total Count		White	Total Count	
FY2008	1.23	52.3%	302	1.35	47.9%	71	1.34	48.0%	333	1.11	57.1%	396	1.00	61.3%	1247
FY2009	1.46	47.5%	240	1.02	63.5%	52	1.04	62.6%	246	1.06	62.1%	282	1.00	64.1%	867
FY2010	1.05	65.8%	155	0.90	70.8%	34	1.06	65.5%	168	1.52	50.5%	202	1.00	67.5%	637
FY2011-Q1	0.83	71.1%	38	2.58	10.0%	10	0.61	78.6%	56	0.70	75.5%	53	1.00	65.1%	209
FY2011-Q2	2.10	51.1%	45	4.29	0.0%	9	1.67	61.2%	67	1.91	55.6%	63	1.00	76.7%	150

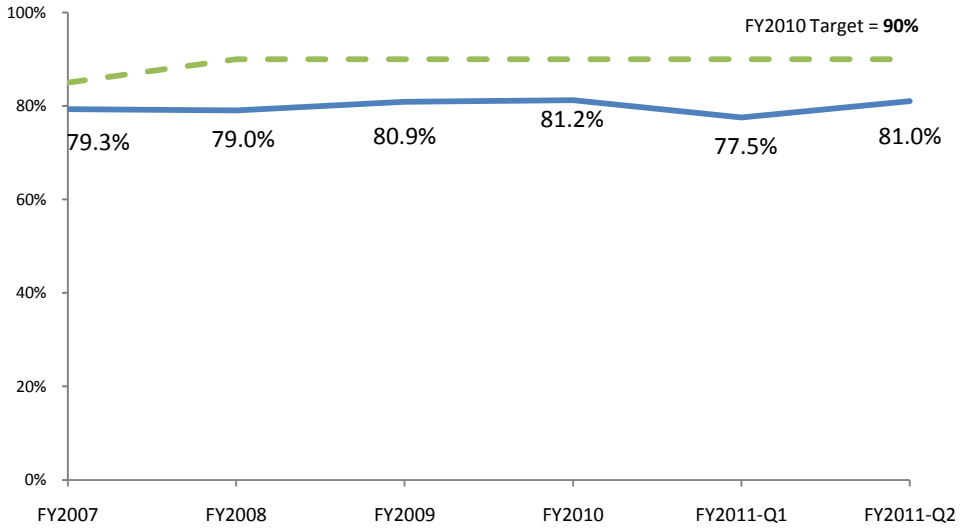
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible. Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

Statewide Performance



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

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

DATA NOTES: **1** FY2010 performance was updated in December 2010 to take into account changes implemented in the data warehouse to sibling relationship data. The changes corrected duplicate data, provided information for some of the missing relationships, and corrected begin dates for relationships. The update had a minimal impact on performance. **2** Counts the number and percent of children placed at least one sibling, for all children with siblings under CA Placement and Care Authority. **3** Based on cohort of children entering out-of-home care. **4** Excludes all children with time in care less than 30 days. **5** Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center. *(See complete Data Notes on page 33)*

SUMMARY

- **During FY2011-Q2, approximately 81% of children placed into out-of-home care were placed with at least one of their brothers or sisters who was also placed into out-of-home care.**
- **This outcome shows a slight trend of improvement since FY2007.**
- **Region 3 was the highest performer during the quarter at 87%.**
- **Region 5 shows the lowest performance during the most recent quarter. In FY2011-Q2, Region 3 had the highest number of sibling groups placed into out-of-home care.**
- **Performance in Regions 1, 2, 3 and 5 shows improvement or stayed the same for FY2011-Q2 and Regions 4 and 6 experienced a decline.**
- **A higher percentage of children residing with relatives are residing with at least one sibling (FY2010 89%) in comparison to children in sibling groups residing with non-relative caregivers (FY2010 75%).**
- **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 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.**
- **Explore feasibility of piloting the nationally recognized Neighbor to Family Program in Pierce County.**
- **Implement Performance-based contracting.**
- **Strengthen existing relative search and placement practices.**

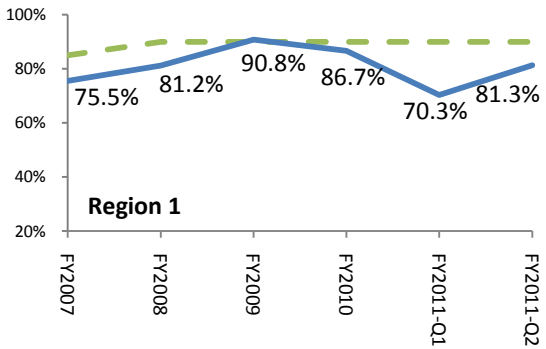
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

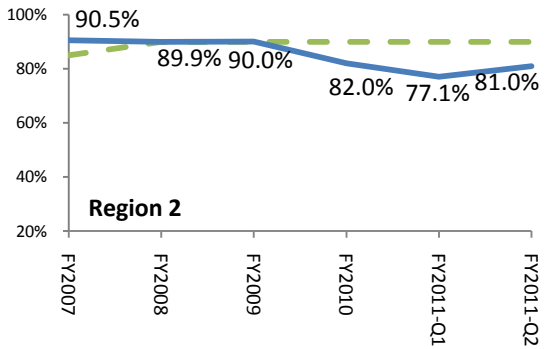
TO DATA CHART

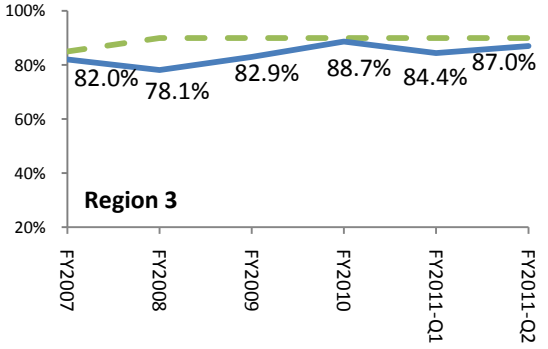
Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)

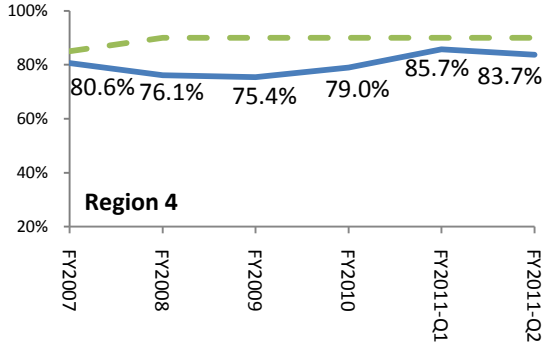
Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible. Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

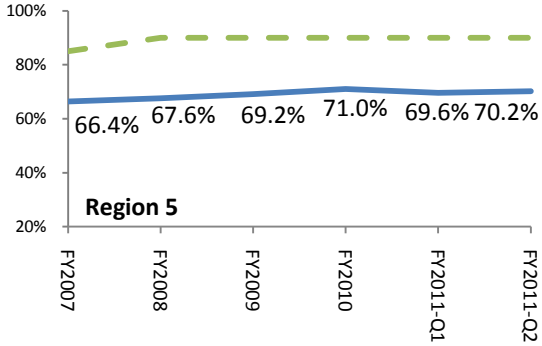
Regional Trends

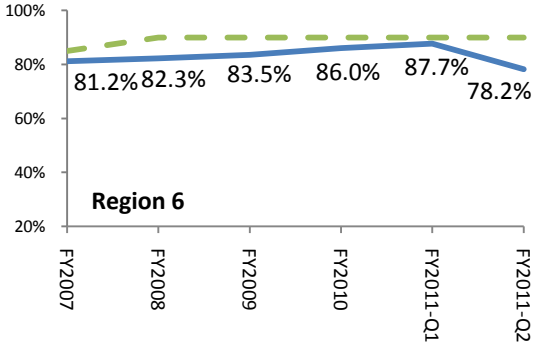












Children's Administration

Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)

Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible. Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

Measure definition	Percentage of siblings removed together during the quarter 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	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
Data notes	**1** FY2010 performance was updated in December 2010 to take into account changes implemented in the data warehouse to sibling relationship data. The changes corrected duplicate data, provided information for some of the missing relationships, and corrected begin dates for relationships. The update had a minimal impact on performance. **2** Counts the number and percent of children placed at least one sibling, for all children with siblings under CA Placement and Care Authority. **3** Based on cohort of children entering out-of-home care. **4** Excludes all children with time in care less than 30 days. **5** Excludes children in non-family home settings: Behavioral Rehabilitative Services, respite, hospital, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, On the Run, and Crisis Residential Center. **6** Performance 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. **7** Children with full, half, and step siblings removed within 7 days of each other are included in this measure. **8** Population excludes some sibling groups and children within a sibling group that appear to be missing sibling relationship information in the Relationship Matrix in FamLink. Changes to the Relationship Matrix in FamLink are effective as of the date the information was changed and is unable to impact previous periods of performance. The estimated impact to performance is currently unknown but is estimated to be minimal in data aggregated statewide. **9** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

DATA

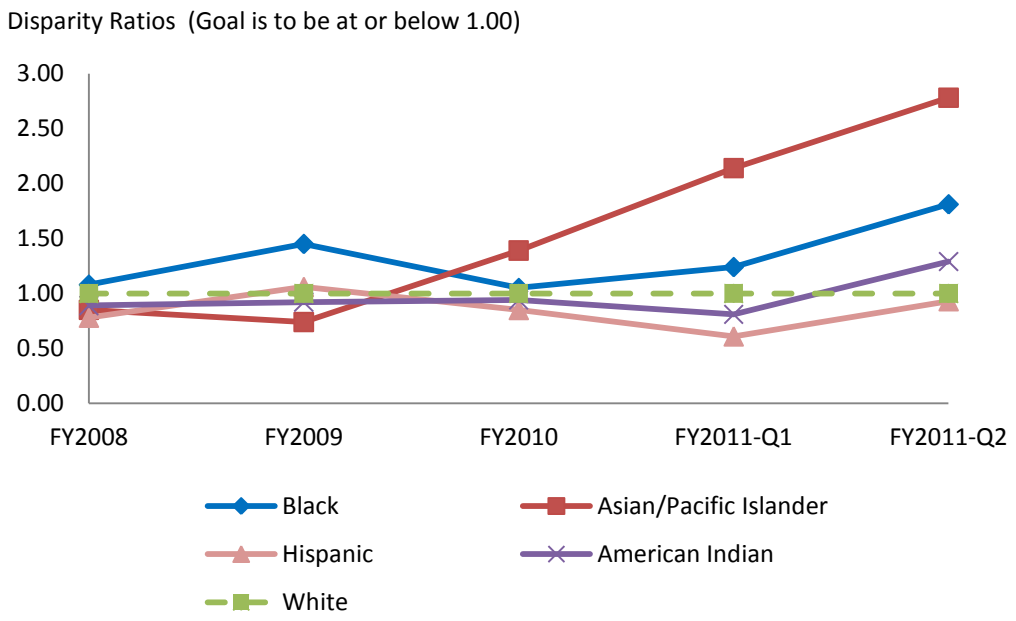
DATE	Statewide Rate	TARGET	Total Applicable Children	Region 1	R1 Count	Region 2	R2 Count	Region 3	R3 Count	Region 4	R4 Count	Region 5	R5 Count	Region 6	R6 Count
FY2007	79.3%	85%	Counts not readily available	75.5%		90.5%		82.0%		80.6%		66.4%		81.2%	
FY2008	79.0%	90%		81.2%		89.9%		78.1%		76.1%		67.6%		82.3%	
FY2009	80.9%	90%		90.8%		90.0%		82.9%		75.4%		69.2%		83.5%	
FY2010	81.2%	90%	1237	86.7%	175	82.0%	129	88.7%	209	79.0%	131	71.0%	338	86.0%	251
FY2011-Q1	77.5%	90%	374	70.3%	74	77.1%	35	84.4%	77	85.7%	21	69.6%	102	87.7%	65
FY2011-Q2	81.0%	90%	337	81.3%	48	81.0%	21	87.0%	100	83.7%	43	70.2%	47	78.2%	78

INFORMATIONAL

TO DATA CHART

Racial Disparity Index: Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)

Disparity ratio of minority to White children for the percentage of children in out-of-home care that are placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 2)



DATA SOURCE: FamLink; supplied by David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration and calculated by Elizabeth Jones, Statewide QA Manager, Children's Administration

MEASURE DEFINITION: The proportion of the non-white child population who are not placed with at least one of their siblings who was also placed into out of home care compared to the white population (see Data Notes for *Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)* Outcome Measure for additional detail).

DATA NOTES: 1 The disparity index is calculated by dividing the proportion of children in the non-White racial/ ethnic group experiencing a particular undesirable outcome by the proportion of White children experiencing the undesirable outcome. **2** The disparity index is a measure widely used in child welfare to calculate the degree to which outcomes vary across different racial/ ethnic groups. **3** The disparity index is not an indicator of performance on the outcome itself. *(See complete Data Notes on next page)*

SUMMARY

- **In comparison to White children, a larger proportion of Asian/Pacific Islander and Black children placed into out of home care are not placed with at least one of their brothers and sisters who are also placed into out of home care.**
- **The amount of racial disparity grew for Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian and Black children in FY2011-Q2 in comparison to FY2010. There was a small number of Asian and Pacific Islander children placed into out-of-home care during the quarter (9 children) making the ratio sensitive to fluctuation.**
- **This outcome shows no racial disparity for Hispanic children during FY2010, FY2011-Q1 and FY2011-Q2.**
- **The Washington State Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee (WSRDAC) developed a multi-year remediation plan to implement policies and practices that will reduce and ultimately eliminate racial disproportionality and improve disparate outcomes for children of color in the child welfare system without compromising child safety.**
- **During CY2010, approximately 220 CA staff and 50 community partners attended racial equity training.**
- **A growing amount of data is aggregated by race/ethnicity and impacts to children of color is part of the discussion and analysis that informs program and practice improvement work.**

ACTION PLAN

- **A statewide workgroup will be examining additional data in early 2011 to better understand factors that may help explain racial disparity for this outcome and issues within CA's control that can be addressed.**
- **Regional Disproportionality Committees are focusing on issues and strategies to reduce racial disproportionality and disparity within the child welfare system.**
- **In partnership with WSRDAC, CA will develop additional areas of focus for the 2011 remediation plan.**

Children's Administration

Racial Disparity Index: **Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)**

Disparity ratio of minority to White children for the percentage of children in out-of-home care that are placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care. (Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcome 2)

Measure definition	The proportion of the non-White child population who are not placed with at least one of their siblings who was also placed into out of home care compared to the white population (see Data Notes for *Sibling Placement (All or Some Siblings)* Outcome Measure for additional detail).
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	David Marshall, Performance Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS) and Jessica Pierce, Statewide QA Program Specialist, Children's Administration
Next update	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Quarter
Data notes	**1** The disparity index is calculated by dividing the proportion of children in the non-White racial/ ethnic group experiencing a particular undesirable outcome by the proportion of White children experiencing the undesirable outcome. **2** The disparity index is a measure widely used in child welfare to calculate the degree to which outcomes vary across different racial/ ethnic groups. **3** The disparity index is not an indicator of performance on the outcome itself. For example, in some areas, performance for children of all racial/ ethnic groups could be high, but the disparity index could reveal marked differences among the groups. Conversely, overall performance could be low while the disparity index may show little variation among the racial/ethnic groups. **4** Each child is assigned only one race using methodology for defining race agreed to by the Washington State Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee (WSRDAC) and employed by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) and DSHS in conducting data analysis for WSRDAC. The methodology for assigning children to one race category includes: *- American Indian. If any of the six racial codes indicated American Indian background, the child was coded Indian in our analysis.* *- Black. If a child had no Indian heritage, but any of the codes indicated Black or African American, the child is coded as Black.* *- Asian/Pacific Islander. If a child was coded as Asian or one of the Pacific Islander codes, with no Black or American Indian heritage, the child's race was coded as Asian/Pacific Islander.* *- Hispanic. Any child with Hispanic heritage, but not in the first three categories, was coded as Hispanic.* *- White. Any child with no indication of Indian, Black, Asian, or Hispanic race/ethnicity was coded as White.* **5** Data include race classifications of "other" and "unknown." Based on recommendations from the Braam Oversight Panel these children are excluded as a separate group in the charts presented in this report. For this outcome the count of children in this category are as follows: FY2008 (26 children), FY2009 (36 children), FY2010 (41 children), FY2011-Q1 (8 children) and FY2011-Q2 (3 children).

DATA

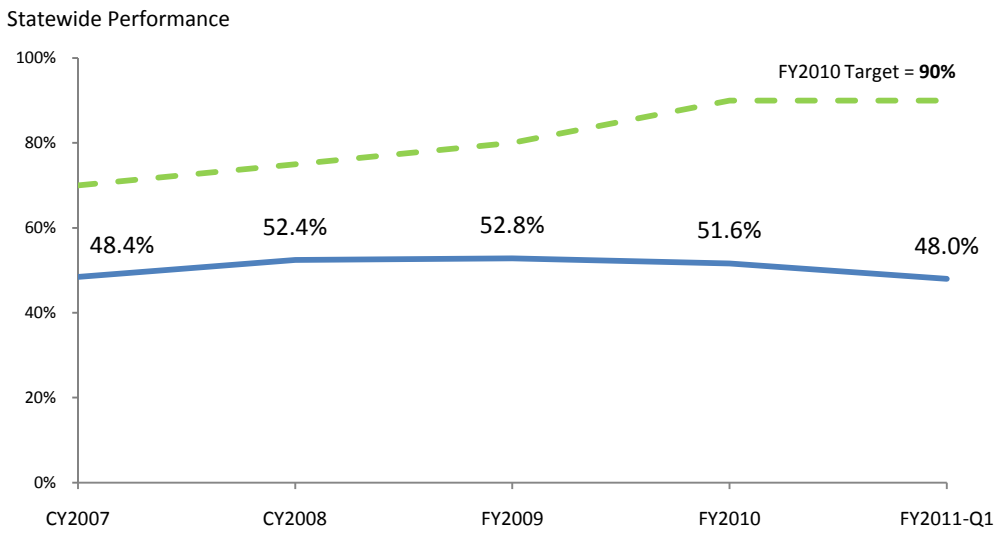
DATE	Black	Total Count		Asian/Pacific Islander	Total Count		Hispanic	Total Count		American Indian	Total Count		White	Total Count	
FY2008	1.08	76.8%	302	0.85	81.7%	71	0.78	83.2%	333	0.89	80.8%	396	1.00	78.5%	1247
FY2009	1.45	73.8%	240	0.74	86.5%	52	1.06	80.9%	246	0.92	83.3%	282	1.00	81.9%	867
FY2010	1.05	80.0%	155	1.39	73.5%	34	0.85	83.9%	168	0.94	82.2%	202	1.00	81.0%	637
FY2011-Q1	1.24	71.1%	38	2.14	50.0%	10	0.61	85.7%	56	0.81	81.1%	53	1.00	76.6%	209
FY2011-Q2	1.81	71.1%	45	2.78	55.6%	9	0.93	85.1%	67	1.29	79.4%	63	1.00	84.0%	150

PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

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. (Sibling Separation, Goal 2, Outcome 1)



DATA SOURCE: Survey of Foster Parents and Caregivers in Washington State, administered by WSU
MEASURE DEFINITION: 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 at least one 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. Prior to FY2010-Q2 the survey was significantly changed to ask questions about each sibling relationship. The revised measurement for this outcome was agreed to in February 2011 by the parties to the Braam Settlement Agreementand FY2010-Q2, Q3, and Q4 performance data was updated in March 2011. **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). *(See complete Data Notes on page 38)*

SUMMARY

- ***This measure has changed over time preventing comparison of performance across time.***
- **During FY2011-Q1 caregivers reported 48% of children had two or more monthly visits or contacts with at least one of their brothers or sisters. FY2010 performance was higher at about 52%.**
- **FY2011 quarterly performance is about the same as FY2010.**
- **Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports due to the complexity of the measure. Regional performance for FY2010 ranged between 48-59%. Region 3 was the highest performer.**
- **Licensed providers report greater frequency of sibling visits and contacts than unlicensed caregivers.**
- **Highlights of findings using FY2011-Q1 survey results showed the following based on information provided by caregivers:**

- Majority of children have a sibling not residing with them (at least 60%).
- Majority of siblings that reside elsewhere are half siblings (53.8%).
- Majority of siblings residing elsewhere are age 5 to 17 years old (est. 49%).
- Est. 8% of siblings residing elsewhere are >18 years and 17% are < 5 years.
- Siblings residing elsewhere live with other foster parent (21%), mother/father (28%), and relatives (17%).
- Primary reason caregivers report siblings are not having regular visits and contact include (in order of frequency): (a) siblings reside far apart, (b) visits are not coordinated by CA, (c) the child's age makes contact not possible, and (d) the sibling was adopted.

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to strengthen Family Team meeting practices to ensure discussion occurs regarding the value, plan, and progress to maintain sibling relationships when brothers and sisters are placed apart.**
- **Finalize and distribute Sibling Visit planning and documentation tool.**
- **Explore feasibility of piloting nationally recognized Neighbor to Family Program.**
- **Follow up on technical assistance recommendations from the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC) at Hunter College.**

Children's Administration

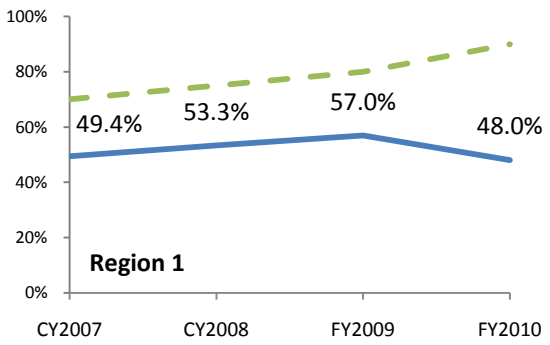
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

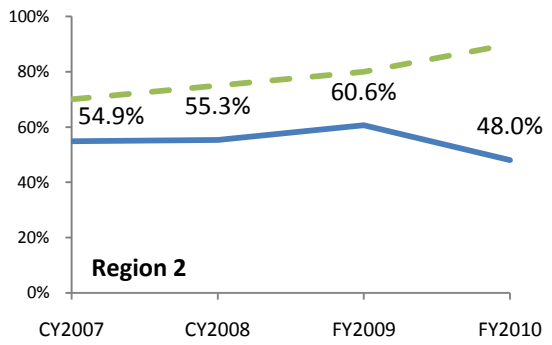
TO DATA CHART

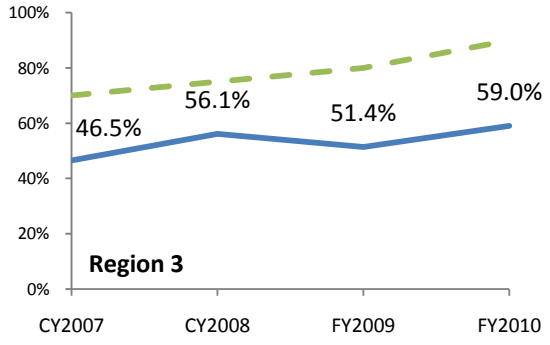
Sibling Visits/Contacts

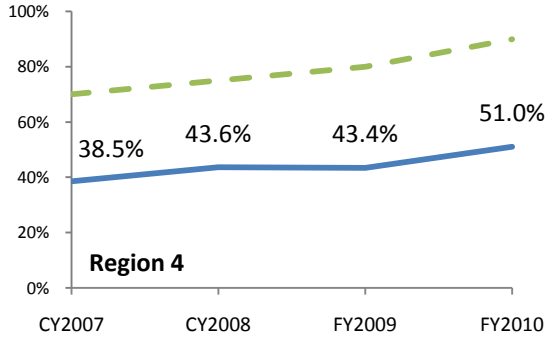
Children placed apart from their siblings will have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events), with some or all of their siblings. (Sibling Separation, Goal 2, Outcome 1)

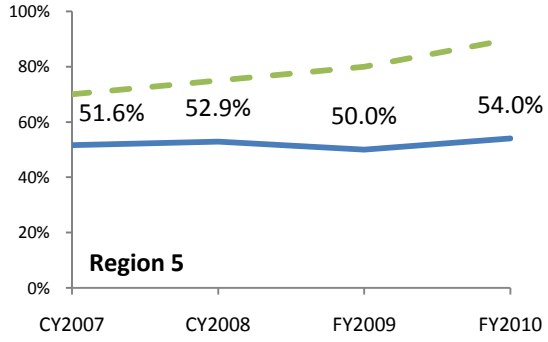
Regional Trends

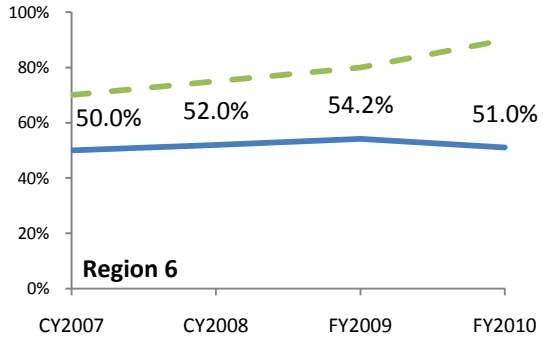












Children's Administration

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. (Sibling Separation, Goal 2, Outcome 1)

Measure definition	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 at least one of their siblings.
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 Research Center, Washington State University
Next update	July 2011 (Quarterly Informational Report)
Period	State Fiscal Qtr
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. Prior to FY2010-Q2 the survey was significantly changed to ask questions about each sibling relationship. The revised measurement for this outcome was agreed to in February 2011 by the parties to the Braam Settlement Agreement and FY2010-Q2, Q3, and Q4 performance data was updated in March 2011. **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** Compliance with this outcome requires the statewide benchmark to be met. In addition, no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

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
CY2007	48.4%	70%	430	49.4%	81	54.9%	51	46.5%	71	38.5%	65	51.6%	62	50.0%	100
CY2008	52.4%	75%	584	53.3%	107	55.3%	76	56.1%	98	43.6%	78	52.9%	102	52.0%	123
FY2009	52.8%	80%	846	57.0%	151	60.6%	99	51.4%	238	43.4%	113	50.0%	140	54.2%	201
FY2010	51.6%	90%	863	48.0%	197	48.0%	103	59.0%	148	51.0%	115	54.0%	128	51.0%	172
FY2011-Q1	48.0%	90%	417	Regional performance is not calculated in quarterly reports											

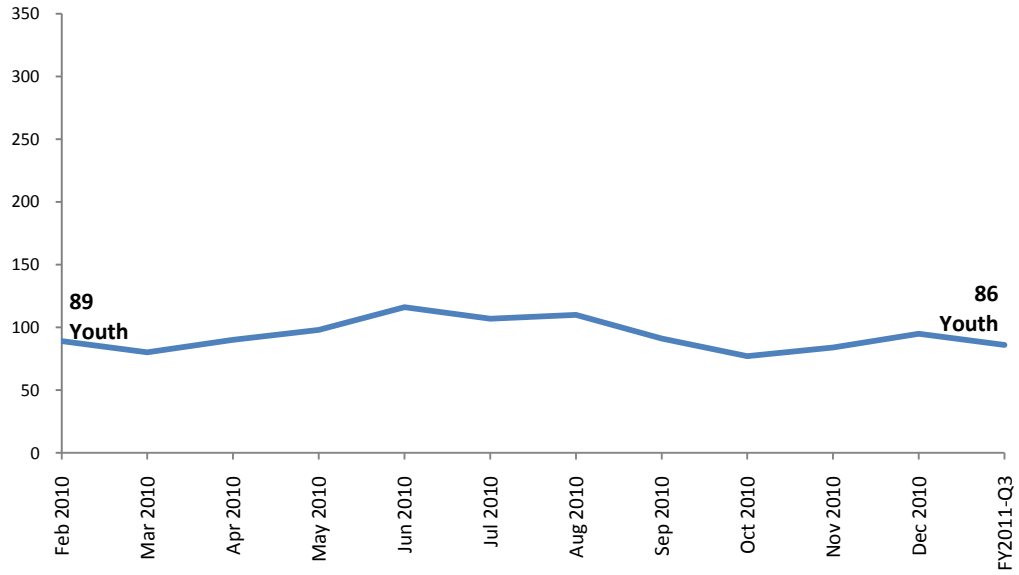
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

TO DATA CHART

Youth on Runaway Counts

The count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified as being on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. (Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1, Alternative Measure)

Statewide Counts



DATA SOURCE: FamLink; supplied by Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
MEASURE DEFINITION: Count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified on runaway status on or near the last day of the month.
DATA NOTES: 1 Population includes children/youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified in FamLink on runaway status on the last day of the month (point in time). **2** This is alternative/supporting data for the Settlement Agreement outcome to reduce the percentage of adolescents on runaway status from foster care pending development of the outcome report for this measure. **3** Data report methodology is still under development. **4** The list of youth on runaway status is used for monthly quality assurance activities that were reinitiated in February 2010 after a break during the FamLink transition period. *(See complete Data Notes on page 43)*

SUMMARY

- **The number of youth on runaway status at the end of March 2011 was 86 youth.**
- **Region 4 had the highest number of youth on the run in March 2011.**
- **A number of youth on runaway status in March 2011 were on their first run (23%, 20 youth). The goal is to intervene with these youth early to help prevent future runs. CA staff are taking a closer look at this population and current strategies making a difference with first time runners.**
- **A number of youth in March 2011 were frequent runners with more than 6 incidents of runaway status during their time in care (21%, 19 youth). CA staff are taking a closer look at this population as well to see if there are contributing factors to inform practice improvement work with youth who frequently run from care.**
- **Data showing the last placement setting prior to the youth being on runaway status indicates 59% are running from a foster/receiving home, 23% from a relative caregiver, 8 % are running from a Crisis Residential Center (CRC) and 5% from a therapeutic or specialized placement setting.**
- **Monthly quality assurance review activities are continuing to be implemented and strengthened as improvement needs are identified.**

ACTION PLAN

- **Continue to implement statewide and regional quality assurance review activities to identify and address improvement needs.**
- **Continue to identify and analyze potential factors associated with youth on runaway status.**
- **Complete development and implementation of new on-line FamLink Management Report.**

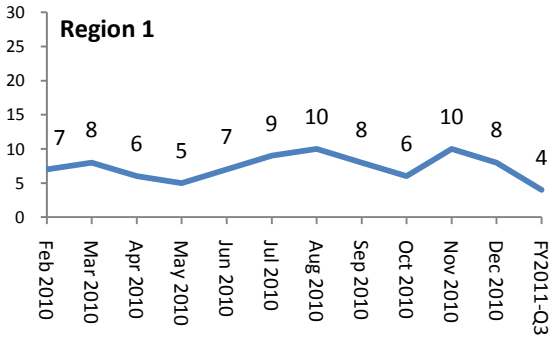
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

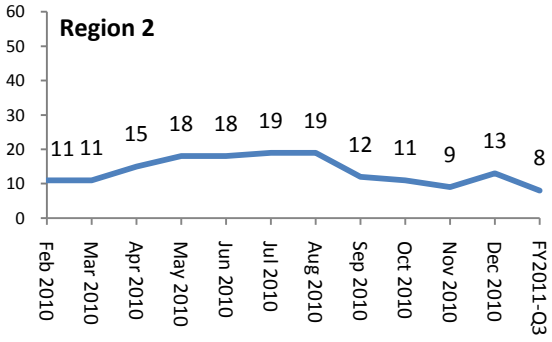
TO DATA CHART

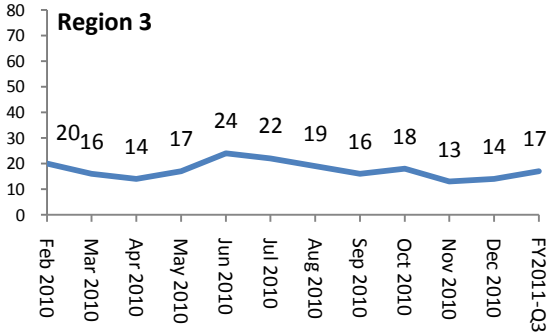
Youth Runaway Counts

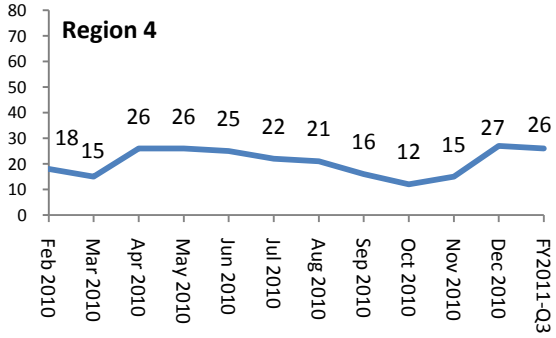
The count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified as being on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. (Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1, Alternative Measure)

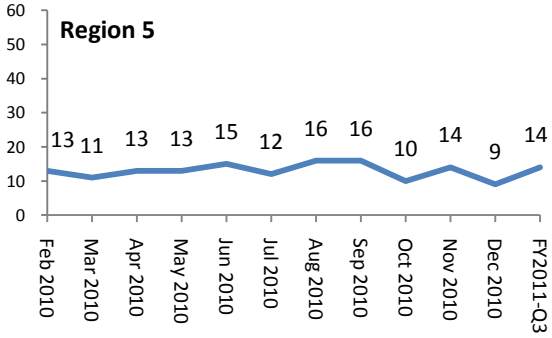
Regional Trends (Count of Youth on Runaway Status On or Near Last Day of Month)

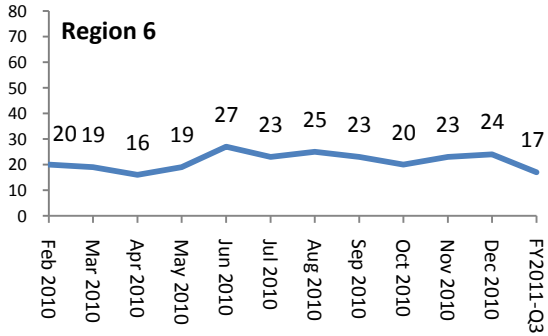










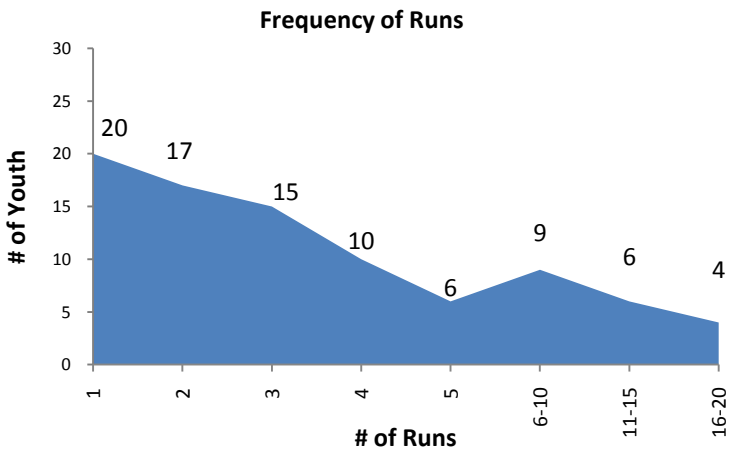


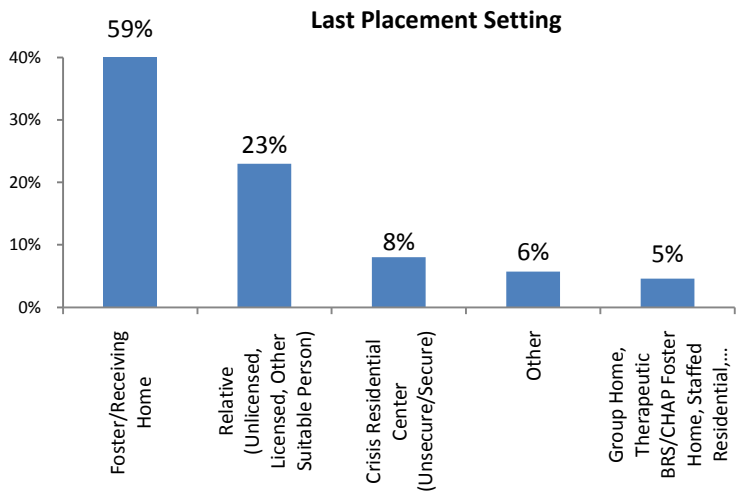
PERFORMANCE MEASURE

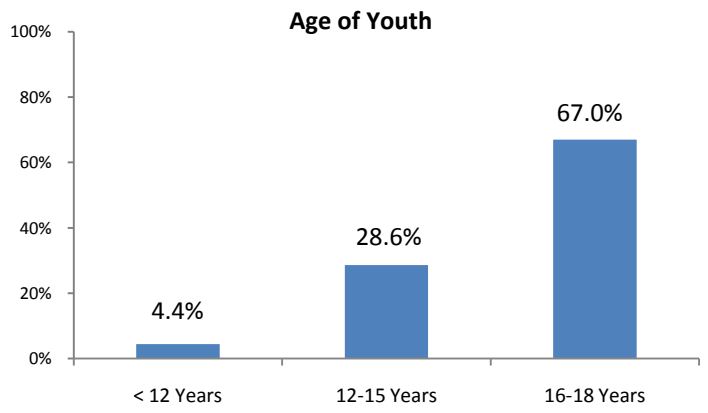
TO DATA CHART

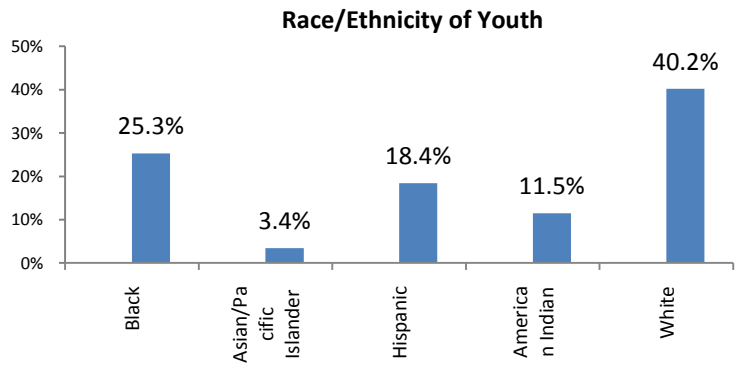
Youth Runaway Counts

The count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified as being on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. (Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1, Alternative Measure)









Children's Administration

Youth Runaway Counts

The count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified as being on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. (Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1, Alternative Measure)

Measure definition	Count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. Additional characteristics about the youth and run event are included, including: the length of time of the open run event, number of run events during the placement episode, placement setting youth ran from, age and race/ethnicity of the youth.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	July 2011
Period	Monthly
Data notes	**1** Population includes children/youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified in FamLink on runaway status on the last day of the month (point in time). September 2010 and all future reports are based on data extracted around the 25th day of the month to provide the regions and statewide lead additional time to complete monthly quality assurance activities. **2** This is alternative/supporting data for the Settlement Agreement outcome to reduce the percentage of adolescents on runaway status from foster care pending development of the outcome report for this measure. **3** Data report methodology is still under development. **4** A change to the report methodology is pending to exclude Temporary Events for youth on-the-run that were "not approved" in FamLink. This change is anticipated to impact a small number or records currently included in the population. **5** A small number of children/youth in the measure population may be children/youth whose parents absconded with them.

DATA

DATE	Statewide Count of Youth on Runaway Status	TARGET	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Feb 2010	89	N/A	7	11	20	18	13	20
Mar 2010	80	N/A	8	11	16	15	11	19
Apr 2010	90	N/A	6	15	14	26	13	16
May 2010	98	N/A	5	18	17	26	13	19
Jun 2010	116	N/A	7	18	24	25	15	27
Jul 2010	107	N/A	9	19	22	22	12	23
Aug 2010	110	N/A	10	19	19	21	16	25
Sep 2010	91	N/A	8	12	16	16	16	23
Oct 2010	77	N/A	6	11	18	12	10	20
Nov 2010	84	N/A	10	9	13	15	14	23
Dec 2010	95	N/A	8	13	14	27	9	24
FY2011-Q3	86	N/A	4	8	17	26	14	17

Children's Administration

Youth Runaway Counts

The count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified as being on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. (Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1, Alternative Measure)

Measure definition	Count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. Additional characteristics about the youth and run event are included, including: the length of time of the open run event, number of run events during the placement episode, placement setting youth ran from, age and race/ethnicity of the youth.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	July 2011
Period	Monthly
Data notes	**1** Population includes children/youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified in FamLink on runaway status on the last day of the month (point in time). September 2010 and all future reports are based on data extracted around the 25th day of the month to provide the regions and statewide lead additional time to complete monthly quality assurance activities. **2** This is alternative/supporting data for the Settlement Agreement outcome to reduce the percentage of adolescents on runaway status from foster care pending development of the outcome report for this measure. **3** Data report methodology is still under development. **4** A change to the report methodology is pending to exclude Temporary Events for youth on-the-run that were "not approved" in FamLink. This change is anticipated to impact a small number or records currently included in the population. **5** A small number of children/youth in the measure population may be children/youth whose parents absconded with them.

Frequency of Runs for Each Youth	FY2011 Quarter 3 Statewide
1	20
2	17
3	15
4	10
5	6
6-10	9
11-15	6
16-20	4

Last Placement Setting	FY 2011 Quarter 3 Statewide (Percentage)	FY 2011 Quarter 3 Statewide (Count)
Foster/Receiving Home	59%	51
Relative (Unlicensed, Licensed, Other Suitable Person)	23%	20
Crisis Residential Center (Unsecure/Secure)	8%	7
Other	6%	5
Group Home, Therapeutic BRS/CHAP Foster Home, Staffed	5%	3

Age of Youth	FY 2011 Quarter 3 Statewide (Percentage)	FY 2011 Quarter 3 Statewide (Count)
< 12 Years	4.4%	4
12-15 Years	28.6%	26
16-18 Years	67.0%	61

Race/Ethnicity of Youth	FY 2011 Quarter 3 Statewide (Percentage)	FY 2011 Quarter 3 Statewide (Count)
Black	25.3%	22
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.4%	3
Hispanic	18.4%	16
American Indian	11.5%	10
White	40.2%	35

Children's Administration

Youth Runaway Counts

The count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified as being on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. (Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1, Alternative Measure)

Measure definition	Count of youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified on runaway status on or near the last day of the month. Additional characteristics about the youth and run event are included, including: the length of time of the open run event, number of run events during the placement episode, placement setting youth ran from, age and race/ethnicity of the youth.
Data source	FamLink
Data supplier	Lee Doran, Lead Analyst, Children's Administration Technology Services (CATS)
Next update	July 2011
Period	Monthly
Data notes	**1** Population includes children/youth under CA Placement and Care Authority that are identified in FamLink on runaway status on the last day of the month (point in time). September 2010 and all future reports are based on data extracted around the 25th day of the month to provide the regions and statewide lead additional time to complete monthly quality assurance activities. **2** This is alternative/supporting data for the Settlement Agreement outcome to reduce the percentage of adolescents on runaway status from foster care pending development of the outcome report for this measure. **3** Data report methodology is still under development. **4** A change to the report methodology is pending to exclude Temporary Events for youth on-the-run that were "not approved" in FamLink. This change is anticipated to impact a small number or records currently included in the population. **5** A small number of children/youth in the measure population may be children/youth whose parents absconded with them.

DATA

Region	1 - 10 Days	11 - 30 Days	31 - 90 Days	91 - 180 Days	181 - 360 Days	360 + Days	Total Children On the Run
Region 1	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
	14.7%	0.0%	41.0%	0.0%	30.1%	14.2%	100%
Region 2	1	2	1	1	2	1	8
	12.5%	31.8%	10.8%	18.7%	16.0%	10.2%	100%
Region 3	4	0	7	3	2	1	17
	22.1%	0.0%	41.6%	15.5%	16.8%	4.0%	100%
Region 4	4	6	9	4	1	2	26
	12.6%	24.6%	36.0%	15.5%	3.0%	8.3%	100%
Region 5	4	3	2	4	1	0	14
	4.9%	4.0%	3.4%	87.0%	0.8%	0.0%	100%
Region 6	3	3	3	1	7	0	17
	17.1%	13.2%	21.4%	5.3%	43.0%	0.0%	100%
Statewide	17	14	23	13	14	3	86
	14.0%	12.3%	25.7%	23.7%	18.3%	6.0%	100%