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Braam Oversight Panel

The Braam Oversight Panel was created in 2004 to oversee a Settlement regarding Washington State's foster care system. The Settlement was reached after a six-year period of litigation. The named Plaintiff, Jessica Braam, is an adult who lived in 34 foster homes by the time the suit was filed in 1998. The Settlement is intended to improve the conditions and treatment of children in the custody of the state's Division of Children and Family Services. *As of January 2009, there were 11,647 children in DCFS custody, including children in out-of-home care and dependent children who were being served in their own home.*

The Panel was created to monitor improvements in selected services and ensure quality standards are met during the seven year duration of the settlement. This independent Panel was mutually selected by the parties (the Plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit and the state of Washington). The Panel, working in collaboration with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and with substantial input from the Plaintiffs and other stakeholders, issued an Implementation Plan for the six areas specified in the Settlement in February 2006. In July 2008, a Revised Braam Implementation Plan was published to reflect clarifications and modifications based on developments in the Braam process and discussions with DSHS, the plaintiffs and stakeholders.

This document is the eighth monitoring report on the Settlement and provides **outcome data for fiscal year 2009 (July 2008- June 2009)**, as well as a report on **action steps through December 31, 2009**. This monitoring report is based on the requirements of the Revised Braam Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008).

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OVERVIEW

The Braam Oversight Panel was created in December 2004 to oversee a settlement agreement (Settlement) regarding Washington State's foster care system. The Settlement was reached after a six-year period of litigation.¹ The parties to the Settlement include the Plaintiffs,² who filed the lawsuit, and the State of Washington, respondents to the lawsuit.

The final Settlement created an independent oversight panel (the "Panel") that was mutually selected by the parties. The members include:

- A former child welfare administrator;
- A child welfare researcher;
- An expert in children's mental health; and
- Two additional members.

The Settlement directed the Panel to establish professional standards, outcomes, benchmarks, and action steps to improve the treatment of, and conditions for, children in the custody of DCFS, and to monitor the Department's performance under this Settlement (Settlement, page 1). The intent of the Settlement, and the Panel's work, is summarized on the first page of the Settlement:

"The parties enter into this Agreement with the recognition that both parties and their counsel have committed to enter into specific, measurable, and enforceable agreements with the goal of improving the conditions and treatment of children in the custody of the Division of Children and Family Services."

Over 50 provisions from Kids Come First II, the comprehensive reform plan for children's services in place at the Department at the time the agreement was reached, were incorporated directly into the Settlement. The Settlement also addressed numerous issues included in state law.

Settlement Definitions

The Settlement defines the Plaintiff class as follows:

- **"Child" or "Children" in foster care** means children in the custody of DCFS. For the outcomes, benchmarks, and actions steps, this term refers to children in the Plaintiff Class, defined as all children in the custody of DCFS who are now or in the future will be placed by DCFS in three or more placements and those children in the custody of DCFS who are at risk of three or more placements. The Panel interprets this definition to include all children in the custody of DCFS.

As of July 2008, there were approximately 11,700 children in DCFS custody, including children in out-of-home care and dependent children who were being served in their own homes.

- **"Department"** means the Department of Social and Health Services. In terms of responsibilities related to the Settlement, the most relevant divisions are the Children's Administration and Health and Recovery Services (including the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse).

¹ The Final Settlement is available on the Braam Panel website: www.braampanel.org.

² The Plaintiffs' attorneys include Columbia Legal Services, the National Center for Youth Law, and Tim Farris, a Bellingham lawyer who initiated the case.

The Settlement established goals in six areas:

- **Placement Stability:** Every child will have a safe and stable placement with a caregiver capable of meeting the child's needs.
- **Mental Health:** Children shall have initial physical and mental health screenings within 30 days of entry into care. The child's case plan will include plans to meet their special needs. Children shall receive timely, accessible, individualized, and appropriate mental health assessments and treatment by qualified mental health providers. Continuity of treatment providers will be maintained.
- **Foster Parent Training and Information:** Caregivers shall be adequately trained, supported, and informed about children in their care. The Department shall provide accessible pre-service and in-service training to all caregivers sufficient to meet the caregiving needs of children in placement.
- **Unsafe/Inappropriate Placements:** All children shall be placed in safe placements. The state shall continue to meet or exceed the federal standard for out-of-home care.
- **Sibling Separation:** Placement of siblings together is presumed to be in the children's best interest unless there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the health, safety, or welfare of a child is put in jeopardy by the placement. Frequent and meaningful contact between siblings in foster care who are not placed together and those who remain at home should occur unless not in child's best interest.
- **Services to Adolescents:** Improve the quality and accessibility of services to adolescents. Improve the educational achievements of these adolescents and better prepare them to live independently. Reduce the number of adolescents on runaway status from foster care.

Collaboration and Consultation

The Settlement directs the Panel to conduct its work "in collaboration with the Department, and with substantial input from Plaintiffs, and other stakeholders as necessary" (Settlement, page 3). The Settlement also provides that "in carrying out all of its general and specific duties, the Panel shall make independent decisions based on professional judgment and guided by knowledge of effective practice and an understanding of the public child welfare system in the State of Washington" (Settlement, page 3). In the Panel's view, the statements regarding "in collaboration with...and with substantial input from" and "independent decisions" establish a creative tension to its work. The Panel submits its reports for review and comment by the parties and other stakeholders, while reserving its independent and final decision-making for the structure, content, and wording of its reports.

The original Settlement specifies that the Panel "will comply with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Public Disclosure Act and all applicable confidentiality statutes and regulations" (Settlement, page 5). In February 2008, attorneys representing the Department and the plaintiffs formally amended the Settlement Agreement to facilitate the Panel's efforts to carry out its duties between public meetings. Based on this amendment, the Panel may hold non-public work sessions or phone meetings with advance notification of the parties and maintenance of meeting minutes. The Panel continues to meet publicly at least four times per year.³

In carrying out its duties, the Panel welcomes comments from stakeholders and tribal representatives. While the Department is ultimately responsible for achieving the Settlement requirements, community providers play a significant role in service delivery for children and families and have an important voice

³ Minutes of non-public Panel meetings and work sessions are available to the parties and the public by request. Information on public Panel meetings, including meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, are available on the Braam Panel website: www.braampanel.org.

and perspective to offer both the Department and the Panel. Collaboration with parents, relatives, and tribal representatives will help ensure quality decision-making for children; numerous provisions in both KCF II and the Settlement outcomes and action steps reinforce this value.

Panel Work Products

Under the Settlement, the Panel issues the following types of documents:⁴

- **Implementation Plan**, defining the specific and enforceable performances required by the Settlement. In February 2006, the Panel published the Braam Settlement Implementation Plan. This document was developed through extensive public meetings and collaboration with DSHS and input from plaintiffs' counsel, and incorporated many recommendations and responses to previous draft documents from both parties and stakeholders.

The Revised Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008) includes clarifications and modifications based on developments in the Braam process and discussions with DSHS, the plaintiffs and stakeholders during 2006 and 2007.

- **Monitoring Reports**, measuring progress toward the Settlement goals, outcomes, benchmarks, and action steps for each six-month period. Under the agreement, the Panel is expected to "monitor the Department's progress with the specific Outcomes, Benchmarks, and Action Steps identified in this Agreement or as part of its implementation." (Settlement, page 4).

The Panel began publishing progress reports in March 2006. Subsequent reports were released in September 2006, April 2007, October 2007, October 2008, March 2009 and October 2009. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Panel will continue to publish monitoring reports every six months through the duration of the agreement.

- **Decisions on Compliance Plans**, in which the Panel issues decisions on plans proposed by the Department to achieve compliance in areas in which the Panel has determined that adequate progress has not been made.
- **Professional Standards**, which "the parties agree will be the Professional Standards used in any enforcement proceeding" (Settlement, page 4). After significant input from the Department and the plaintiffs, the Panel published professional standards in March 2007.

⁴ All Panel work products are available on the Braam Panel website at www.braampanel.org. Individuals and organizations can sign up to receive email alerts when new material is posted.

APPROACH TO MONITORING REPORTS

The Settlement requires the Panel to “monitor compliance and make findings with respect to the outcomes, benchmarks and action steps;” and to “issue semi-annual public reports on the Department’s compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.”

This Monitoring Report is based on the requirements set forth in the **Revised Braam Implementation Plan**, which was published on July 3, 2008. The Revised Implementation Plan replaces the February 2006 Implementation Plan and provides a revised framework for monitoring efforts. The Revised Implementation Plan was developed during the first half of 2008 by the Panel in collaboration with DSHS and with substantial input from the plaintiffs to reflect changes and clarifications since the publication of the original plan. The Revised Braam Implementation Plan included changes in the definition of many Braam outcomes, the annual benchmarks to be used to assess compliance with these outcomes, and the action steps that will be subject to ongoing monitoring by the Panel. These changes are reflected in this Monitoring Report.

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This Monitoring Report includes three major sections:

- **Monitoring report on action steps**- This report summarizes progress with respect to action steps through December 31, 2009. Only action steps that are subject to continued monitoring under the Revised Braam Implementation Plan are included in this report.⁵

Part I of this document, beginning on page 8, is the Panel’s assessment of progress on these action steps. The primary sources for this portion of the report are documents from the Department, including update reports summarizing progress and other written material (policies, plans, etc.). The Panel used the “comments” section of the matrix to provide further information on progress to date.

- **Monitoring report on outcomes**- The Panel’s Revised Implementation Plan specified outcomes to “identify specific, required results that will advance the child welfare system toward a stated goal” (Settlement, page 4) and established annual benchmarks through which the Panel will monitor compliance with these outcomes.

This Monitoring Report assesses progress with respect to the outcomes and benchmarks set forth in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan.⁶ In this Monitoring Report, progress toward the benchmarks was determined by using administrative, case review and foster parent survey data for fiscal year 2009.

Part II of this document, beginning on page 19, presents information on outcomes and benchmarks. For each goal area of the agreement, information for each outcome identified in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan is provided. Findings with respect to whether or not annual benchmarks for

⁵ The Revised Braam Implementation Plan includes a section detailing the status of all action steps included in the Braam Settlement Agreement and the original February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan (see p.40 of Revised Braam Implementation Plan at <http://www.braampanel.org/ImpPlanREVJuly08.pdf>). Many of these action steps have been found to be complete by the Panel or will not be subject to ongoing monitoring because they are addressed through related outcomes or informational reports. Since the publication of the Revised Braam Implementation Plan in July 2008, only the action steps classified as “retained” have been included in Braam Monitoring Reports.

⁶ The Revised Braam Implementation Plan included a number of changes from the February 2006 Implementation Plan with respect to how outcomes are defined and in the annual benchmarks to be achieved. Monitoring Report #5 and all subsequent Braam Monitoring Reports are based on the Revised Braam Implementation Plan.

fiscal year 2009 were reached are presented based on administrative, case review, and foster parent survey data.

- **Informational reports-** Part III of this document, beginning on page 55, is devoted to informational reports required under the Revised Implementation Plan.

As stated in the Revised Implementation Plan, “in areas identified for informational reports, the Panel will require annual submission of data by the Department (including performance by region and by racial/ ethnic subcategories), but will not set forth or assess compliance with annual benchmarks. Informational reports will provide the Panel, parties, and stakeholders with extensive data to better understand progress toward Braam goals and outcomes. Upon review of informational reports, the Panel reserves the right to reinstate or develop new outcomes and benchmarks.”

This section of the report lists the informational reports required under the Revised Implementation Plan, describes the status of these reports, and a summary of the informational reports that have been provided.

Next Steps

The Revised Implementation Plan requires submission of data by race and ethnicity for all Braam outcomes. The Panel has received these reports for most Braam outcomes for FY08 and FY09. The Panel will publish these data by April 2010. The Panel is discussing possible approaches to the use of data for Braam outcomes by race and ethnicity with the Department, plaintiffs’ counsel, and the Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee.

The Panel’s next Monitoring Report will be issued in October 2010.

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PART I: MONITORING REPORT ON ACTION STEPS

This Monitoring Report is based on the expectations set forth in the **Revised Braam Implementation Plan**, which was published on July 3, 2008. With respect to action steps, the Revised Braam Implementation Plan includes a section detailing the status of all action steps included in the Braam Settlement Agreement and the original February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan (see p.40 of Revised Braam Implementation Plan at <http://www.braampanel.org/ImpPlanREVJuly08.pdf>). Many of these action steps have been found to be complete by the Panel or will not be subject to ongoing monitoring because they are addressed through related outcomes or informational reports. *Only the action steps classified as “retained” in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan will be included in this and future Braam Monitoring Reports.*

The following matrix reports on the **progress through December 31, 2009** of the 15 action steps subject to continued monitoring under the Revised Braam Implementation Plan, including action steps that are operating under compliance plans previously approved by the Panel.

Detailed Status of Action Steps

The Panel has categorized the status of the 15 action steps as follows (the numbers in parentheses indicate the number of action steps that fit each category—e.g. 6 action steps are complete):

- ✓ Complete (6)
- ✓ Complete through performance period⁷ (4)
- ✓ Incomplete⁸: Compliance Plan for this step will be due in 30 days⁹ (2)
- ✓ Under Approved Compliance Plan (2)
 - Actions under compliance plan not complete through performance period (0)
 - Approved compliance plan complete through performance period (2)
- ✓ Pending (1)

⁷ Action steps with some items due before and others after December 31, 2009 were assessed as “complete through performance period.”

⁸ Action steps are categorized as incomplete whenever any substeps that were due have been determined not to have been implemented, even if some portions of the action step have been completed. The comments section in the matrix detailing the Panel’s decisions on action steps indicates which portions of the step have been completed.

⁹ Pursuant to the Settlement, the Department has 30 days to submit proposed plans to achieve compliance with action steps found to be incomplete. However, for one of these action steps, a new compliance plan is not required at this time, because a compliance plan developed in response to a previous finding of non-compliance is under review by the Panel.

Summary of the Panel's findings on the Action Steps by area of the settlement agreement

	Placement Stability	Mental Health	Foster Parent Training	Unsafe/ Inappropriate Placements	Sibling Separation	Adolescents	<i>total</i>
Complete				2	1	3	6
Complete through performance period		2	1			1	4
Incomplete: Compliance Plan for this step will be due in 30 days (<i>or</i> Compliance Planning in Process)		1				1	2
Under Approved Compliance Plan							
• Approved compliance plan complete through performance period	1					1	2
Pending						1	1
<i>Total</i>	1	3	1	2	1	7	15

Format of the Report on Action Steps

Numbering System

Kids Come First II, the Braam Settlement Agreement, and the February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan used slightly different numbering systems to refer to Braam action steps. In the Revised Braam Implementation Plan, retained action steps were renumbered in sequential order. This and future Panel reports will identify action steps based on the numbering in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan.

Matrix

The Panel's assessment of progress on action steps is presented in a 3-column matrix format beginning on page 10. The first column (Area/ Action Step) lists the action step. In the center column (Implementation Status), the status of the action step is noted, along with a parenthetical reference to the report in which the Panel made this finding. The last column of the matrix (Comments) provides clarifying comments from the Panel and expectations for future updates.

For the 6 action steps that are complete, all three columns are shaded.

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
Placement Stability		
<p>Develop a plan by June 30, 2005 for review and approval by the Braam Panel to reduce caseloads to COA standards <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Placement Stability Action Step 1]</i> <i>[KCF II 14.1.8 (incorporated from Braam into KCF II) , Action Step 1(c)(9) in Settlement]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish workgroup to develop plan and estimate costs/resources required (1/05) b. CA Management reviews and approves plan (5/05) c. Plan submitted to Braam Panel for review (6/05) 	<p>Approved compliance plan complete through performance period (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>Plan to reduce caseloads was approved in July 2009.</p> <p>Department has resumed monthly submission of data on caseload size, as required by the plan.</p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
Mental Health		
<p>Initial (72 hour) health screening <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Mental Health Action Step 1]</i> <i>[Goal 1, Outcome 1, Action step 2-4 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan for achieving Goal 1, Outcome 1 will be submitted to the Panel for review and approval-- 3/30/07 • The Department will begin to implement initial health screens-- 10/30/07 • The Department will track implementation to ensure that each child who enters out-of-home care receives an initial health screen-- Begin 10/07—continuous tracking 	<p>Incomplete (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p> <p>Compliance plan required</p>	<p>Action step was found incomplete in Monitoring Report #5 (October 2008), #6 (March 2009) and #7 (October 2009). With each finding, a compliance plan was required, but not submitted.</p>
<p>Develop a plan to ensure the quality of the CHET process <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Mental Health Action Step 2]</i> <i>[Goal 1, Outcome 2, Action Step 1 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will develop, and submit to the Panel for approval, a plan to review and ensure the quality of the CHET process that will address issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • timeliness of completing CHET screens • timely receipt of educational records • well-child EPSDT exams completed within 30 days • quality of information collected in each of the 5 domains • effectiveness of the screening and assessment instruments used in CHET • use of data/information on a child that is received after the Shared Planning Meeting occurs • inclusion of parents, caregivers, youth (age 12 and over), tribal representatives (when applicable), and children’s representatives in the CHET Shared Planning Meetings, and in developing Action Plans • determining whether CHET recommendations are followed and services are received • for children whose CHET recommendations are largely unrelated to services received, analyze reasons and suggest system improvements <p>The plan will be completed and submitted to the Panel for review by 12/30/06</p> <p>The Department will begin implementation of the plan by 9/30/07</p> <p>The Department will provide the Panel with annual reports on the results of the Quality Review beginning 9/30/08</p>	<p>Complete through performance period (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>CA submitted an update in September 2009.</p>

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Mental Health		
<p>Annual review of mental health and substance abuse services <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Mental Health Action Step 3]</i> <i>[Goal 3, Additional Action Step 7 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will complete an annual review of the status of mental health and substance abuse services for children in foster care and use the findings from the review to address service gaps and system problems to develop services and to expand the use of evidence-based models of service, where applicable.</p> <p>The Department will publish the review and plan annually, beginning in November 2007. The annual review will identify by region both achievements in foster children receiving services and any deficiencies. The Department will establish plans to increase the achievements and reduce the deficiencies. The review and plans will be based in part on service data; direct feedback from children, parents, and caretakers; and reports generated through the action steps in the Settlement and the Braam Implementation Plan.</p>	<p>Complete through performance period (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>CA submitted an update in December 2009.</p>

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Foster Parent Training and Information		
<p>Foster parent survey <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Foster Parent Training Action Step 1]</i> <i>[Action Step 1 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Children’s Administration will contract with the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) at Washington State University to develop and conduct an independent, statistically valid, anonymous survey of foster parents (current and former) and relative caregivers (licensed and unlicensed) that is conducted annually concerning all areas of the Settlement related to caregiver’s work with foster children and associated outcomes and action steps.</p> <p>In developing the survey design, tool, and procedures, the SESRC shall consult with the Panel, the Washington State Foster Parent’s Association, Braam plaintiffs’ attorneys, the CA Youth Advisory Group, the foster parent liaison staff in CA, and a group of five DCFS staff selected by CA.</p> <p>Survey planning completed by 10/1/06</p> <p>Survey reviewed and approved by Panel by 12/1/06</p> <p>First survey results to Panel by 9/01/07</p> <p>Second survey results to Panel by 8/01/08</p> <p>Third survey results to Panel by 8/01/09</p> <p>Fourth survey results to Panel by 8/01/10</p> <p>Fifth survey results to Panel by 6/01/11</p>	<p>Complete through performance period</p> <p>(Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>Annual report on FY09 foster parent survey was provided in January 2010. Foster parent survey is ongoing, with quarterly implementation of surveys.</p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
Unsafe/Inappropriate Placements		
<p>Increase contact between social worker and family, child and caregivers to at least every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit¹⁰ <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Unsafe Placements Action Step 1]</i> <i>[KCF II 14.1.2 (originally 11.1.2), Action Step 4(c)(1) in Settlement]</i></p> <p>For children placed in out-of-home care, develop and implement a policy to require visits every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit) between social worker and parents, and social worker and child IN ALL CASES This action step and following benchmarks are subject to 2005 budget request</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Utilizing policy workgroup from 14.1.1, develop policy recommendations (3/05-5/05) Workgroup reports out recommendations (5/05) CA Management reviews and approves policy recommendations (6/05) Budget decisions (7/05) Provide orientation to staff, caregivers and community partners on new policy requirement (7/05-9/05) Revise new social worker academy training to support new policy and practice guidelines (9/05) Based on available funding, implement policy changes (10/05) Establish baseline for compliance with policy changes and set performance measure (3/06) Initiate quarterly reporting to the field (6/06) 	<p>Complete (Monitoring Report #6, March 16, 2009)</p>	<p>Implementation of policy requiring monthly visits and visits in the first week of placement occurred on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>Action step requirement for quarterly reporting is replaced by monthly provision of data under compliance plan for Unsafe & Inappropriate Placements Goal 1, Outcome 6.</p>
<p>Increase compliance with policy requiring workers to visit children in placement within the first week of out-of-home care <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Unsafe Placements Action Step 2]</i> <i>[KCF II 14.1.6, Action Step 4(c)(2) in Settlement]</i></p> <p>Review and revise policy requiring social workers to visit all children in their placement within the first week in out-of-home care</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish workgroup to review and revise policy (6/05) Orient staff to new policy requirement (8/05) Begin implementation of new policy (10/05) Establish regional baselines and set performance measure (6/06) Initiate quarterly reporting to the field (6/06) 	<p>Complete (Monitoring Report #6, March 16, 2009)</p>	<p>Implementation of policy requiring monthly visits and visits in the first week of placement occurred on September 1, 2008.</p> <p>In lieu of quarterly reporting required under action step, Panel requests informational reports on visits in the first week of out-of-home placement, to be submitted along with monthly data being provided under compliance plan for Unsafe & Inappropriate Placements Goal 1, Outcome 6.</p>

¹⁰ Language of original action step has been modified from visits “once every 30 days” to “every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit” to reflect policy changes approved by the Panel. In addition, after discussion with the parties, the Panel interprets references to “parents,” “family” and “caregivers” in the original action step language to apply to the individual(s) with whom a child in the Braam class is living: a foster parent, a relative caregiver, or a birth parent for a child placed in an in-home dependency.

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
Sibling Separation		
<p>Develop and implement policies and protocols to increase the quality and frequency of visits or contacts between children, parents, and siblings <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Sibling Separation Action Step 1]</i> <i>[KCF II 18.1.1, Action Step 5(c)(1) and Action Step 5(c)(5) in Settlement]</i></p> <p>Develop policies and protocols regarding visitations for children in foster care to include frequency of visitation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish a policy workgroup, including stakeholders and researchers, to develop a framework for visitations between parents and children and siblings that is utilized uniformly across regions. Framework to include guidelines for visitations which encompass: (9/04-12/04) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When visitations can be unsupervised, • When visitations can be outside of the DCFS office, • When visitations can be outside DCFS office hours, and • Who is able to supervise visits • How the visitation issues will be addressed during the Family Team Decision Making meeting which occurs within 72 hours of a child’s placement in out-of-home care. • How the visitation issues will be addressed in other staffings and supervisory conferences • Guidelines for documentation of visits for social workers and contracted service providers b. Workgroup reports out recommendations (12/04) c. CA Management reviews and approves framework and policy recommendations (1/05) d. Provide training for staff and providers to support policy changes for visitations, quality of visitations and maintaining child’s cultural connections (2/05-4/05) e. Implement policy changes upon training (2/05-4/05) f. Report out quarterly on progress (6/05-6/07) 	<p>Complete (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	<p>Requirement for quarterly reporting is replaced by monitoring of related outcome (Sibling Separation, Goal 2, Outcome 1).</p>

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Services to Adolescents		
<p>Educational attainment study <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 1]</i> <i>[Goal 2, Outcome 3, Action step 1 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The CA will replicate the 2001 WSIPP study Educational Attainment of Foster Youth: Achievement of Graduation Outcomes for Children in State Care for school-age children in foster care three months or longer in FY2005, with inclusion of WASL performance for 4th, 7th and 10th grades and all other variables in the study. The study may be done by CA following the methods used in the 2001 study, or contracted to WSIPP or another research organization.¹¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to Panel regarding intent to perform work within DSHS or contract (6/1/06) • First study completed (11/1/08) • Follow-up studies (11/1/08, 12/1/10) 	<p>Pending (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>Report on graduation outcomes has been provided.</p> <p>Panel is waiting to receive reports on WASL outcomes and educational advocates.</p>
<p>Establish educational outreach positions to assist children in out-of-home care in meeting K–12 educational objectives and preparing for higher education goals. <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 2]</i> <i>[KCF II 15.3.4 (originally 15.1.3), Action Step 6(c)(7) in Settlement]</i></p> <p>Work with Washington Education Foundation to obtain funding and implement the Foster Care to College Partnership plan, which includes establishing six regional educational outreach positions, who will serve as liaisons to assist children (16-18 year olds) in out-of-home care in meeting higher education goals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In collaboration with Washington Education Foundation, complete Foster Care to College Partnership proposal (10/04) b. Seek 3-year grant funding (10/04-2/05) c. Based on funding, begin implementation of the Foster Care to College Partnership plan (4/05) d. Report on implementation (9/05) e. Annual evaluation report (completed each year of the 3-year grant funding) (6/06, 6/07, 6/08) 	<p>Complete (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	

¹¹ A requirement to replicate the study every two years has been deleted from the original action step. Through related requirements for informational reports, the Panel will expect ongoing submission of these data. Data can be obtained through replicated WSIPP study, FamLink, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or other sources.

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
Services to Adolescents		
<p>Develop and implement tutoring and mentoring services, in conjunction with existing community resources, to improve educational outcomes for adolescents in out-of-home care. <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 3]</i> <i>[KCF II 15.2.3 (originally 15.1.2), Action Step 6(c)(10) in Settlement]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Develop roles and responsibilities for educational coordinators (10/05) b) Hire regional educational coordinators to provide educational advocacy (12/05) c) Train regional educational coordinators (12/05) d) Regional coordinators work with community partners to develop regional plans, including existing community resources and tutoring/mentoring programs (9/05) e) Communicate program to staff, youth, caregivers and community partners (2/06) f) Implement regional plans (2/06) g) Initiate quarterly reporting to the field (5/06) 	<p>Complete (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	
<p>Attendance, truancies, suspensions and expulsions <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 4]</i> <i>[Goal 2, Outcome 3, Action step 5 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will collect information on school attendance, truancies, suspensions, and expulsions about youth in foster care in Washington, and will use this information to design and implement practice and system improvements in DCFS and to advocate for system improvements related to this goal.</p> <p>June 1, 2008</p>	<p>Incomplete (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p> <p>Compliance planning in process</p>	<p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>
<p>Documentation of credit accumulation and GPA <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 5]</i> <i>[Goal 2, Outcome 3, Action step 6 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>DCFS will document each child's credit accumulation and Grade Point Average at each placement change and at the end of each school year in conjunction with the annual educational review in the ISSP. When placement changes disrupt credit acquisition, DCFS will work with the releasing and enrolling school districts to develop a plan for the child to complete credits.</p> <p>June 1, 2007</p>	<p>Complete (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
Services to Adolescents		
<p>ILP Contracts <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 6]</i> <i>[Goal 2, Outcome 6, Action step 5 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will propose strategies to the Panel to result in sufficient capacity of ILP contractors serving youth aged 15 and older so 100% of this population is served.</p> <p>CA proposes strategies: January 1, 2008</p> <p>Strategies implemented: July 1, 2009</p>	<p>Complete through performance period (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>Panel notes continued growth in IL participation. Data in next update to Panel (August 2010) should show the IL participation <i>rate</i> (number participating as a percentage of those eligible) by region and across years. Next update to Panel should also discuss implementation of recommendations of the adolescent services blueprint workgroup.</p>
<p>Information on children in juvenile detention facilities <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 7]</i> <i>[Goal 3, Outcome 3, Action step 3 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will maintain information on children in foster care who spend time in juvenile detention facilities and will annually compile information on the number of these children, their lengths of stay in detention facilities, and the reason for the hold. The CA will use this information to design and implement practice and system improvements in DCFS and to advocate for system improvements.</p> <p>Report to Panel (June 1, 2008)</p> <p>Implement improvements (July 1, 2009)</p>	<p>Approved compliance plan complete through performance period (Monitoring Report #8, March 4, 2010)</p>	<p>Department submitted data related to this action step in February 2010. Panel looks forward to discussion of data and next steps to address the concerns raised by these data at the March public meeting.</p>

PART II: MONITORING REPORT ON OUTCOMES

In the Revised Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008), many of the original outcomes included in the February 2006 Implementation Plan were modified, consolidated, or converted to informational reports.¹² Monitoring Report #5 and all subsequent Braam Monitoring Reports assess progress toward the benchmarks for the outcomes set forth in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan.

In this Monitoring Report, progress toward the benchmarks for **fiscal year 2009 (July 2008- June 2009)** was reviewed by using the following data sources:

- *Administrative data-* Most Braam outcomes are measured using the Department's own administrative data sources. During the middle of FY09, Children's Administration launched FamLink, a new data system replacing the CAMIS system. While the Braam Panel is relying on FamLink data for monitoring many Braam outcomes, the Panel notes that the transition to a new administrative database raised implementation challenges and may mean that data gathered using CAMIS and data based on FamLink may not be entirely comparable. For several outcomes, further detail on data transition issues is provided in Appendix I (CA FY09 Performance Report).
- *Case review data-* Several Braam outcomes are measured using data from a case review process agreed to by the Panel and the parties and conducted by Children's Administration case review staff.
- *Foster parent survey data (survey conducted by Social and Economic Sciences Research Center at Washington State University)*—In this Monitoring Report, outcomes measured by the foster parent survey are assessed on a fiscal year (July- June) basis. Previously, these outcomes have been examined based on a calendar year. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examined the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel, with input from the parties, has translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis, which are shown for each relevant outcome.

Format of the Report on Outcomes

Beginning on page 22, information for each outcome identified in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan is provided.

Findings with respect to the benchmarks for **fiscal year 2009 (July 2008- June 2009)** are presented. A separate page is included for each outcome. In the first row of the table, the outcome as stated in the Revised Implementation Plan is shown. In the next row of the table, the first column (Benchmarks) shows the benchmark for FY09 from the Revised Implementation Plan. In the second column (Performance), statewide performance for FY09 is shown. The last column (Current Status and Comments) indicates the Panel's findings with respect to whether or not the annual benchmark was reached, and any additional comments. The bottom section of the table provides more detailed charts and data; whenever available, these charts include information on performance by region and over the past several years.

Detailed data reports can be found in the appendices.

¹² Informational Reports are addressed in Part III of this report, beginning on page 55.

Monitoring Approach and Findings

The Settlement Agreement calls on the Panel to “monitor the Department’s compliance with the specific Outcomes, Benchmarks, and Action Steps identified” in the Agreement or as part of its implementation and “to publish a report to the public and to the parties every six months of the Department’s progress and including specific findings on the Department’s compliance with the provisions” of the Agreement (Settlement, page 4-5). In carrying out its monitoring responsibility in the area of outcomes and benchmarks, the Panel has sought to use language consistent with the compliance terminology used in settlement agreement. As such, consistent with the agreement’s terminology in section V, part 1, the Panel has reviewed outcomes and benchmarks and made determinations regarding whether the Department has *reached* or *failed to reach the annual benchmarks*.

The Revised Implementation Plan establishes numeric benchmarks for each outcome, identifying specific levels of performance to be achieved in each year. In addition, the Revised Implementation Plan identifies requirements for compliance based on regional data. In order to achieve compliance with outcomes identified in the Revised Implementation Plan, the Department must meet the statewide benchmark for the outcome. In addition, no individual region's performance may be significantly less than that statewide benchmark.¹³ Specific regional requirements are detailed for each individual outcome in the Revised Implementation Plan. Thus, in this Monitoring Report, the Panel has reviewed both statewide and regional data in order to make a determination regarding whether an annual benchmark has been reached.

Based on this approach, on the following pages, each Braam outcome is classified into one of the following status categories:

- *Reached annual benchmark*- For 9 outcomes, data have been provided that show that the FY09 benchmarks (including statewide and regional rules) set forth in the Implementation Plan were reached.
- *Failed to reach annual benchmark: compliance plan required OR compliance planning in process*- For 24 outcomes, the Panel has concluded that performance failed to reach the FY09 benchmarks set forth in the Implementation Plan. For 20 of these outcomes, data were provided showing performance that fell short of the benchmark. For 4 of these outcomes, the Panel concluded that the benchmark was not reached because acceptable data were not provided. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, a compliance plan is required. However, as noted on the following pages, for 8 outcomes, a new compliance plan is not required at this time, because the Panel is currently reviewing a compliance plan developed in response to a previous finding of non-compliance.

¹³ For a small number of outcomes, the regional requirement for compliance will be that no individual region's performance is significantly *more* than the statewide benchmark. This applies to outcomes for which annual benchmarks *decrease* over the course of the settlement, such as the percentage of youth who run away from their placements.

Summary- Status of outcomes by area of the settlement agreement

	Placement Stability	Mental Health	Foster Parent Training	Unsafe/ Inappropriate Placements	Sibling Separation	Adolescents	<i>total</i>
Reached annual benchmark	1	5		2		1	9
Failed to reach annual benchmark: compliance plan required (<i>or</i> compliance planning in process)	2	6	3	6	3	4	24
<i>Total</i>	3	11	3	8	3	5	33

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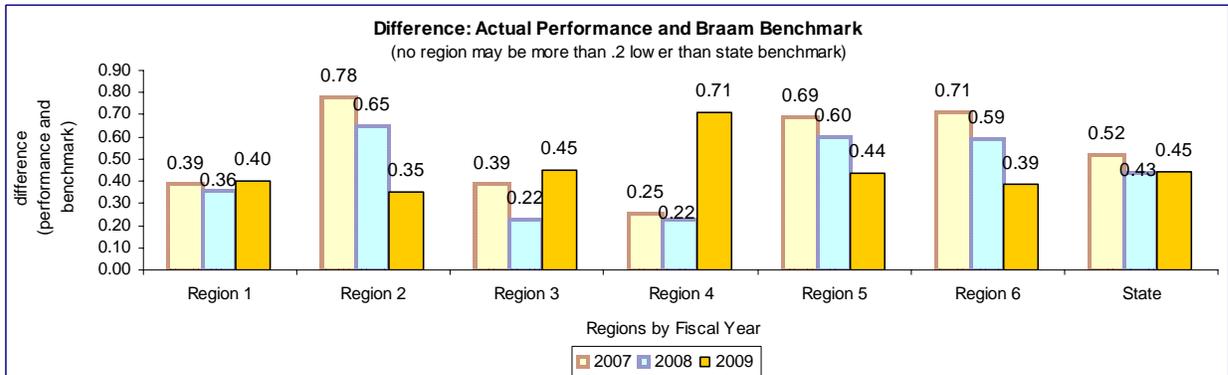
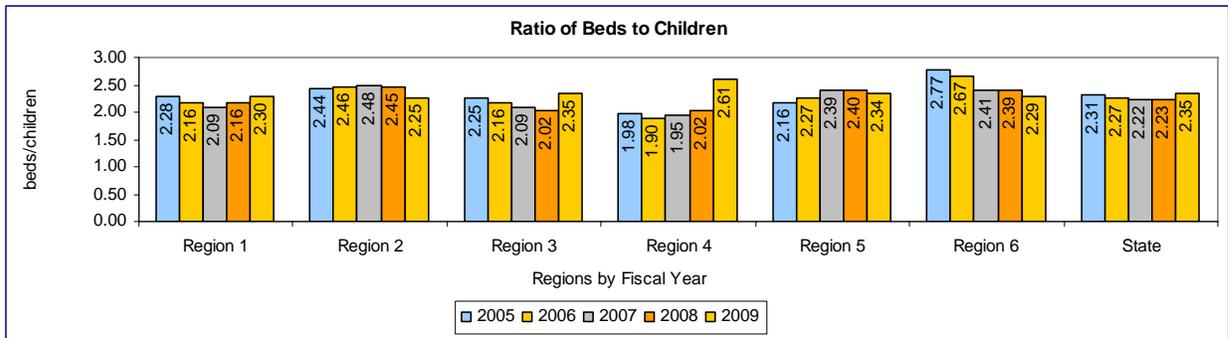
Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

Goal 1, Outcome 1

The average monthly ratio of licensed foster care beds to children in licensed foster care will be at least 2.0.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=1.9 Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than .2 lower than the statewide benchmark	FY09= 2.35	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
 See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 1
 Summary of related informational reports, page 62*

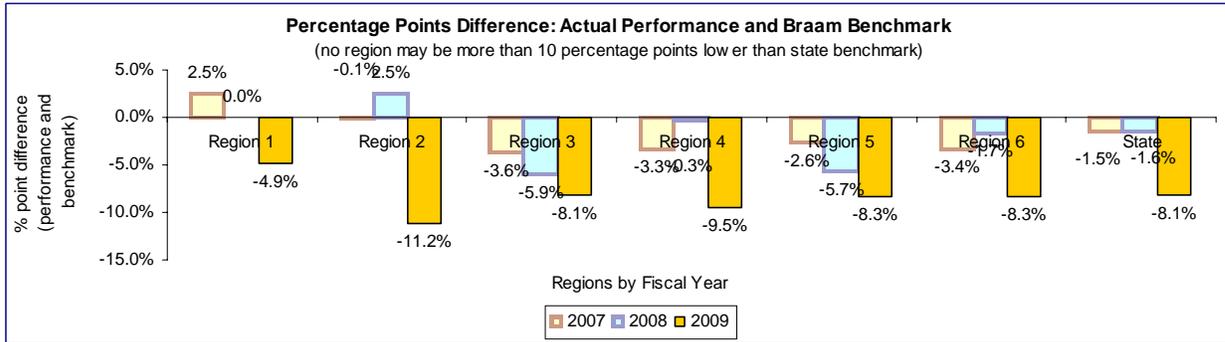
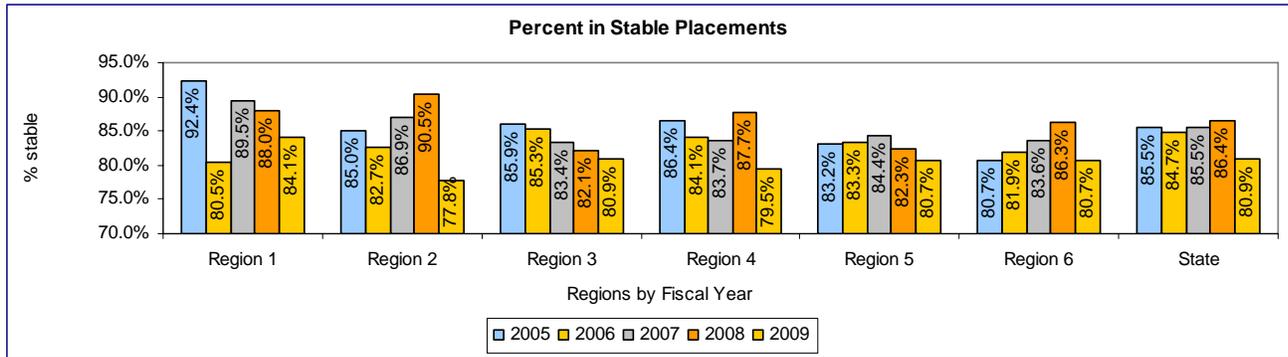


Goal 1, Outcome 2

The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home episode of care 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*).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=89% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09=80.9%¹⁴	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report. See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 2 Summary of related informational reports, page 64



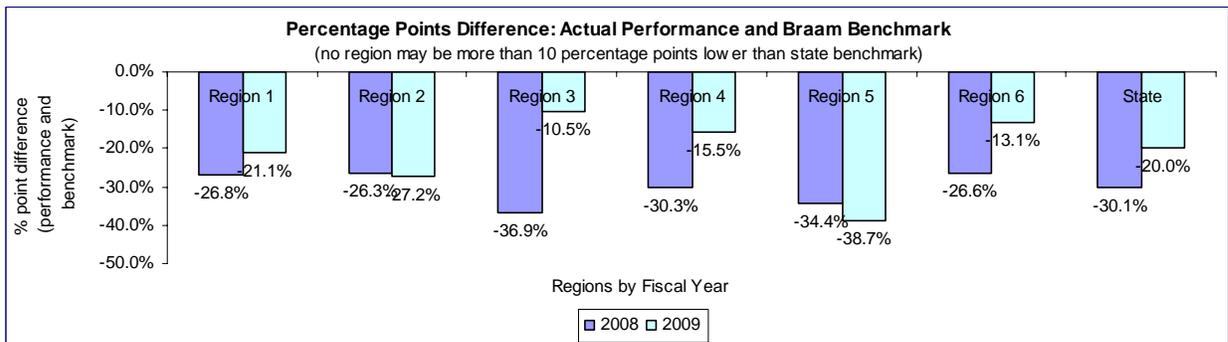
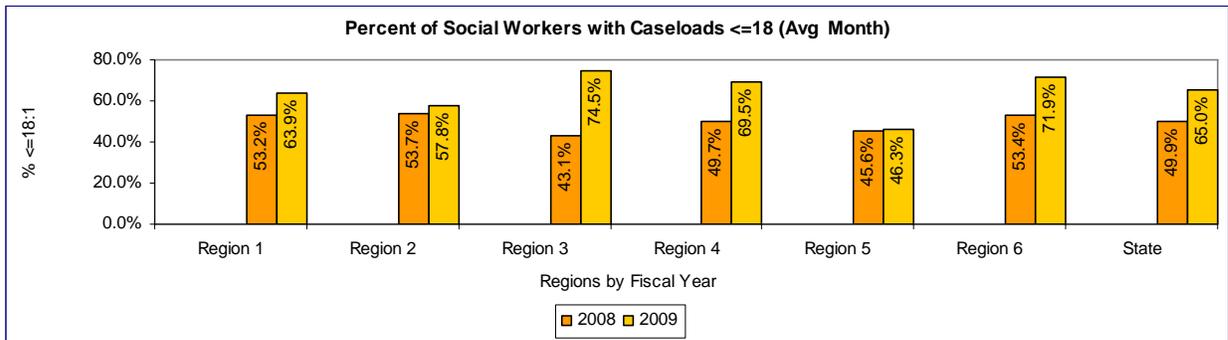
¹⁴ Children's Administration has indicated that the significant drop between FY08 and FY09 performance on this outcome may be attributable to differences in how data are structured in the CAMIS and FamLink systems. See explanation in Appendix I, p. 2.

Goal 1, Outcome 3

Social workers will have caseloads at or below Council on Accreditation (COA) standards (18 child cases per caseworker for all other children) (*outcome measure based on the percentage of caseworkers with caseloads at or below COA standards*).¹⁵

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09=65%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report. See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 3 Summary of related informational reports, page 68



¹⁵ The Revised Implementation Plan's language for this outcome refers to a separate caseload standard and weighting formula for special needs children. As discussed at the December 2008 Braam Panel meeting, the Panel has now eliminated this requirement.

MENTAL HEALTH- OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

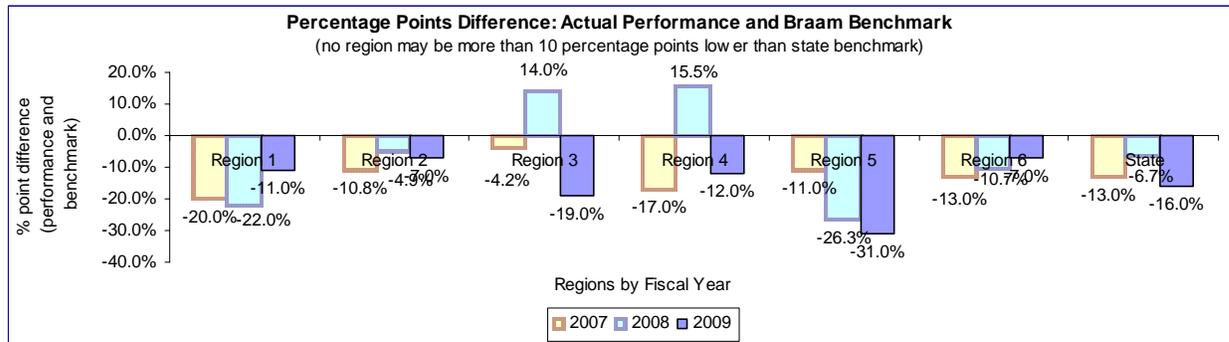
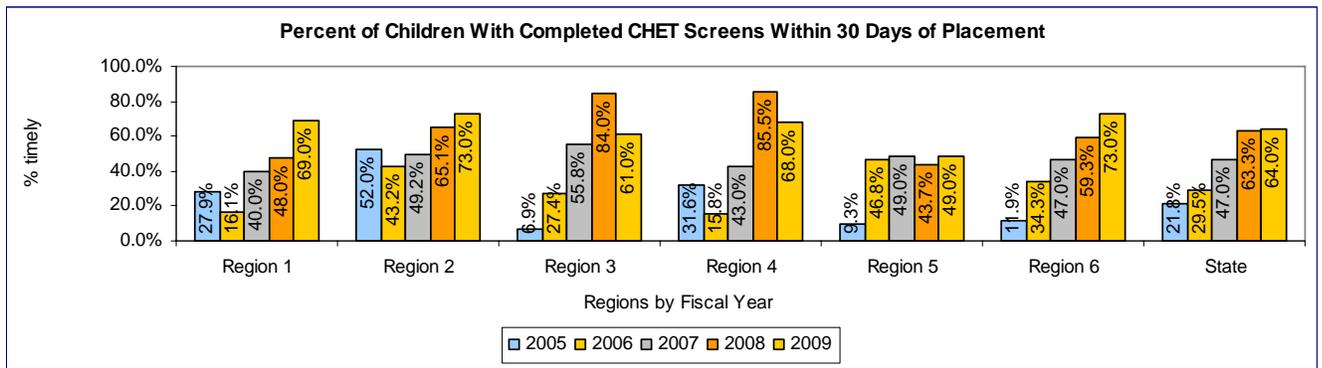
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 1</u> Children will be screened by an appropriate health professional for immediate and urgent physical and mental health needs, including assessment for infectious and communicable diseases, within 72 hours of entering out-of-home care.</p>		
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>Acceptable data not available</p>	<p><u>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: compliance plan required</u></p> <p>Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data.</p>
<p>Data not provided</p>		

Goal 1, Outcome 2

Children in out-of-home care 30 days or longer will have completed and documented¹⁶ Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 64% ¹⁷	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page4
Summary of related informational reports, page 71*



¹⁶ For Braam purposes, a completed and documented CHET is one in which age-appropriate screenings have been completed for all domains: Medical (EPSDT completed for all children); Developmental (developmental screening completed for children ages 0-60 months); Emotional-behavioral (screening completed for children ages 6-18 years); Educational (educational records received for school-aged children); and Connections (for all children).

¹⁷ Note: Data for years FY08 and before did NOT meet the Panel's definition of a complete CHET. Data beginning with FY09 do meet the definition of a complete CHET. Data for FY08 and before should therefore not be compared with data for FY09 or later.

Goal 1, Outcome 3

A shared planning meeting (SPM) focusing on the CHET screening results will be held within 60 days of each child's entry into care.

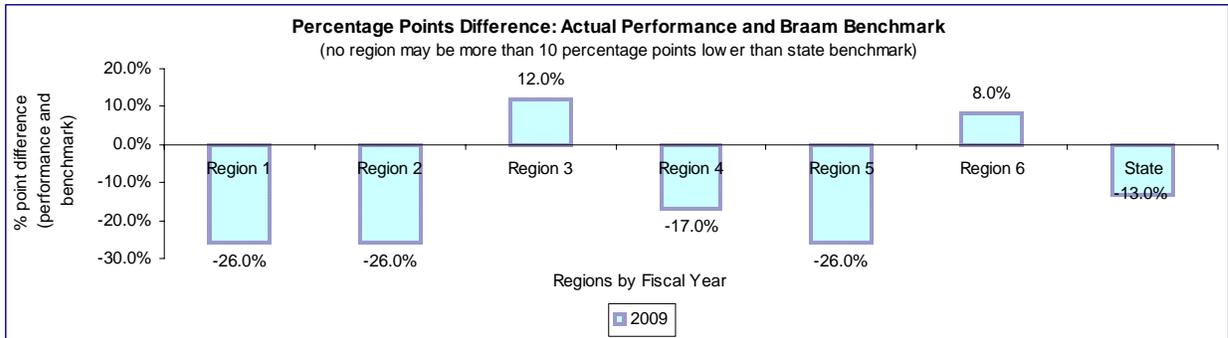
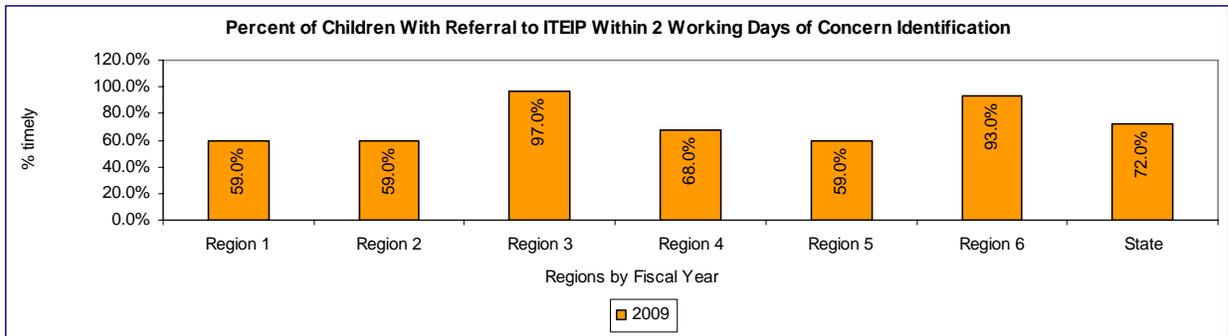
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	Acceptable data not available	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u> Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data.
Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report indicates that FY09 data are not suitable for compliance monitoring		

Goal 1, Outcome 4

Children age 3 and under in out-of-home care will be referred to the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) within 2 workdays of identification of concerns about developmental delays from their CHET screens.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>FY09= 72%</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u></p> <p>Panel notes marked regional variation in performance on this outcome.</p>

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 6*

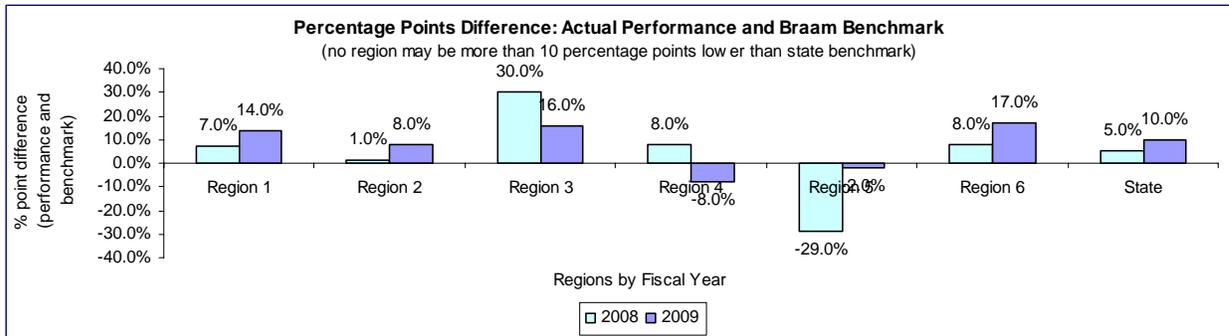
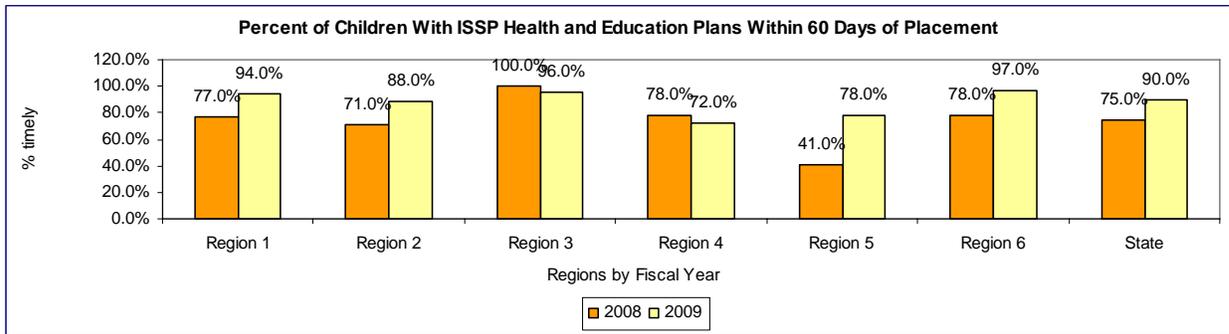


Goal 2, Outcome 1

Children in out-of-home care will have health and education plans (developed based on the findings from all physical health, developmental, educational, mental health and substance abuse health screenings and assessments) in their ISSPs within 60 days of placement.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 90%	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.

*Charts below are based on Children's Administration's ISSP Case Review Report.
 See also: Complete information on this outcome in Appendix III, page 2.
 Summary of related informational reports, page 77*

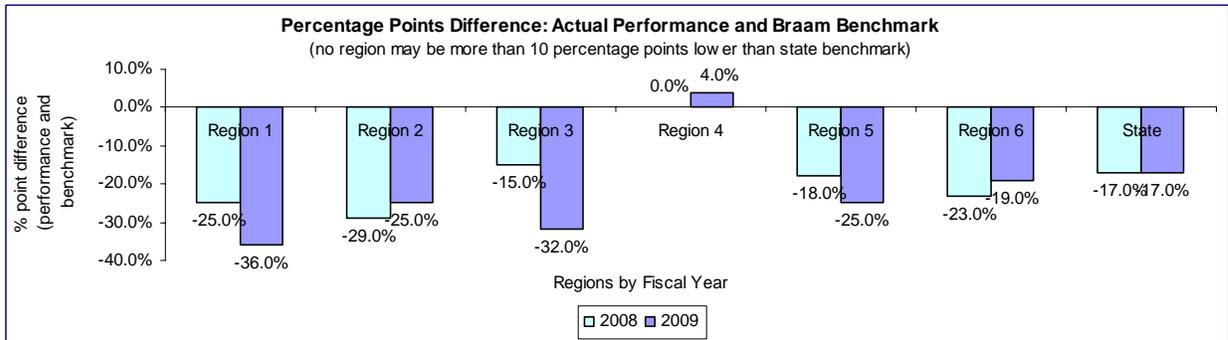
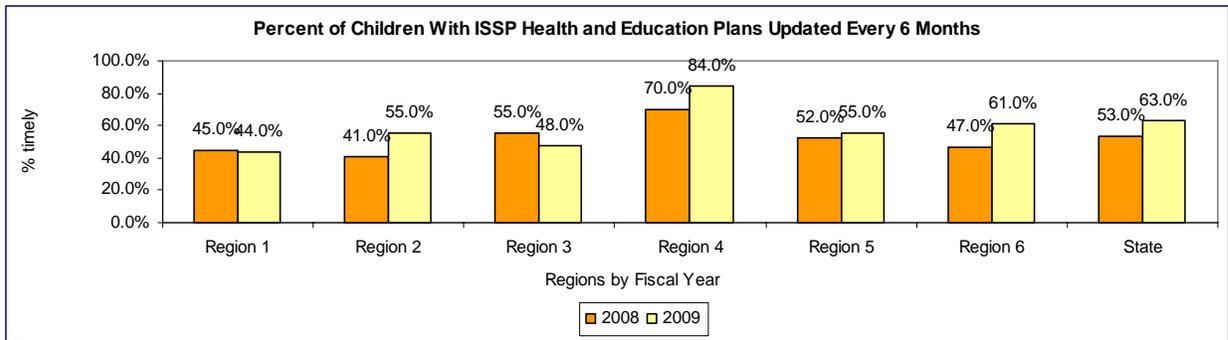


Goal 2, Outcome 2

Children in out-of-home care will have health and education plans in their ISSPs updated every 6 months.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 63%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

Charts below are based on Children's Administration's ISSP Case Review Report. See also: Complete information on this outcome in Appendix III, page 2. Summary of related informational reports, page 77

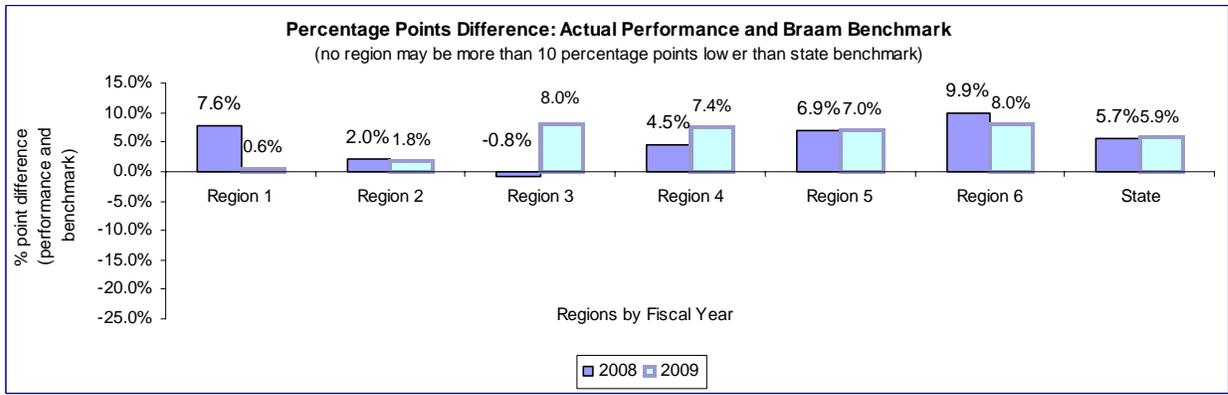
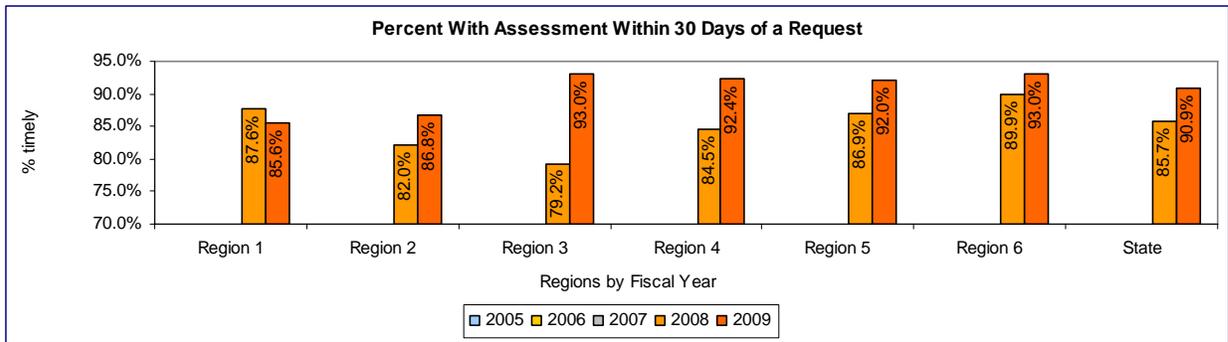


Goal 3, Outcome 1

Children in out-of-home care will receive a comprehensive mental health assessment within 30 days of a request for an assessment.¹⁸

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09=90.9%	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
 See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 9*



¹⁸ A request for an assessment may come from children who self identify or are identified by their caregiver, parent, social worker, medical provider, or through a valid screening mechanism, as needing one.

Goal 3, Outcome 2

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

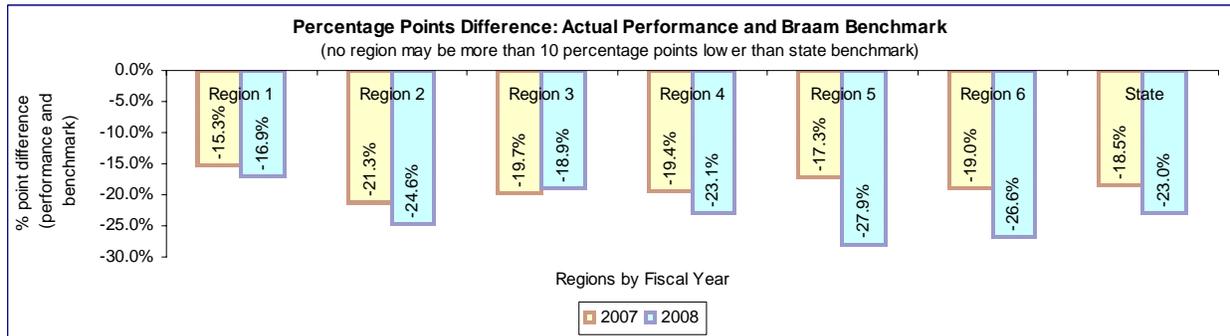
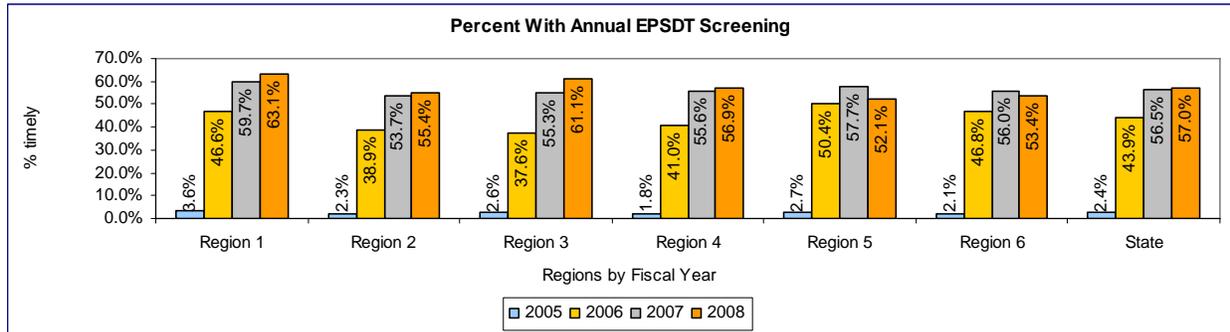
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09= 85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>FY09= Acceptable data not available</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Data for FY08 were provided subsequent to Monitoring Report #7 and showed that benchmark had not been reached. A compliance plan for this outcome addressing both the performance issue AND concerns about timely provision of data was submitted by the Department in February 2010 and is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>

FY09 data not provided. Data below are for FY08.

FY08 data were provided after the Panel's last Monitoring Report and showed that the FY08 benchmark had not been reached (FY08 benchmark=80%,FY08 performance= 57%)

Charts below are from Children's Administration's Performance Report.

See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 10

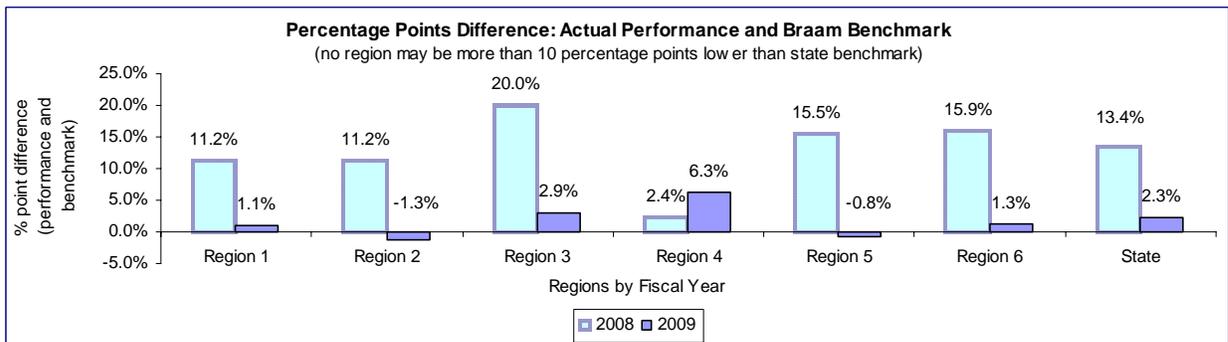
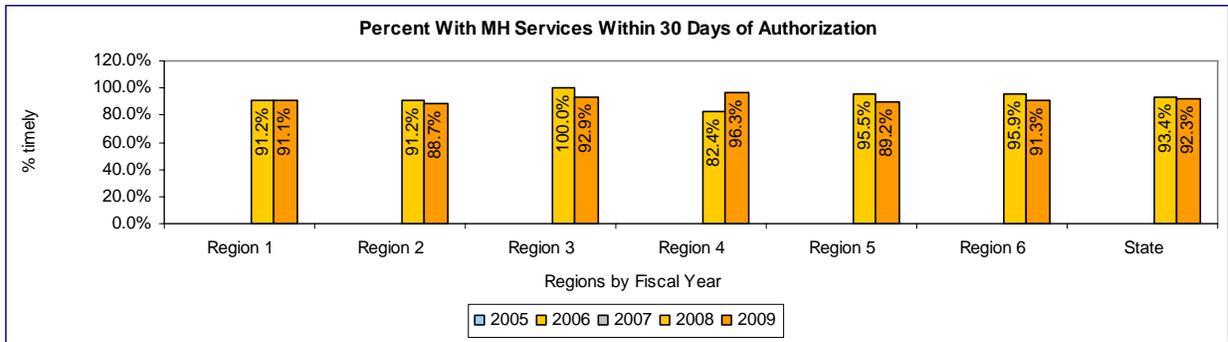


Goal 3, Outcome 3

Eligible children will receive services from a qualified mental health and/or substance abuse provider within 30 days of the completion of an assessment.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=90% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 92.3%	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
 See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 11
 Summary of related informational reports, page 75*



Goal 3, Outcome 4

A shared planning meeting will be held by DCFS to develop an appropriate alternative services plan when a child is found ineligible for or denied mental health treatment or substance abuse assessments or treatment services.

Note: For the purposes of assessing compliance with this outcome, a review of the 34 cases in 2009 in which children were denied or found ineligible for services was conducted. The Panel determined compliance on whether the child's needs were found to have been met, not whether a shared planning meeting was held (as stated in the description of the outcome).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 97%	Reached FY09 benchmark

Chart below is from summary of case review submitted by Children's Administration.

Shaded rows were counted by the Panel as out of compliance.

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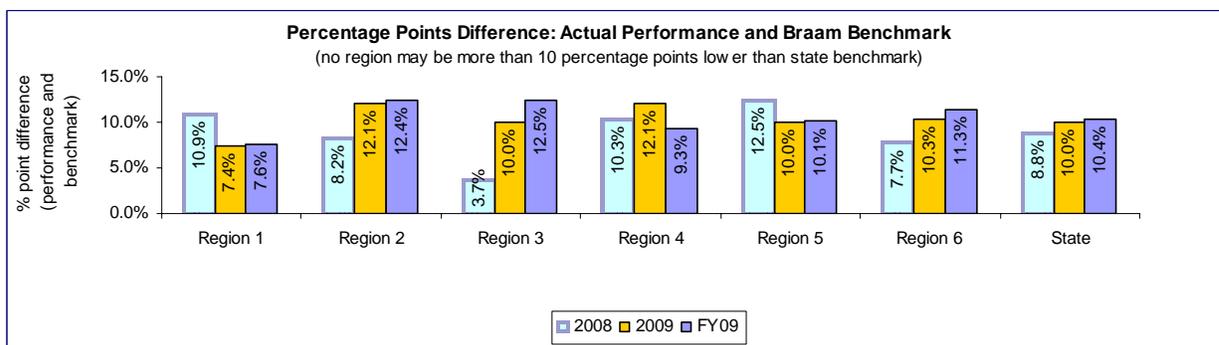
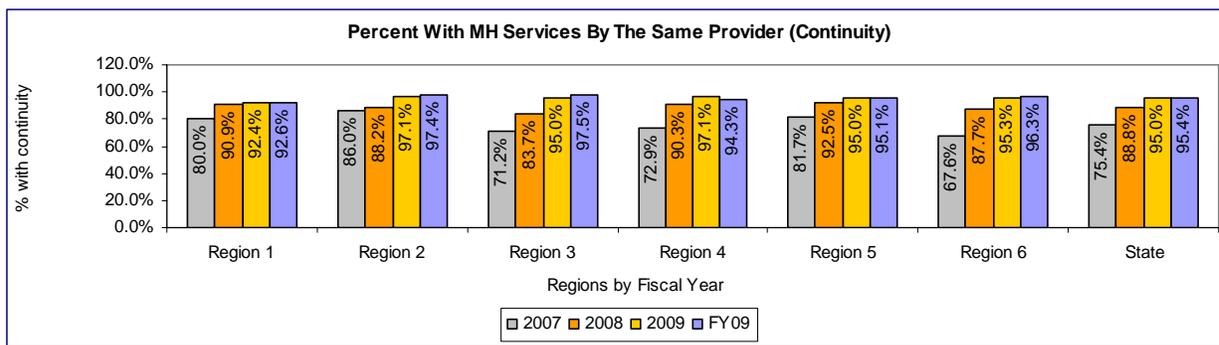
Outcome for Youth	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan-Feb 09	Mar-May 09	June-July 09	Aug-Sept 09	Totals
CA agreed youth did not have a mental health issue and no services were needed.	1		1	4	3	3	12
CA believed the youth required counseling or other evaluation services, which were provided.	2		1	8	1		12
CA felt youth did have a mental health issue and there was a reapplication for services, which were provided or is in process.		1	1				2
Youth moved and needs are met in new location.			1	1	1		3
Youth placed in BRS.	1			1	1		3
Youth refused services.	1						1
Administrative case not reviewed.							
Services not being provided and there is a need. Department is exploring options.						1	1
No response yet from worker.							
Total	5	1	4	14	6	4	34

Goal 4, Outcome 1

Children will receive behavioral health treatment services from the same individual provider for each episode of mental health treatment and/or substance use treatment (from admission to discharge), except where necessary to maintain or improve the quality of care for the child.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85%¹⁹ Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 95.4%²⁰	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 38*



¹⁹ This outcome is measured by the foster parent survey. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examines the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel and the parties have translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis.

²⁰ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with data shown as 2008 above. See survey results in the appendix for details.

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION- OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

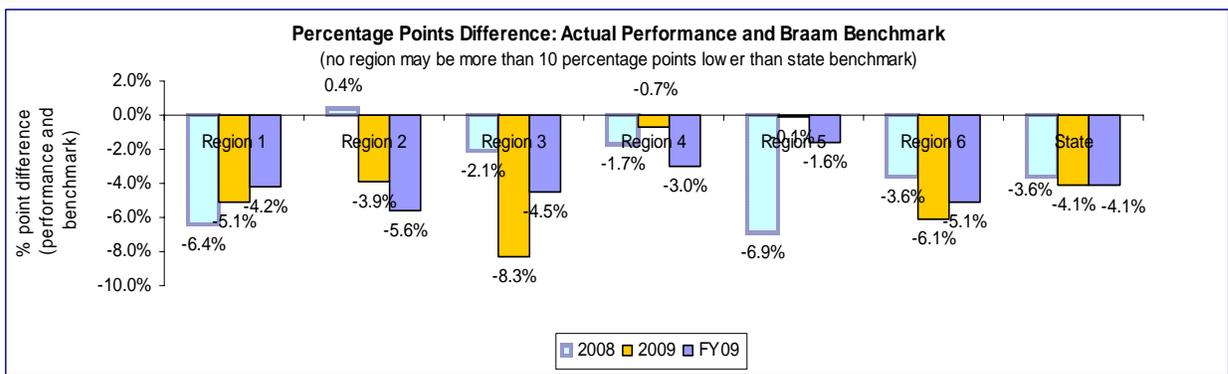
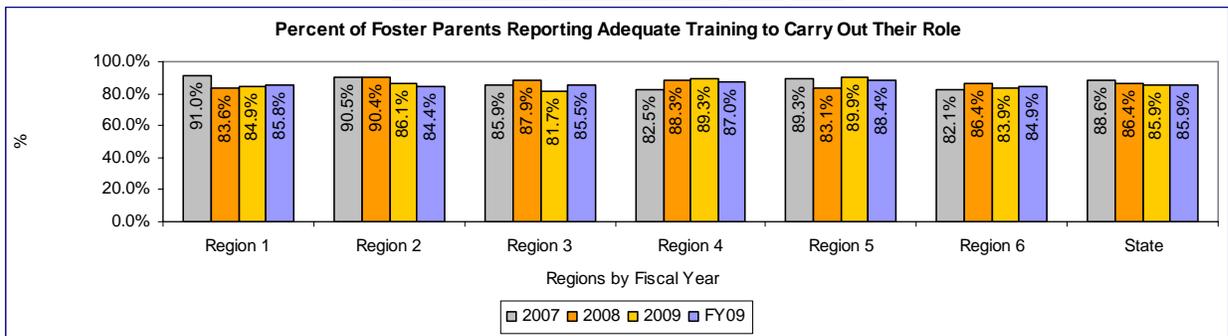
Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

Goal 1, Outcome 1

Licensed caregivers will report adequate training for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, management of emotional, behavioral, developmental and medical problems, educational advocacy, strategies for engagement with birth parents, and cultural competency skills).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=90% ²¹ Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 85.9%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: compliance planning in process Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
 See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 16
 See related informational report, p. 79*



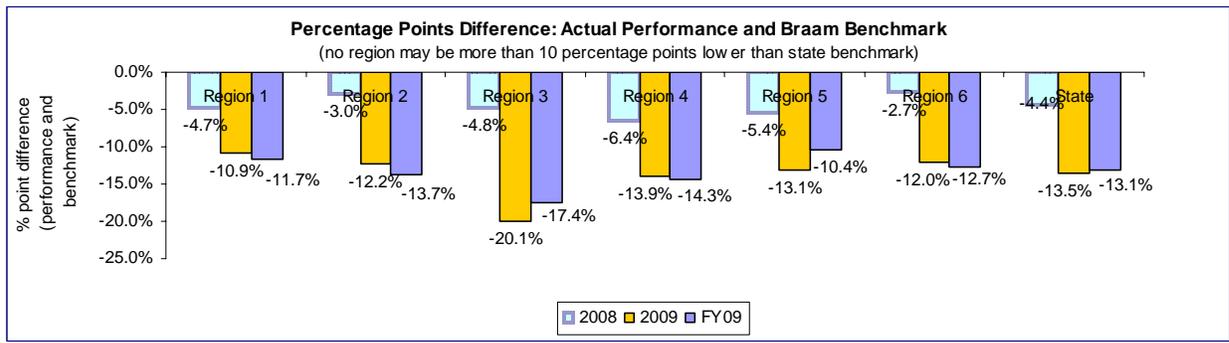
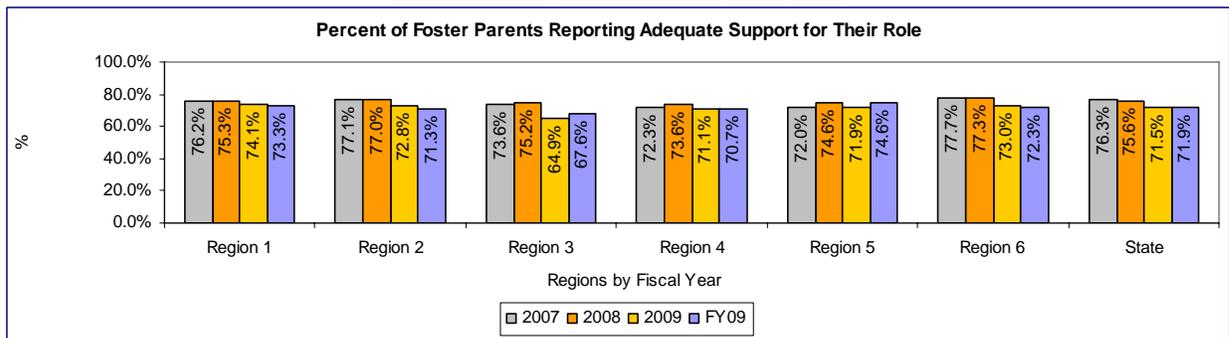
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Goal 1, Outcome 2

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).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=85%²² Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>FY09= 71.9%²³</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: compliance planning in process</p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
 See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 17
 See related informational report, p. 80*



²² This outcome is measured by the foster parent survey. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examines the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel and the parties have translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis.

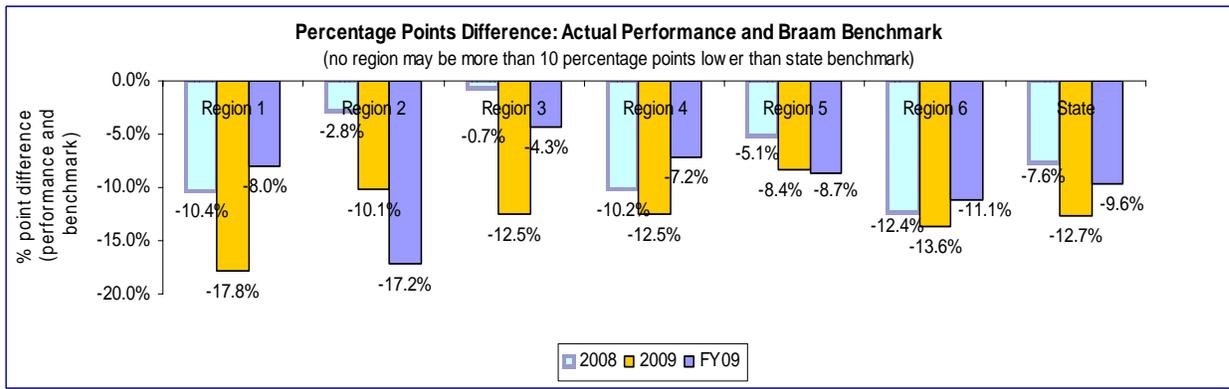
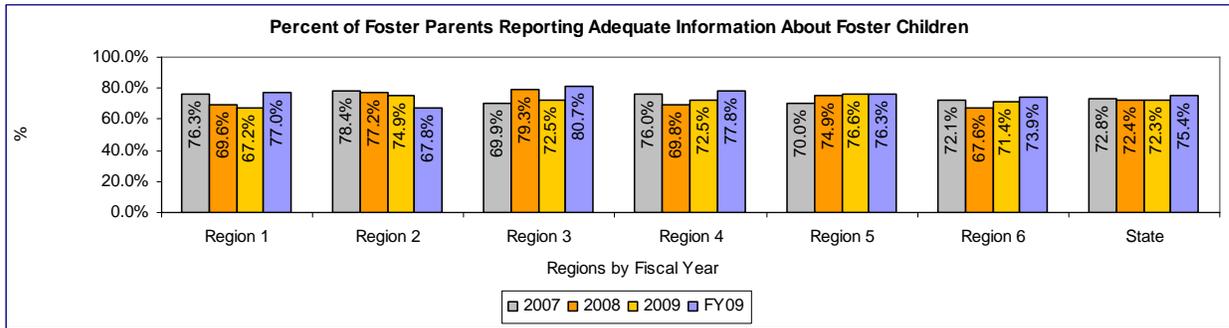
²³ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with data shown as 2008 above. See survey results in the appendix for details.

Goal 1, Outcome 3

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% ²⁴ Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 75.4% ²⁵	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u> Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
 See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 21
 See related informational report, p. 81*



²⁴ This outcome is measured by the foster parent survey. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examines the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel and the parties have translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis.

²⁵ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with data shown as 2008 above. See survey results in the appendix for details.

UNSAFE/ INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENT- OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

Goal 1, Outcome 1		
Children will not be placed in institutions not designed for placement of foster children, such as adult mental hospitals or detoxification facilities, where children and adults are commingled.		
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=0	FY09= 0	<p>Reached FY09 benchmark</p> <p>Correspondence from Department indicates that 4 youth were placed under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) in a mental health facility without a designated unit for children and youth. The Panel granted exceptions for these youth, based on detailed information provided by the Department regarding the children's ages, reasons for their placements in the adult facility and alternatives sought, safeguards to protect the youths while placed in the adult facility, and the length of their stays in the facility.</p> <p><i>Note: The original version of this Monitoring Report found that the benchmark had not been reached, due to concerns about two of the children placed in adult mental health facilities. The Panel reversed this finding based on additional information provided by the Department in April 2010.</i></p>

Goal 1, Outcome 2

Children will not stay overnight at DSHS offices or in apartments or hotels *unless*:

- An appropriate licensed foster family or relative caregiver is not available, administrative approval has been granted, and adequate supervision is provided for the child as required in the Department's November 2004 memo to CA staff, or
- The youth has an Independent Living Plan authorizing such placement.

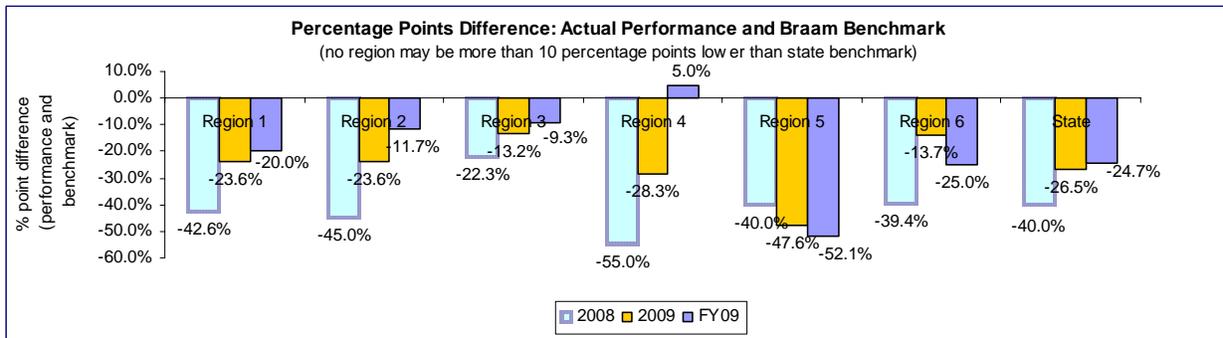
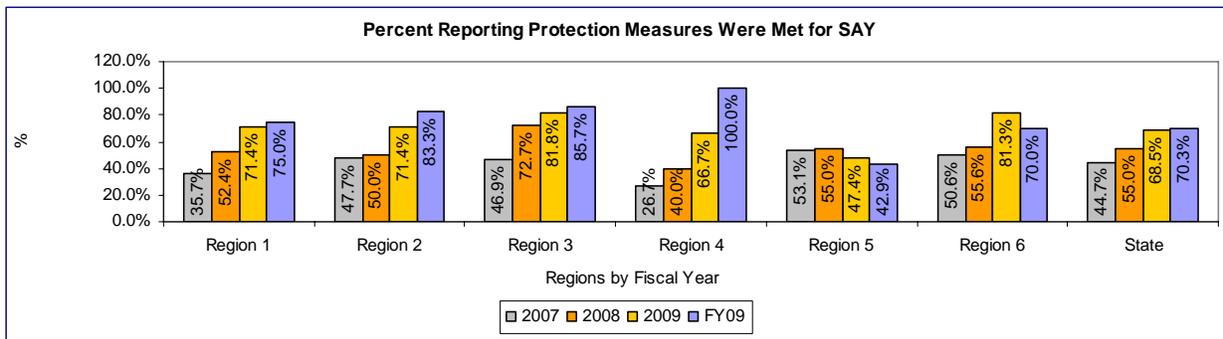
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=0</p>	<p>FY09= 0</p>	<p>Reached FY09 benchmark</p> <p>Memo from the Department indicated that one child spent a night in a prohibited setting. The Panel granted an exception for this case, based on the Department's explanation as to the circumstances of the case and the actions taken to ensure safety.</p> <p>The Panel does have concerns about the fact that Departmental policy requiring the Area or Regional Administrator to be contacted was not followed.</p>
<p><i>See related informational report, p. 84</i></p>		

Goal 1, Outcome 3

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=95% ²⁶	FY09= 70.3% ²⁷	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 30
See related informational report, p. 85*



²⁶ This outcome is measured by the foster parent survey. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examines the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel and the parties have translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis.

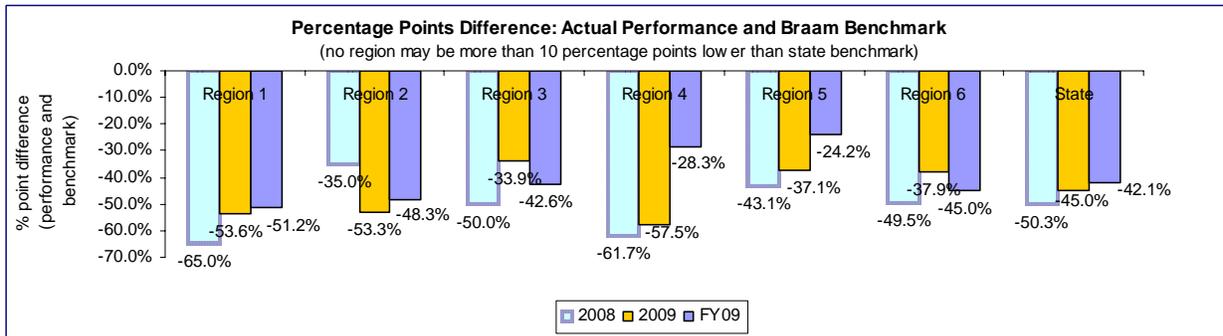
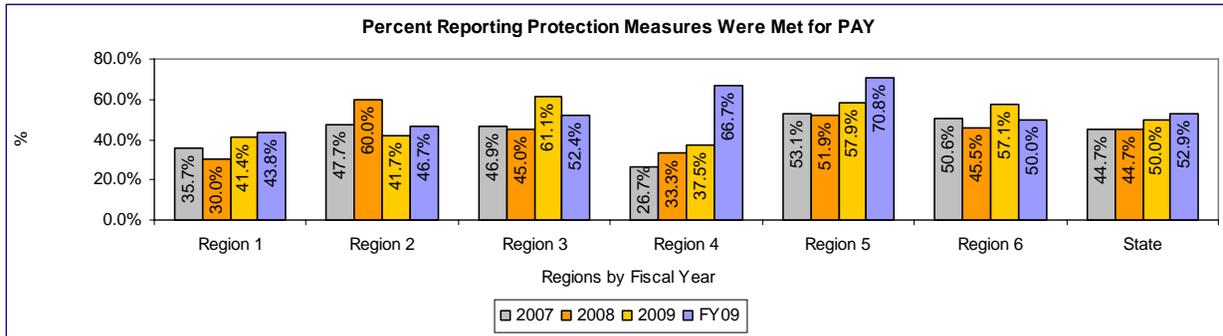
²⁷ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with data shown as 2008 above. In addition, a definition of “sexually aggressive youth” was added beginning with the 2009 survey. See survey results in the appendix for details.

Goal 1, Outcome 4

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=95% ²⁸	FY09=52.9% ²⁹	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 33
See related informational report, p. 86*



²⁸ This outcome is measured by the foster parent survey. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examines the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel and the parties have translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis.

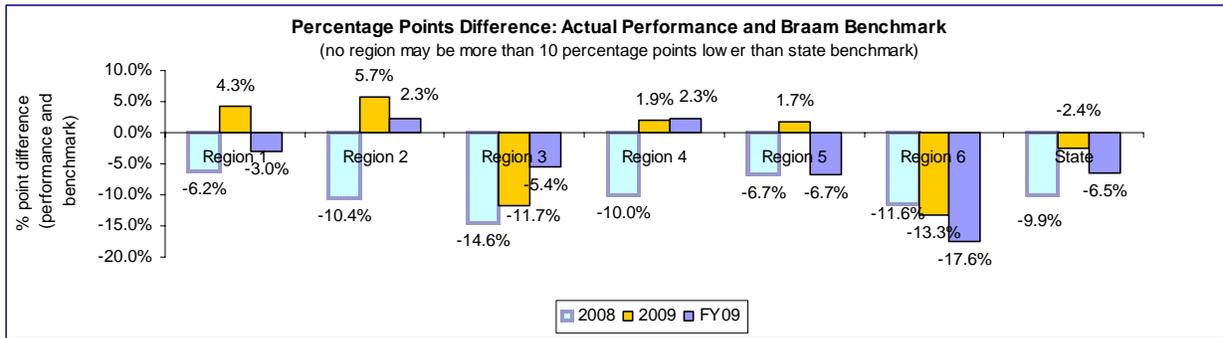
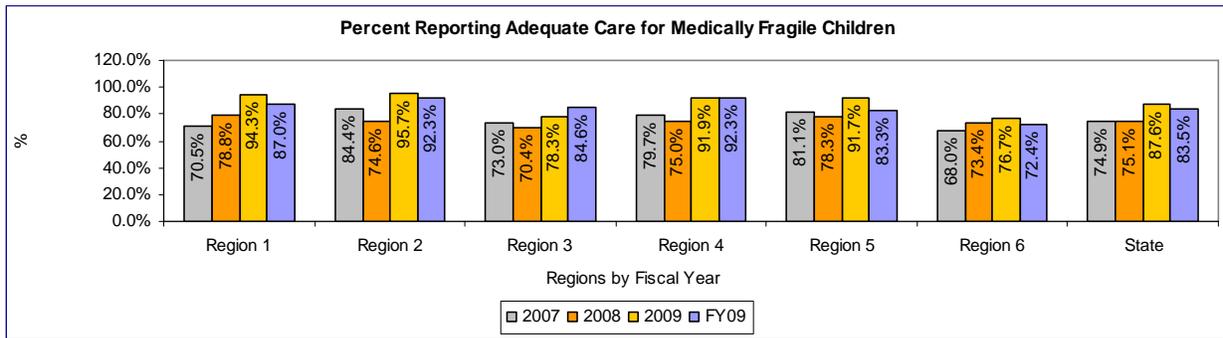
²⁹ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with data shown as 2008 above. In addition, a definition of "physically aggressive youth" was added beginning with the 2009 survey. See survey results in the appendix for details.

Goal 1, Outcome 5

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=90% ³⁰	FY09= 83.5% ³¹	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 26*



³⁰ This outcome is measured by the foster parent survey. By agreement of the Panel and the parties, the foster parent survey process has shifted from an annual survey that examines the previous calendar year to an ongoing series of quarterly surveys, which are being aggregated on a fiscal year basis. The Panel and the parties have translated the benchmarks based calendar years shown in the Revised Implementation Plan to similar benchmarks on a fiscal year basis.

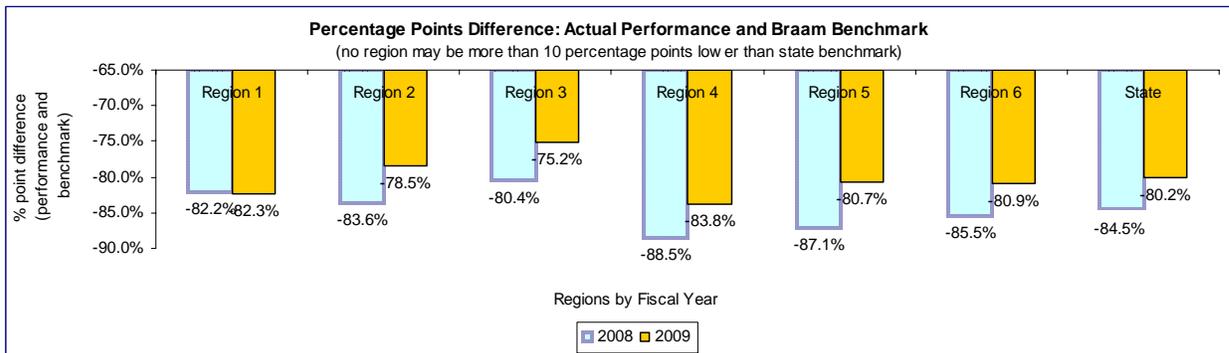
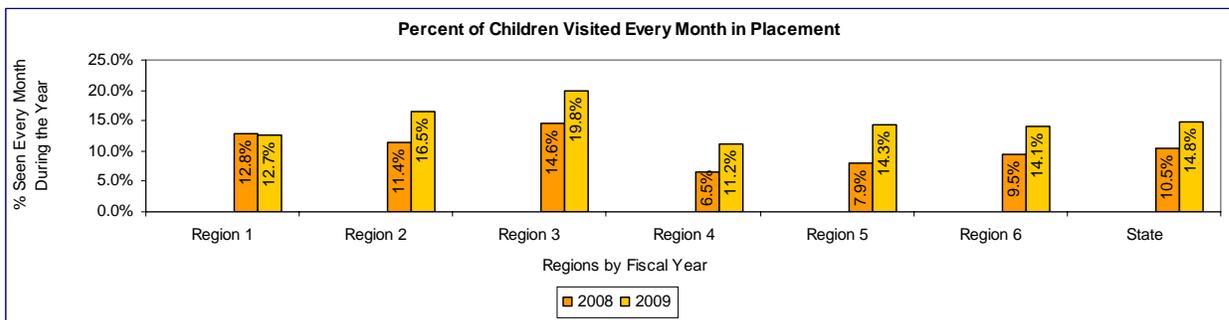
³¹ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with data shown as 2008 above. In addition, a definition of “medically fragile” was added beginning with the 2009 survey. See survey results in the appendix for details.

Goal 1, Outcome 6

Children will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from an assigned caseworker at least once every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09= 95% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>FY09 (administrative data)=14.8% FY09 (foster parent survey)= 71.6%</p> <p><u>Data notes:</u> <i>Administrative data for this outcome were reported beginning with FY08 and are the official source of compliance data for this outcome. These data represent the percentage of children visited every calendar month they were in placement, but do not address the issue of whether these visits occurred more than 40 days apart (as stated in the outcome).</i></p> <p><i>FY09 data from the foster parent survey are included here for comparison. These data represent the percentage of foster parents reporting that children in their home had a private and individual face-to-face visit with their social worker "several times a month" or "about once per month."</i></p> <p><u>Additional note:</u> CA implemented a policy requiring monthly visits in September 2008. This date came early in FY09 (July 2008- June 2009), which was the period assessed for this Monitoring Report.</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u></p>

Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report. See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 22 See related informational report, p.87

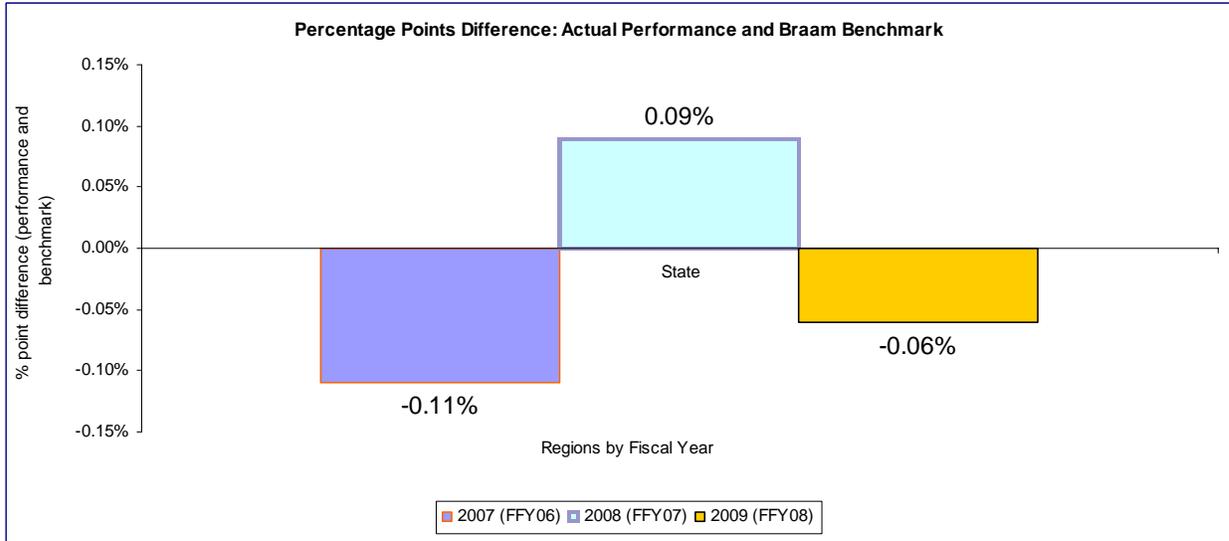
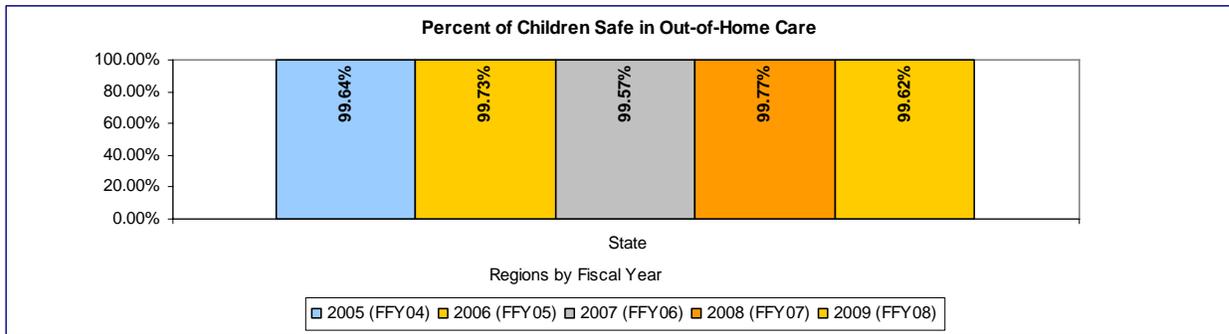


Goal 2, Outcome 1

The percentage of children who are not victims of a founded report of child abuse or neglect by a foster parent or facility staff member will meet or exceed the federal Child and Family Services Review (round 2) standard.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY08= 99.68% ³²	FFY08= 99.62%	Failed to reach FFY08 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report. See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 23



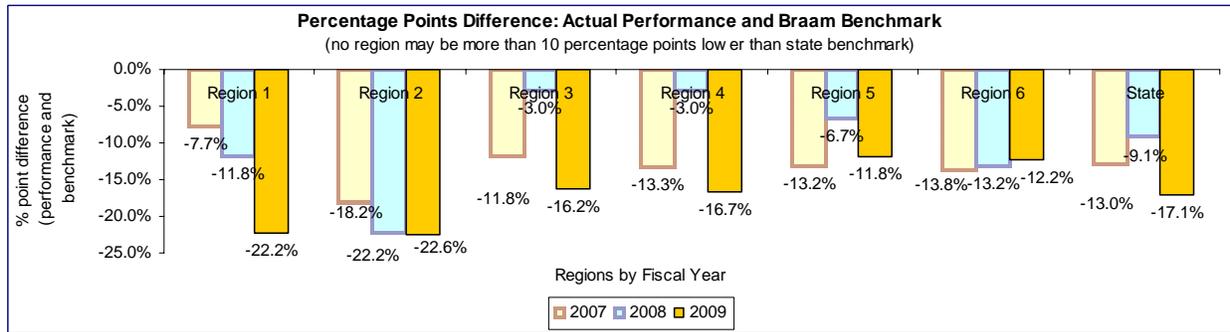
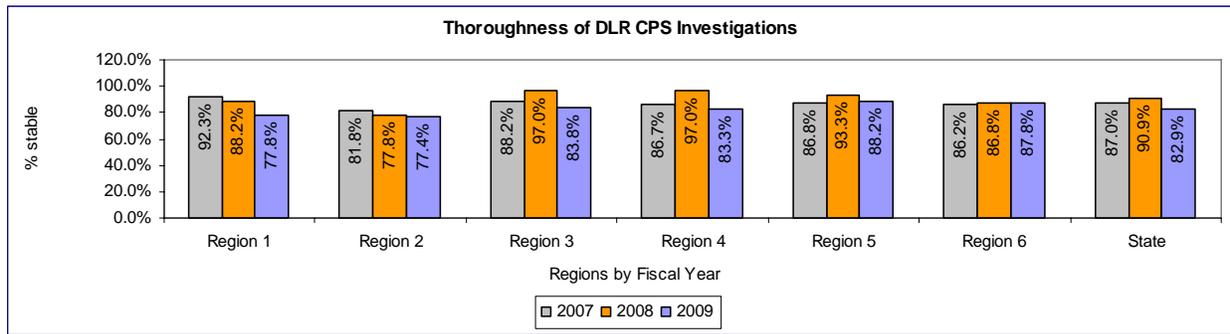
³² Revised Implementation Plan specifies benchmarks by state fiscal year. However, because this is a federal measure that is calculated by federal fiscal years, the Panel has shifted its monitoring timeframes accordingly. FFY08 is the most recent data available and is evaluated here.

Goal 2, Outcome 2

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.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=100%	FY09=82.9% ³³	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

Charts below are based on Children’s Administration’s case review report— see additional information on this outcome in Appendix III, page 18. Summary of related informational reports, see page 89.



³³ Note: Data for FY07- FY08 are not comparable to data for FY09. Prior to FY09, data were based on a case review that examined the *thoroughness* of DLR/ CPS investigations, but did not address whether the investigation took place within CA policy timelines. Beginning with FY09 data, the case review continued to examine *thoroughness*, and new questions were added to the case review process to examine the *timeliness* of initial response to the referral and of the closure of the investigation.

SIBLING SEPARATION- OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

Goal 1, Outcome 1

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

Benchmarks

FY09=70%

Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.

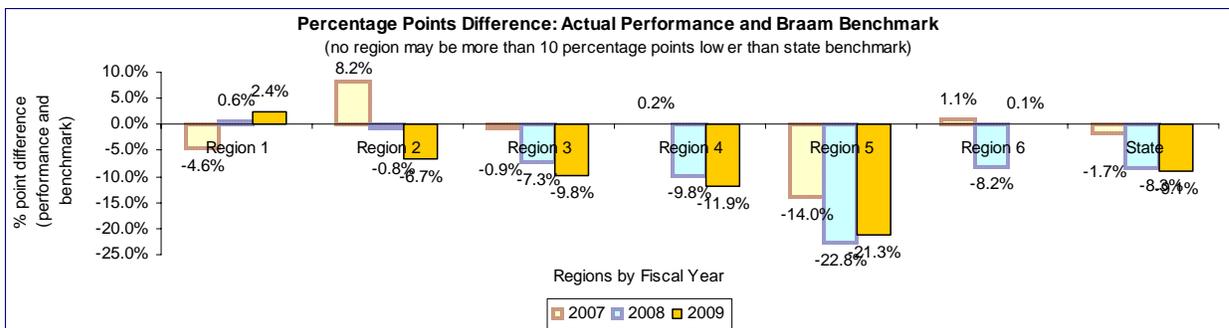
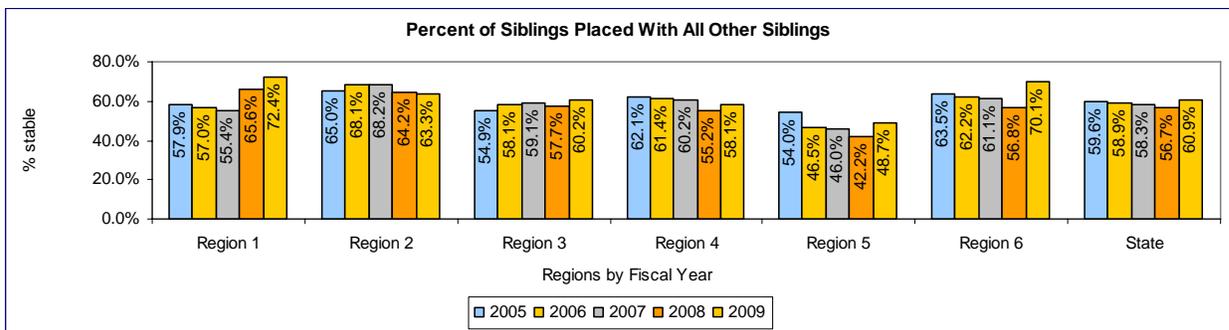
Performance

FY09= 60.9%

Current Status and Comments

Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: compliance plan required

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See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 25*

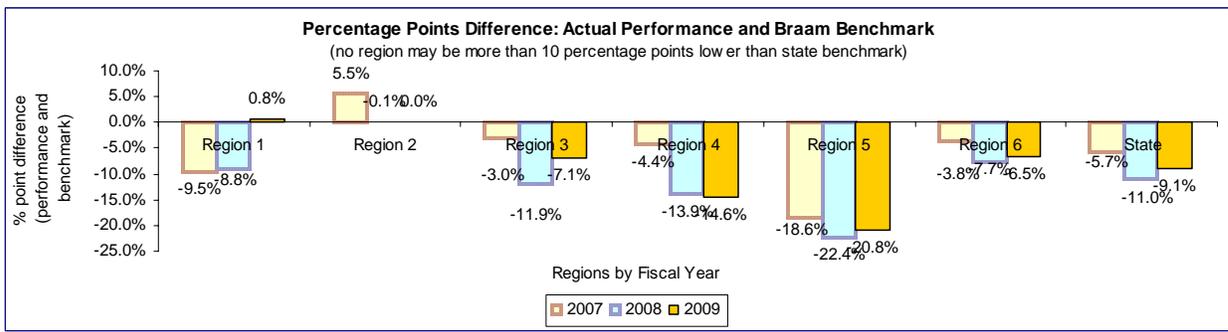
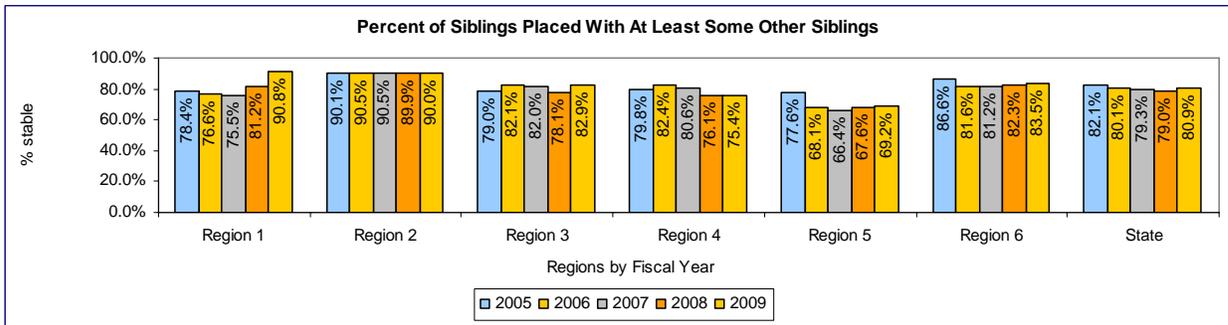


Goal 1, Outcome 2

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=90% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 80.9%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
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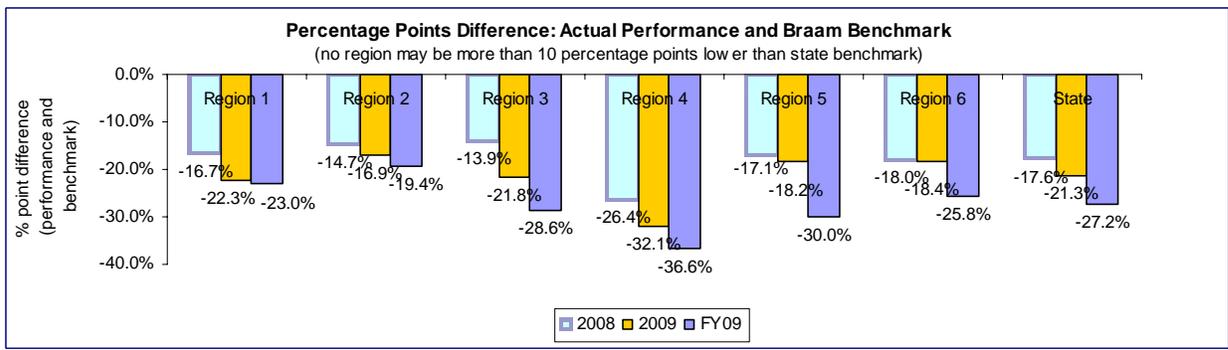
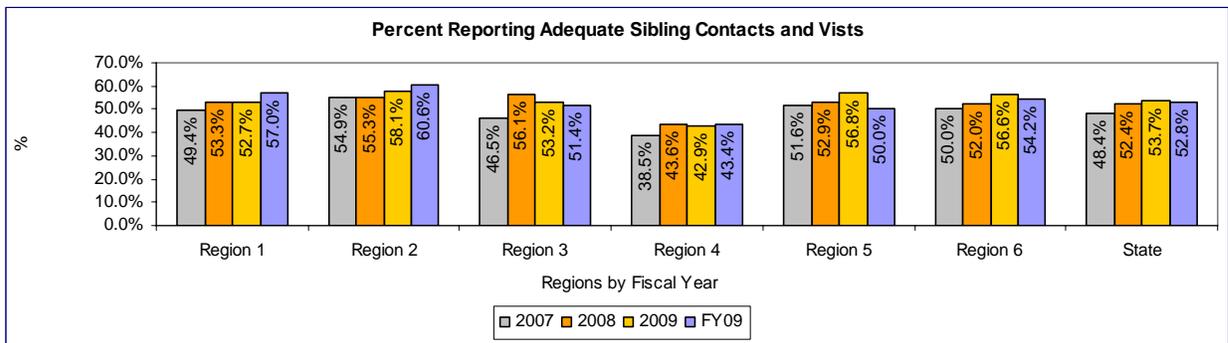
Goal 2, Outcome 1

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.

- If the CA or the court determines that visitation/contact poses a risk to either child’s health, safety or welfare, this finding will be approved by the supervisor and documented in the child’s file.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=80% ³⁴ Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region’s performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09=52.8% ³⁵	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: compliance planning in process Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.

*Charts below are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers
 See also: Complete data on this outcome in Appendix II, page 41*



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³⁵ Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with the data shown as 2008 above.

SERVICES TO ADOLESCENTS- OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

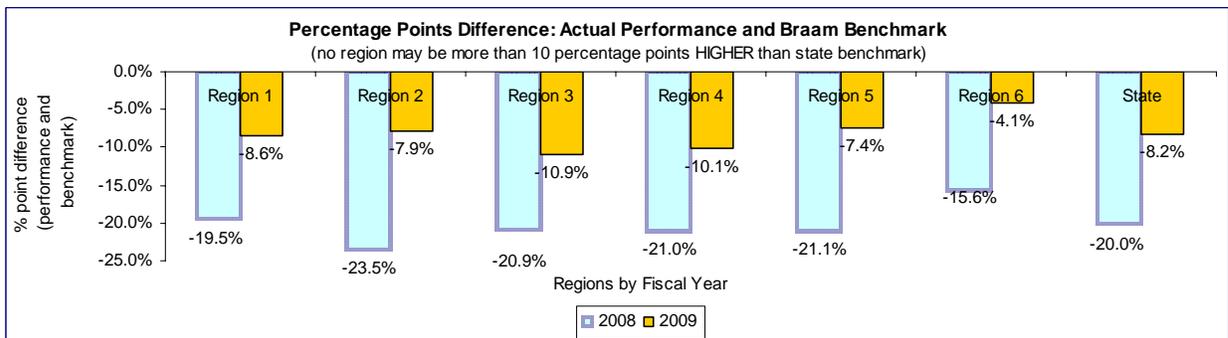
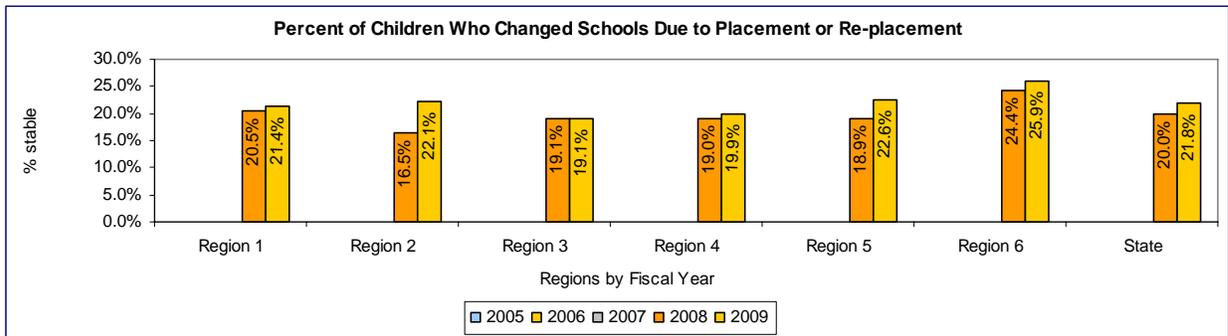
Goal 2, Outcome 1

The number of children (*excluding youth placed with relatives and/or with siblings*) who experience a change in school placement when they enter out-of-home care or change placement during the school year will decrease.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=30% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 21.8%	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
 See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 28*

*Note: For this outcome, performance that is lower than the benchmark is in compliance. Therefore, where the chart shows a negative number for the difference between a region's performance and the benchmark, this region has performed *better* than the benchmark. For this outcome, this is the case for all regions and the state.

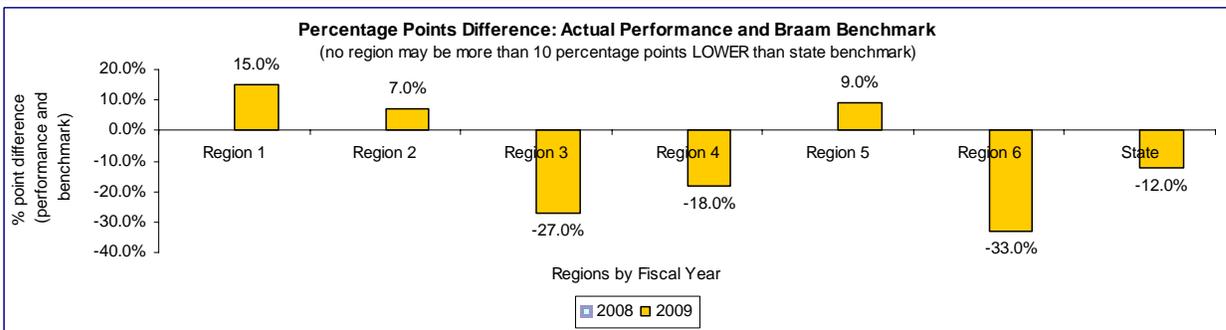
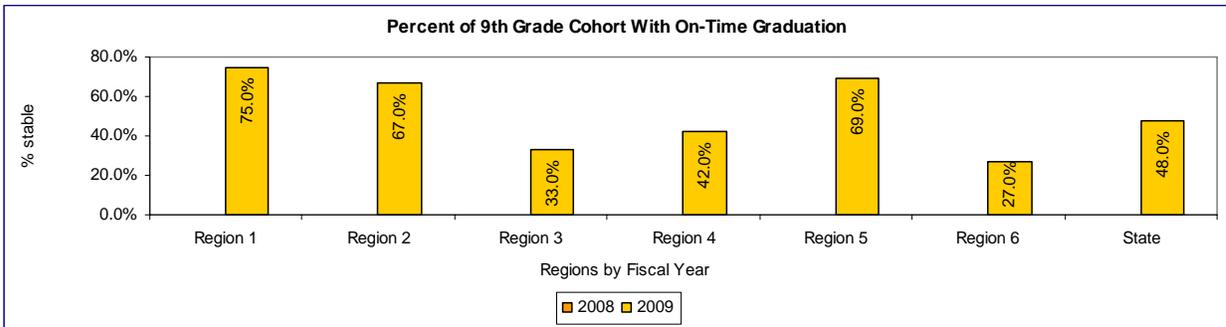


Goal 2, Outcome 2

The percentage of youth in out-of-home placement in grade 9 who remained in placement continuously through grade 12 who graduate from high school on time with a regular or adult (IEP) diploma, including students with disabilities who graduated within the number of years designated in their IEP, will increase.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=60% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>Most recent data available³⁶= 48%</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u></p> <p>Compliance plan should address the gap between the most recent data provided (performance= 48%) and the FY09 benchmark (60%). Plan should also indicate when updated data will be provided.</p>

Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report. See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 29



³⁶ Data for FY08 were due on January 1, 2009 and data for FY09 were due on January 1, 2010. To date, only one year of data has been provided by the Department (performance= 48%). There is some confusion as to whether the data submitted represent FY08 or FY09 data, although the Department has indicated that the data represent FY09 data. Therefore, for the purpose of this Monitoring Report, the Panel has used the sole year of data it has received, and has assessed compliance with the FY09 benchmark (60%).

Goal 2, Outcome 3

A multi-disciplinary staffing meeting will be held six months prior to a youth's exit from foster care to address issues related to transition to independence.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>Acceptable data not available</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data.</p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7. A decision on that compliance plan is pending; the Panel has asked that the Department present all available data on this outcome at the March 2010 public meeting. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>
<p>Data were not provided</p>		

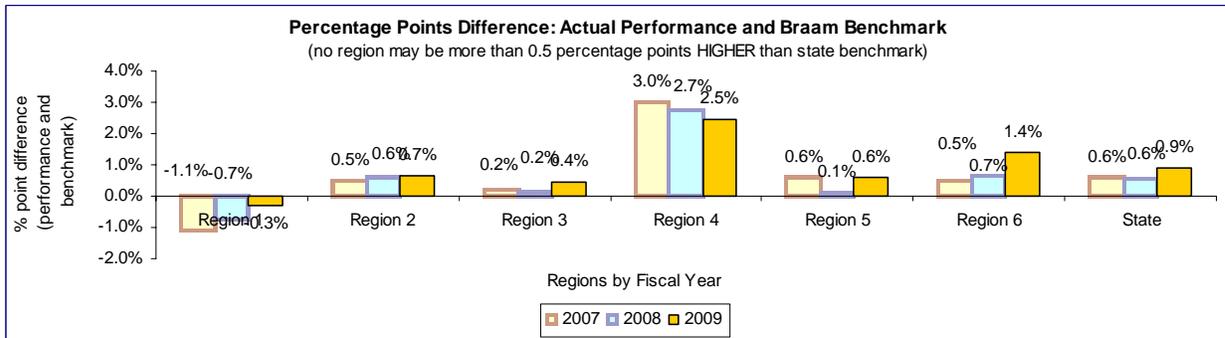
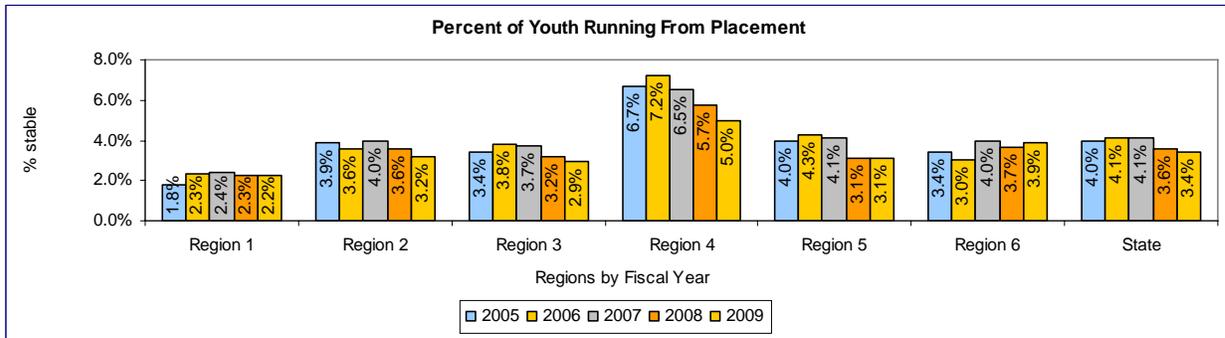
Goal 3, Outcome 1

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=2.5% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than .5 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 3.4%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
 See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 31
 Summary of related informational reports, page 93*

*Note: For this outcome, performance that is lower than the benchmark is in compliance. Therefore, where the chart shows a negative number for the difference between a region's performance and the benchmark, this region has performed *better* than the benchmark. For this outcome, this is the case for region 1.



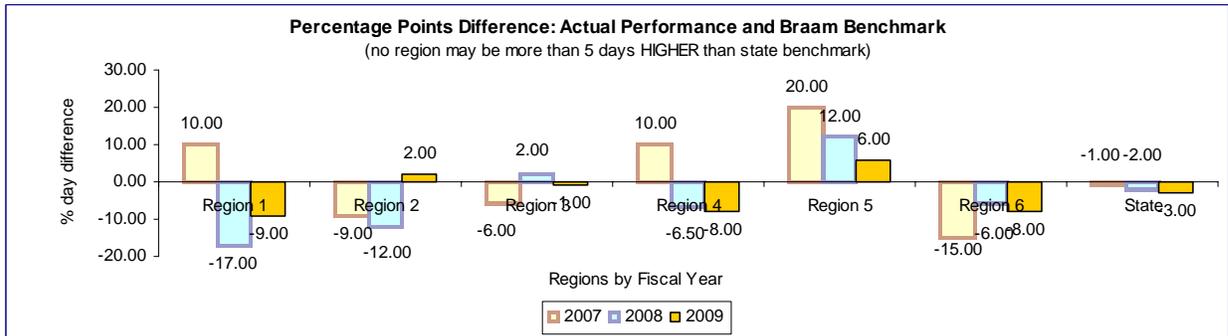
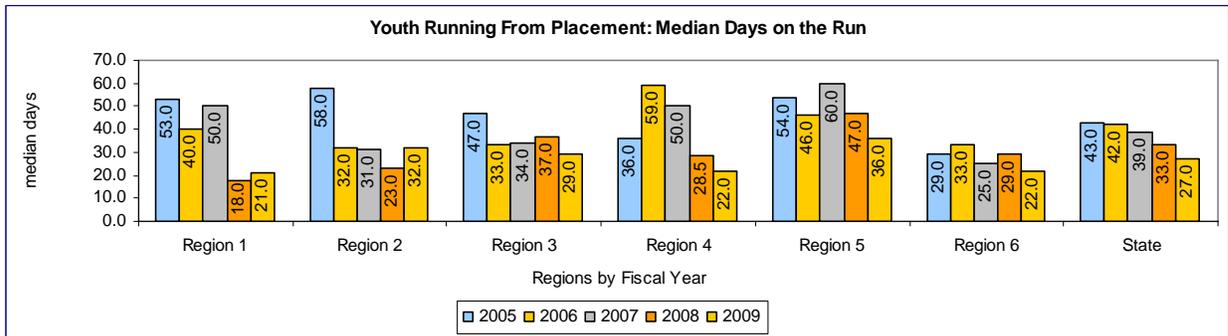
Goal 3, Outcome 2

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09= 30 days Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 5 days higher than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 27 days	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u> Statewide benchmark was achieved, but regional requirements were not met. Performance in Region 5 was more than 5 days higher than the statewide benchmark. Therefore the overall benchmark has not been reached.

*Charts below are from Children's Administration's FY09 Performance Report.
 See also: Complete performance report data on this outcome in Appendix I, page 32
 Summary of related informational reports, page 94*

*Note: For this outcome, performance that is lower than the benchmark is in compliance. Therefore, where the chart shows a negative number for the difference between a region's performance and the benchmark, this region has performed *better* than the benchmark. For this outcome in FY09, this was the case for the state as a whole and for all regions except Regions 2 and 5.



PART III: INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

In the Revised Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008), a number of areas identified as outcomes in the original Implementation Plan were converted to “Informational Reports.” Requests for Informational Reports were also added in several new areas.

As stated in the Revised Implementation Plan, “in areas identified for Informational Reports, the Panel will require annual submission of data by the Department (including performance by region and by racial/ethnic subcategories), but will not set forth or assess compliance with annual benchmarks. Informational Reports will provide the Panel, parties, and stakeholders with extensive data to better understand progress toward Braam goals and outcomes. Upon review of Informational Reports, the Panel reserves the right to reinstate or develop new outcomes and benchmarks.”

Although many of the Informational Reports are closely related to Braam outcomes, the Panel is presenting these reports separately in this Monitoring Report. In the section of the Monitoring Report devoted to Braam outcomes (Part II), the Panel has made findings related to the Department’s performance with respect to the benchmarks, and has required compliance plans in areas in which benchmarks are not reached. In this section of the Monitoring Report (Part III), devoted to the Informational Reports, there are no benchmarks for performance; therefore, there is no assessment of compliance.

Beginning on page 56, the Monitoring Report lists the Informational Reports required under the Revised Implementation Plan and the status of these Reports. Beginning on page 61, a summary of the Informational Reports submitted by Children’s Administration is provided. Copies of the complete Informational Reports are included in Appendix IV.

STATUS OF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Status of Informational Reports

The Revised Implementation Plan requires informational reports for each area of the settlement agreement, and specifies due dates for the submission of these data based on data source. *The table below summarizes the status of these reports.*

Informational Report	Status
Placement Stability	
<p><u>Placement Stability- goal 1, outcome 1 (ratio of licensed beds to children in foster care)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ratio of beds to children by subcategories: Caregivers with preferences/required equipment for specific age groups (infant, child, adolescent) 2. Ratio of beds to children by subcategories: Level of care: regular family foster care, enhanced family foster care, therapeutic foster care, congregate care, respite care 3. Foster home retention: Percentage of foster homes remaining active 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years after being licensed 	<p>Reports provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p>
<p><u>Placement Stability- goal 1, outcome 2 (two or fewer placements)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Two or fewer placements- expanded report based on outcome: Year-by-year data showing the percentage of youth entering care during the previous five fiscal years who experience two or fewer placements during their current episode of out-of-home care (with time in care specifications based on entry year). o Multiple placements- Frequency report showing the number of children experiencing multiple placements, by number of placements. 	<p>Reports provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p>
<p><u>Placement stability- goal 1, outcome 3 (caseload size)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Caseload size by office- Percentage caseworkers with caseloads at or below Council on Accreditation (COA) standards 	<p>CA has resumed submission of required data on a monthly basis. Sample report summarized in this section.</p>
<p><u>Placement stability- additional informational reports</u></p> <p>Matching between a child's needs and the capacity of the placement to meet those needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Percentage of children placed in relative placements o Percentage of children placed in foster homes licensed for the age of the child placed o Percentage of children for whom Family Team Decision Meeting (FTDM) was held within 72 hours of placement o Percentage of children who change placements within the first 8 days of entry into out-of-home care 	<p>Reports re: relative placement and licensure by age of the child provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p> <p><i>Reports re: FTDMs and placement changes within 8 days of entry not provided.</i></p>

Mental Health	
<p><u>Mental Health- Goal 1, Outcome 2- CHET screening within 30 days</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of children with completed CHET screens within 45 and 60 days of entry into care ○ Medical screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of children with completed EPSDT exams within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care ○ Developmental screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of children ages 0-60 months with completed developmental screens within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care ○ Emotional/ behavioral screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of children ages 6-18 years with completed Child Behavior Checklists within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care ○ Educational records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of school-aged children for whom educational records are received within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care 	<p>Reports provided by CA and summarized in this section. Medical screening report addresses FY08 data, all other reports cover FY09.</p>
<p><u>Mental Health Goal 1, Outcome 3- Shared planning meeting focused on the CHET screening results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance at Shared Planning Meetings (SPM)- Percentage of SPMs focused on CHET screening results attended by: children age 12 and above, caregivers, birth parents/legal guardians, tribal representatives (when applicable), and children’s representatives (note: report should provide separate information on each type of individual) 	<p><i>Report not provided; CA has indicated that data are not available for FY09.</i></p>
<p><u>Mental Health Goal 3, Outcome 3- Mental health services within 30 days of the completion of an assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) mental health item- CFSR item #23—examines whether children’s mental health needs were adequately identified and services provided to meet those needs 	<p>Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p>
<p><u>Mental Health Goal 3, Outcome 4- Alternative services when children are denied/ found ineligible for mental health or substance abuse services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information on cases in which children are denied/ found ineligible for services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For <u>each</u> child denied or found ineligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reason the child was found ineligible or services were denied ▪ Type of alternative services provided 	<p>Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p>

<p><u>Additional Informational Reports- Mental Health</u> Sharing mental health information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of cases in which applicable mental health information is shared with individuals involved in a child’s case (consistent with confidentiality requirements): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicable mental health information includes: the CHET screening report and recommendations from the Shared Planning Meeting, health and education plan in the ISSP, and annual mental health screening and assessment results ○ Individuals involved in a child’s case include: children age 12 and above, caregivers, birth parents/legal guardians, mental health and/or substance abuse providers, tribal representatives (when applicable), and children’s representatives (note: report should provide separate information on each type of individual) 	<p><i>CA has indicated that complete information for these reports is not available for FY09.</i></p> <p>However, some related information is provided in Children’s Administration case review report on mental health goal 2, outcomes 1 & 2, related to health and education plans in the ISSP. This information is summarized in this section.</p>
<p><u>Additional Informational Reports- Mental Health</u> Percentage of foster parents surveyed who report that, if mental health crisis services were needed, they were provided in a timely manner</p>	<p>Report derived from foster parent survey FY09 Report and included in this section.</p>
<p>Foster Parent Training and Information</p>	
<p><u>Foster Parent Training and Information- Goal 1, Outcome 1- Foster parents reporting adequate training</u> Percentage of <u>unlicensed</u> caregivers reporting adequate training for their roles and responsibilities</p>	<p>Report derived from foster parent survey FY09 Report and included in this section.</p>
<p><u>Foster Parent Training and Information- Goal 1, Outcome 2- Foster parents reporting adequate support</u> Percentage of <u>unlicensed</u> caregivers reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities</p>	<p>Report derived from foster parent survey FY09 Report and included in this section.</p>
<p><u>Foster Parent Training and Information- Goal 1, Outcome 3- Foster parents reporting adequate information</u> Percentage of <u>unlicensed</u> caregivers reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them</p>	<p>Report derived from foster parent survey FY09 Report and included in this section.</p>
<p><u>Additional Annual Informational Reports- Foster Parent Training and Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In-service training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of licensed caregivers who meet the in-service training requirement at the time of license renewal (36 hours of in-service training for the three-year period or, during the phase-in period for this policy, a pro-rated requirement) ○ Assessment and Development Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of licensed caregivers receiving annual assessment and development plans 	<p>Reports provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p>

Unsafe and Inappropriate Placement	
<p><u>Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements- Goal 1, Outcome 2- Children will not stay overnight at DSHS offices or in apartments or hotels</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Repeated daily stays at DSHS offices (proxy measure)- Number of children experiencing more than two placements within a 48 hour period 	Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.
<p><u>Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements- Goal 1, Outcome 3- Sexually aggressive youth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Percentage of supervision plans discussed with caregivers ● Percentage of supervision plans completed in written format 	Report derived from foster parent survey FY09 Report and included in this section.
<p><u>Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements- Goal 1, Outcome 4- Physically assaultive/ aggressive youth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Percentage of supervision plans discussed with caregivers ● Percentage of supervision plans completed in written format 	Report derived from foster parent survey FY09 Report and included in this section.
<p><u>Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements- Goal 1, Outcome 6- Monthly social worker visits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Percentage of monthly social worker visits occurring within 40 days of the previous visit 	Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.
<p><u>Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements- Goal 2, Outcome 2- Thorough and timely review of DLR/ CPS referrals</u></p> <p>Summary data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Characteristics of the alleged victimization (e.g., age, gender, perpetrator, type of out-of-home setting) ○ Outcomes of the investigation (e.g., time from referral to completion of investigation, including any removal action) 	Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.
Services to Adolescents	
<p><u>Services to Adolescents- Goal 2, Outcome 3- Multi-disciplinary staffing meeting prior to exit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA)- Percentage of youth (age 15-18) surveyed reporting that they completed an ACLSA ● Development of Independent Living (IL) Plan- Percentage of youth (age 15-18) surveyed reporting that they were invited to develop an IL plan 	<i>CA has indicated this information is not available for FY09.</i>
<p><u>Services to Adolescents- Goal 3, Outcome 1- Percentage of children who run from out-of-home care placements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Multiple runaway events- Percentage of children in care who have run away multiple times during the fiscal year, disaggregated by the number of running events 	Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.
<p><u>Services to Adolescents- Goal 3, Outcome 2- Median number of days children are on runaway status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mean number of days that children are on runaway status 	Report provided by CA and summarized in this section.

<p><u>Additional Annual Informational Reports- Services to Adolescents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timely school enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of children enrolled in school within 3 school days of entry foster care or a placement change ○ Performance on Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comparison of WASL scores for youth currently in foster care and other children ○ Grade Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of children at the age-appropriate grade level (note: these data will not be available until the implementation of FamLink) ○ Annual dropout rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual drop-out rate for high-school-aged youth in out-of-home care for 30 days or more during the reporting year ○ GED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Percentage of aging-out youth with a GED 	<p>Reports on timely school enrollment, annual dropout rate and grade level were provided by CA and summarized in this section.</p> <p><i>Reports on WASL scores and GED completion were not provided; CA has indicated that WASL data will be included in WSIPP report to be produced in spring 2010.</i></p>
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Informational reports submitted by Children’s Administration are summarized on the following pages. Additional details on the informational reports can be found in the appendices.

PLACEMENT STABILITY- INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Goal 1, Outcome 1

The average monthly ratio of licensed foster care beds to children in licensed foster care will be at least 2.0.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=1.9 Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than .2 lower than the statewide benchmark	FY09= 2.35	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 22 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

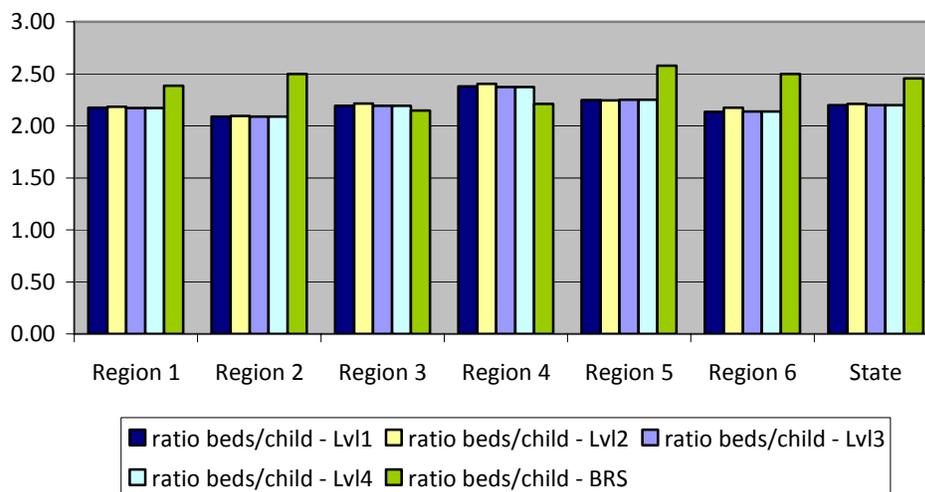
INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 1

Ratio of beds to children by subcategories:

- Caregivers with preferences/required equipment for specific age groups (infant, child, adolescent)
- Level of care: regular family foster care, enhanced family foster care, therapeutic foster care, congregate care, respite care

Summary of informational reports are provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

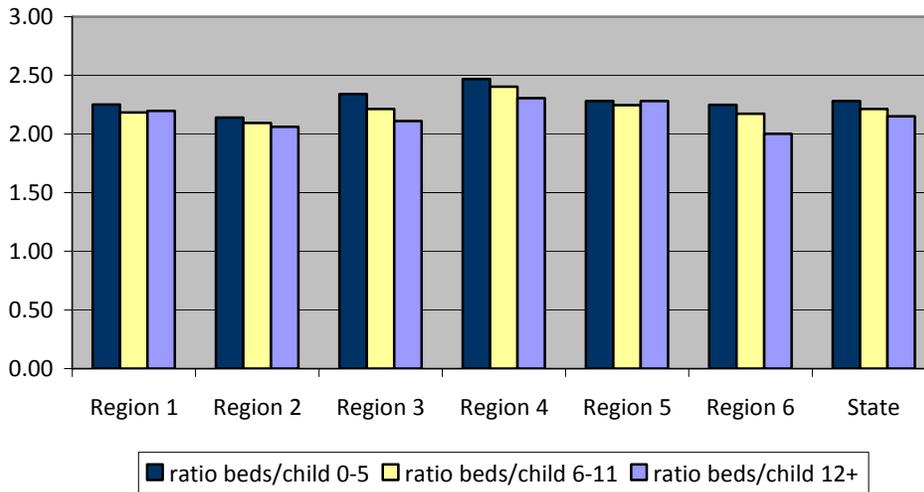
Ratio of Beds to Children by Care Level (June 2009)



Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, the ratio of licensed foster home bed capacity is highest for BRS placements, and is similar across other care levels.

Ratio of Beds to Children by Age Group (June 2009)



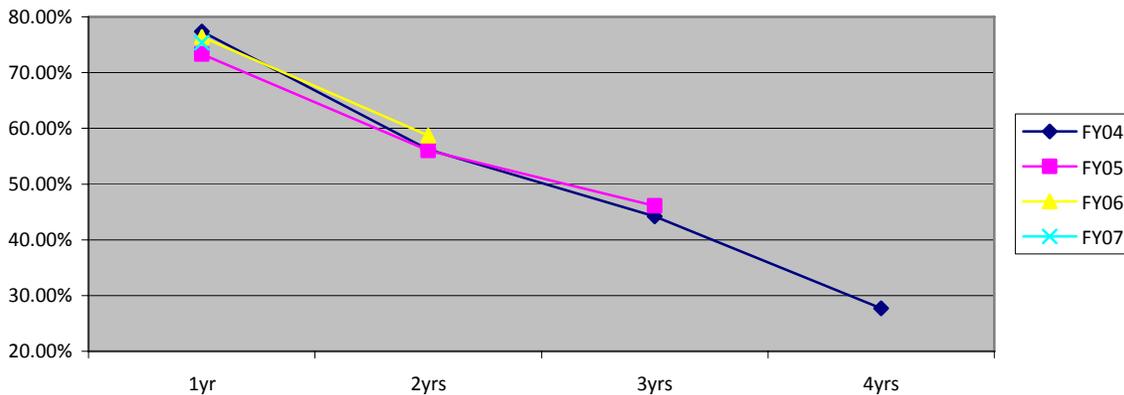
Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, the ratio of licensed foster home bed capacity is highest for younger children and decreases for older youth.

Foster home retention: Percentage of foster homes remaining active 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years after being licensed

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Percentage of Foster Homes Remaining Active for 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, by year of licensure



Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 73-77% of foster homes remain active after one year, 56-58% remain active after two years, 44-46% remain active after 3 years, and 28% remain active after 4 years.

Goal 1, Outcome 2

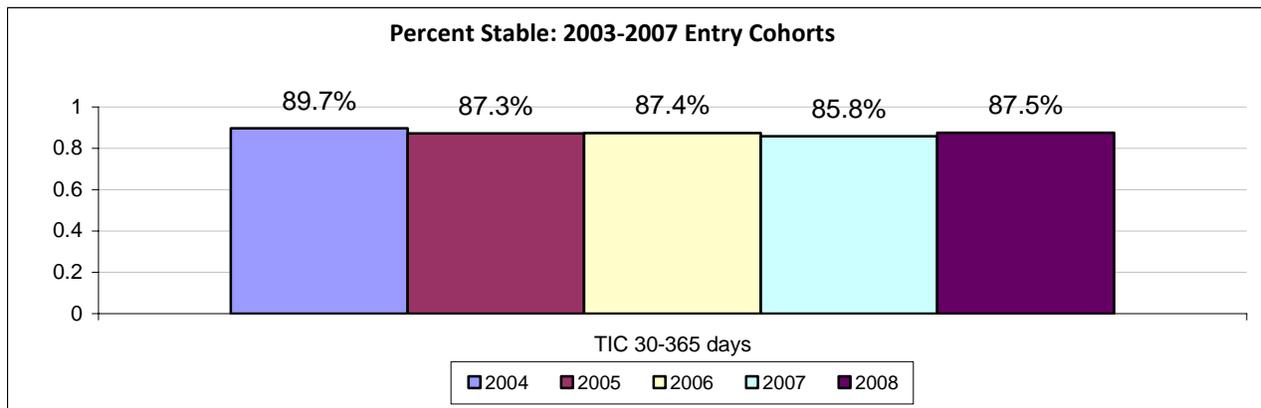
The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home episode of care will increase (*outcome measure based on percentage of youth entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time-in-care specifications based on entry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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=89% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09=80.9%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 23 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 2

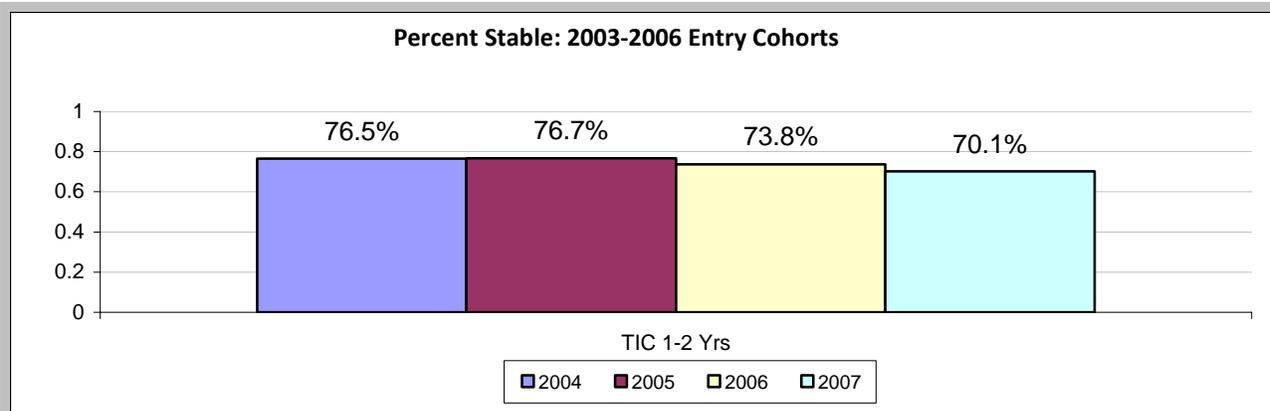
Two or fewer placements- expanded report based on outcome: Year-by-year data showing the percentage of youth entering care during the previous five fiscal years who experience two or fewer placements during their current episode of out-of-home care (with time in care specifications based on entry year).

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.



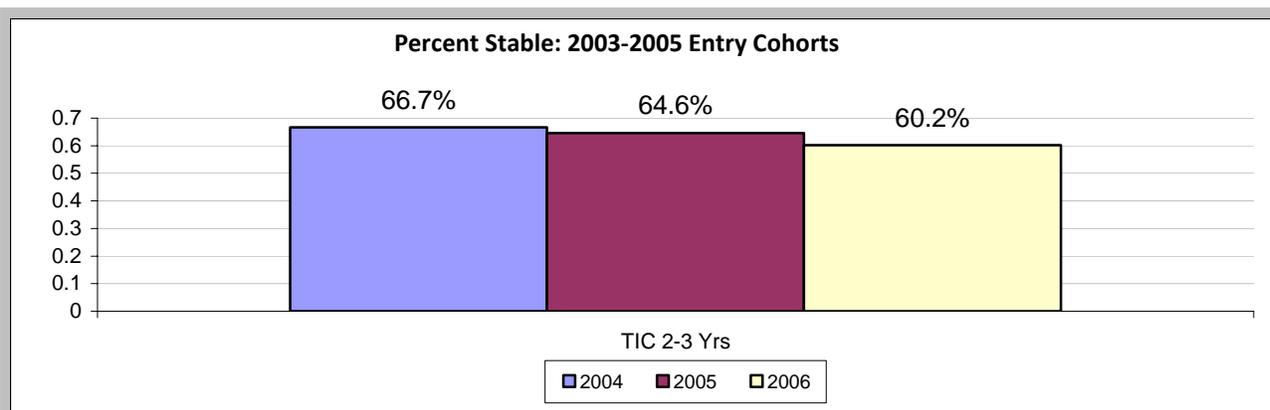
Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 86-90% of children in care at least 30 days but less than one year were "stable"—for purposes of this analysis, this is defined as having experienced two or fewer placements. This figured has declined somewhat since 2004.



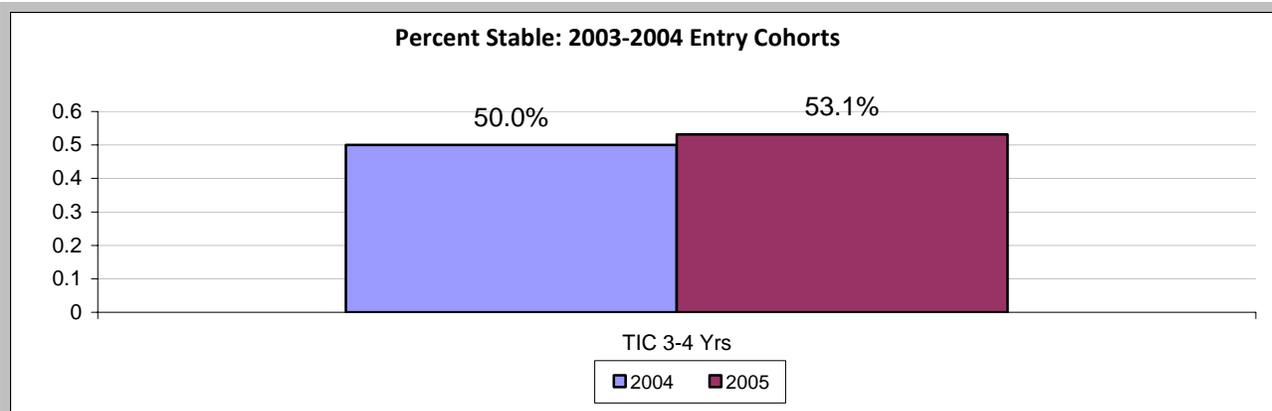
Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 70-77% of children in care for 1-2 years were "stable" (two or fewer placements). This figure declined with each entry cohort since 2004.



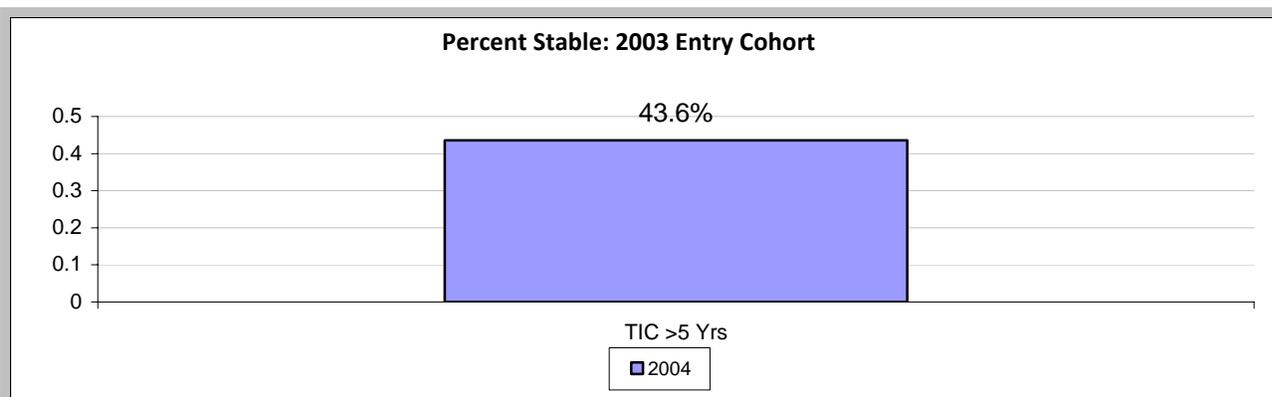
Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 60-67% of children in care for 2-3 years were "stable" (two or fewer placements). This figure declined with each entry cohort since 2004.



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 50-53% of children in care for 2-3 years experienced two or fewer placements. This figured improved for the 2005 entry cohort when compared to the 2004 cohort.



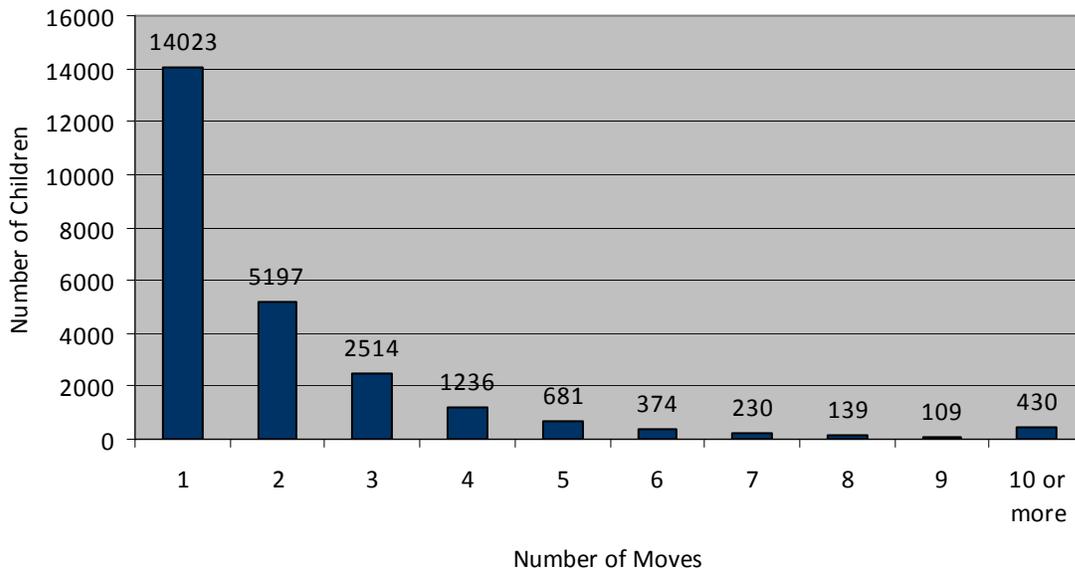
Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 44% of children in care for more than 5 years experienced two or fewer placements.

Multiple placements- Frequency report showing the number of children experiencing multiple placements, by number of placements.

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Number of Placement Settings (Placements Beginning FY04-FY08)



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: This report examines the number of placements for children entering care during the FY04- FY08 period. For the 24,933 placements that began during this period, 14,023 (56.2%) involved only one placement setting and 5,197 (20.8%) involved 2 placement settings. An additional 2,514 (10.1%) involved 3 placement settings and 1,236 (5.0%) involved 4 placement settings. The remaining 1,963 placements (7.9%) involved 5 or more placement settings.

Goal 1, Outcome 3

Social workers will have caseloads at or below Council on Accreditation (COA) standards (18 child cases per caseworker for all other children) (*outcome measure based on the percentage of caseworkers with caseloads at or below COA standards*).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09=65%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See page 24 for detail related to this outcome• Summary of informational reports is provided below		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 3

Caseload size by office- Percentage caseworkers with caseloads at or below Council on Accreditation (COA) standards

Children's Administration provides this informational report to the Panel on a monthly basis. A sample of this report can be found in Appendix IV.

Panel comments: Data suggest that the percentage of caseworkers with caseloads at or below COA standards varies across offices. For example, the report in the appendix provides caseload data for 51 offices. Of these 51 offices, there were 15 offices in which 100% of caseworkers had caseloads at or below COA standards, and 10 offices in which 50% or fewer caseworkers had caseloads meeting these standards.

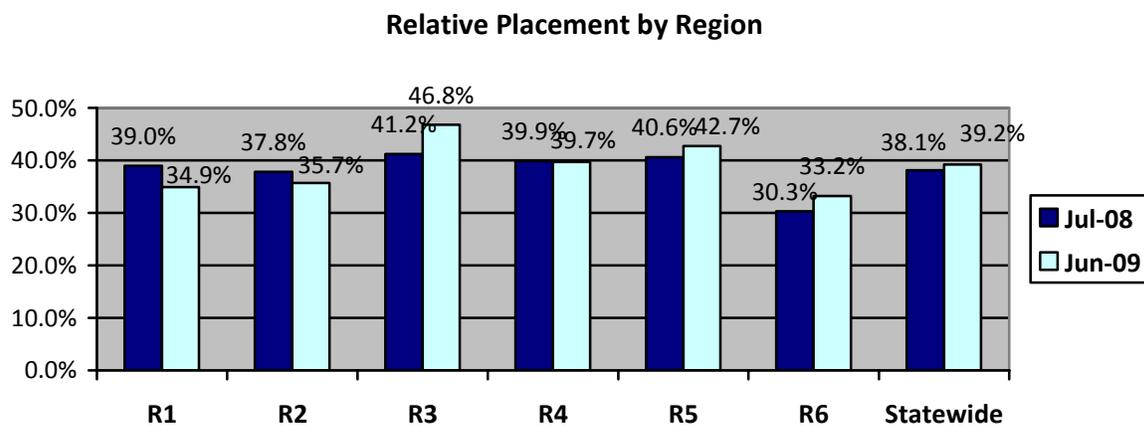
ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH PLACEMENT STABILITY

Matching between a child's needs and the capacity of the placement to meet those needs

- Percentage of children placed in relative placements
- Percentage of children placed in foster homes licensed for the age of the child placed
- Percentage of children for whom Family Team Decision Meeting (FTDM) was held within 72 hours of placement
- Percentage of children who change placements within the first 8 days of entry into out-of-home care

Summary of informational reports provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

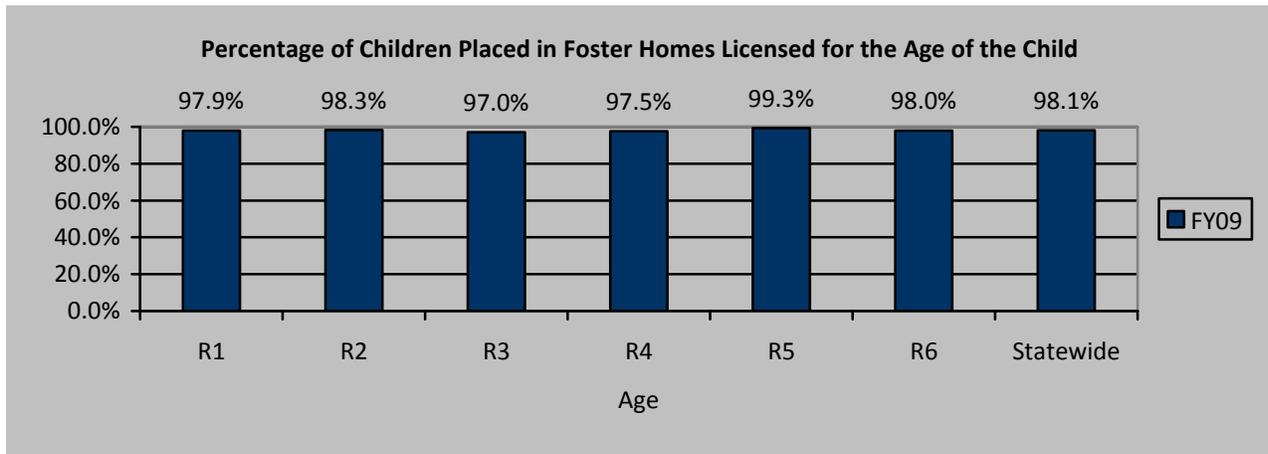
Percentage of children placed in relative placements



Source: July 2008 data- Children's Administration Informational Report, March 2009
 June 2009 data- Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the charts above, the percentage of children placed with kin increased slightly from 2008 to 2009. As of June 2009, 39.2% of children in out-of-home care were placed with relatives. This figure ranged from 33.2% in region 6 to 46.8% in region 3.

Percentage of children placed in foster homes licensed for the age of the child placed



Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, 98% of children are placed in homes that are licensed to serve their age group.

Percentage of children for whom Family Team Decision Meeting (FTDM) was held within 72 hours of placement

Data for FY09 not provided.

Percentage of children who change placements within the first 8 days of entry into out-of-home care

Data for FY09 not provided.

MENTAL HEALTH- INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Goal 1, Outcome 2

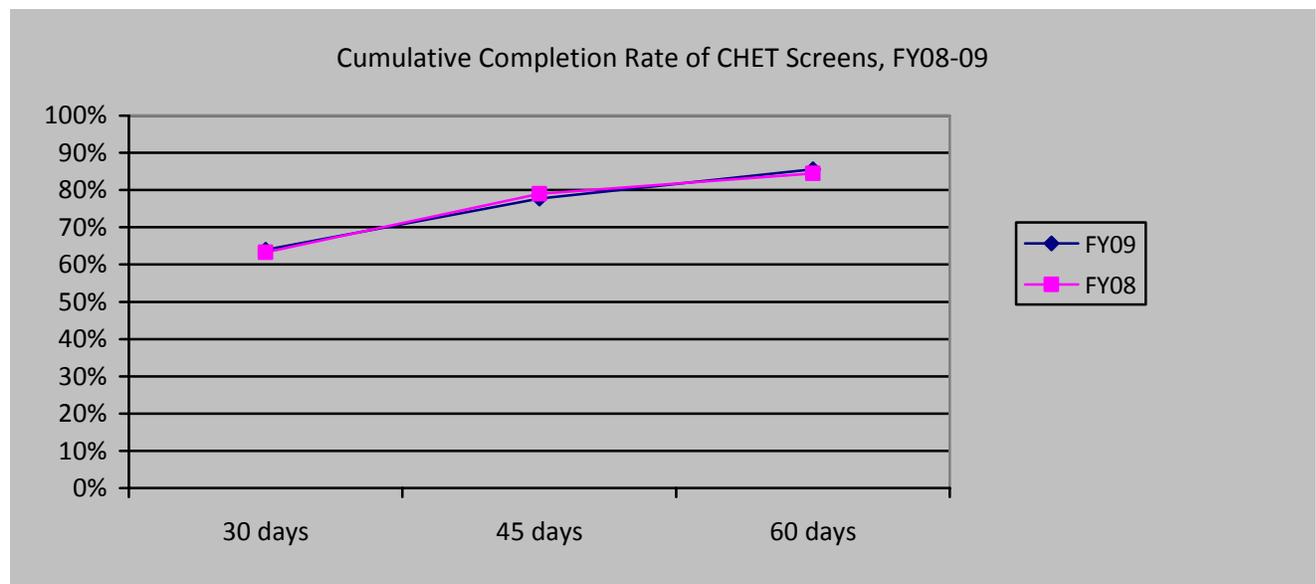
Children in out-of-home care 30 days or longer will have completed and documented³⁷ Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 64%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 26 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 2

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Percentage of children with completed CHET screens within 45 and 60 days of entry into care

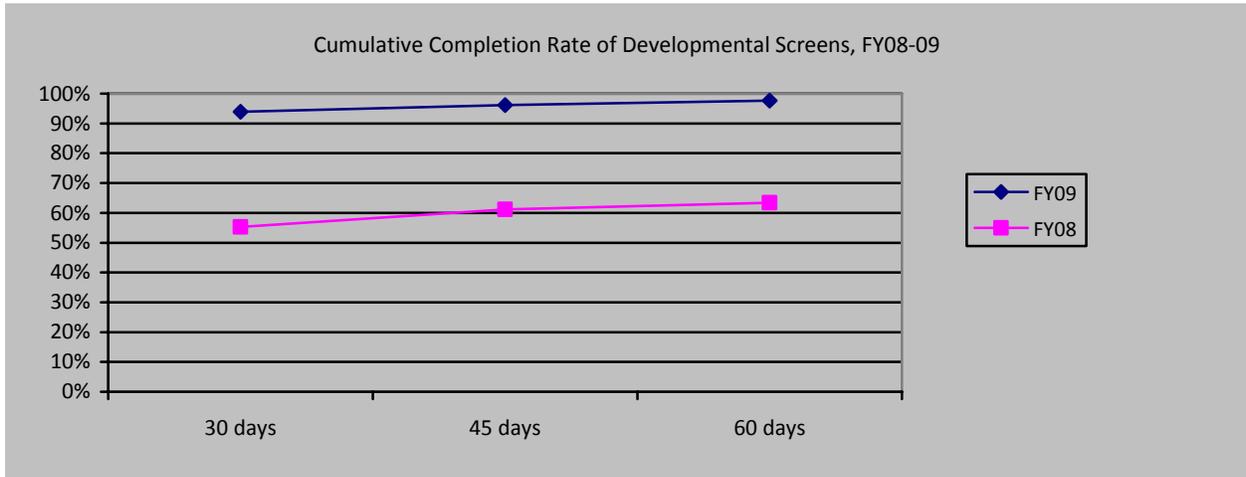


Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010
 Children's Administration Informational Report, December 2008

Panel comments: Data for timely CHET screens show similar completion rates for FY08 and FY09. However, data across these two years are not comparable due to a change in the definition of a complete CHET. In FY09, 63% of CHET screens were completed in 30 days, and 85% were completed within 60 days. Regional data are available in the appendix.

³⁷ For Braam purposes, a completed and documented CHET is one in which age-appropriate screenings have been completed for all domains: Medical (EPSDT completed for all children); Developmental (developmental screening completed for children ages 0-60 months); Emotional-behavioral (screening completed for children ages 6-18 years); Educational (educational records received for school-aged children); and Connections (for all children).

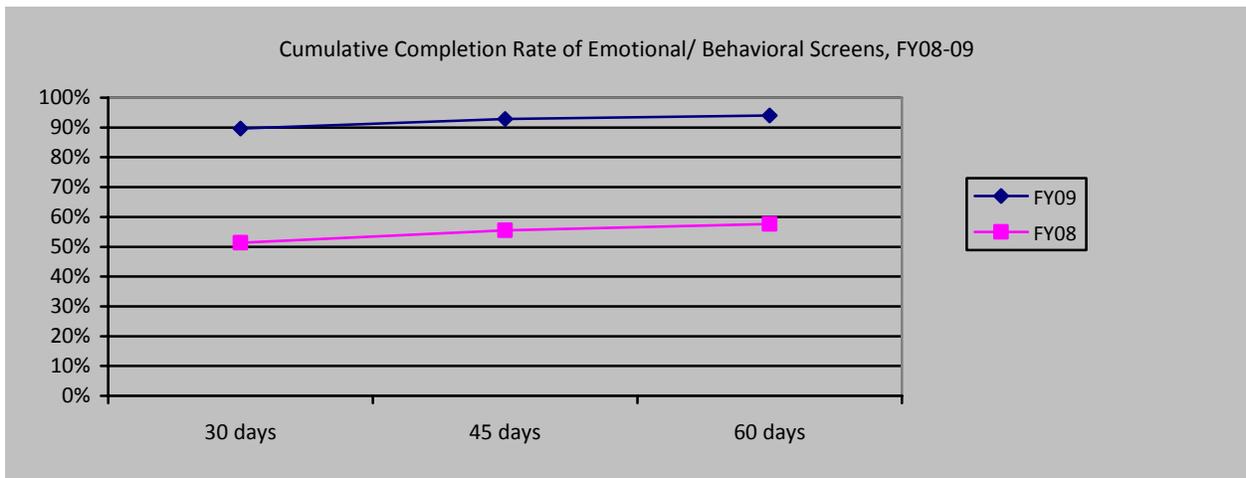
Developmental screening- Percentage of children ages 0-60 months with completed developmental screens within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010
 Children’s Administration Informational Report, December 2008

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, the percentage of developmental screens (required for children age 0-5) completed within 30 days increased significantly from FY08 to FY09, from 55% to 94%. Regional data are available in the appendix.

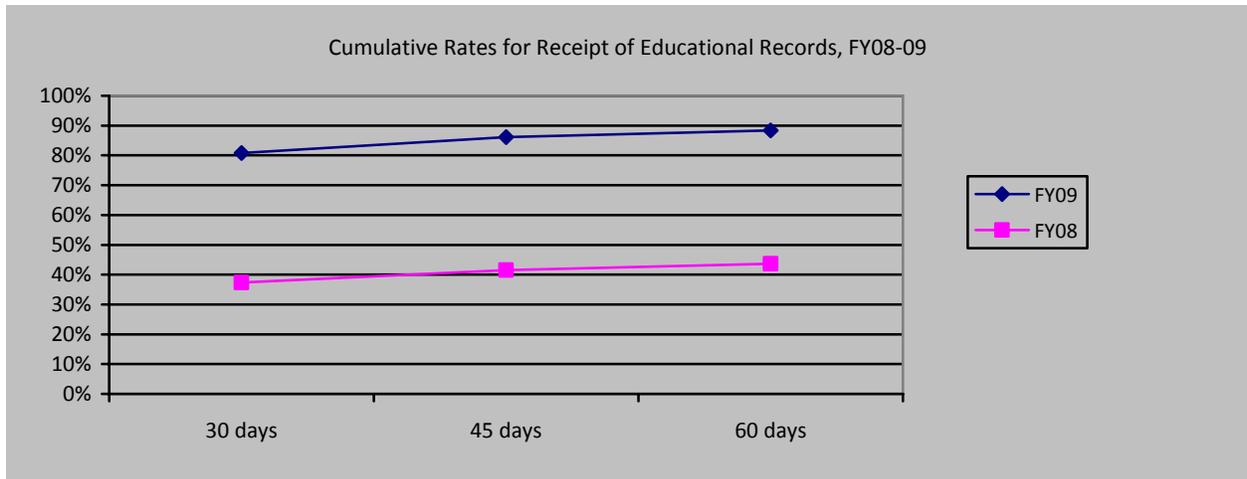
Emotional/ behavioral screening- Percentage of children ages 6-18 years with completed Child Behavior Checklists within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010
 Children’s Administration Informational Report, December 2008

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above chart, the percentage of emotional/ behavioral screens conducted within 30 days increased significantly from FY08 to FY09, from 51% to 90%. Regional data are available in the appendix.

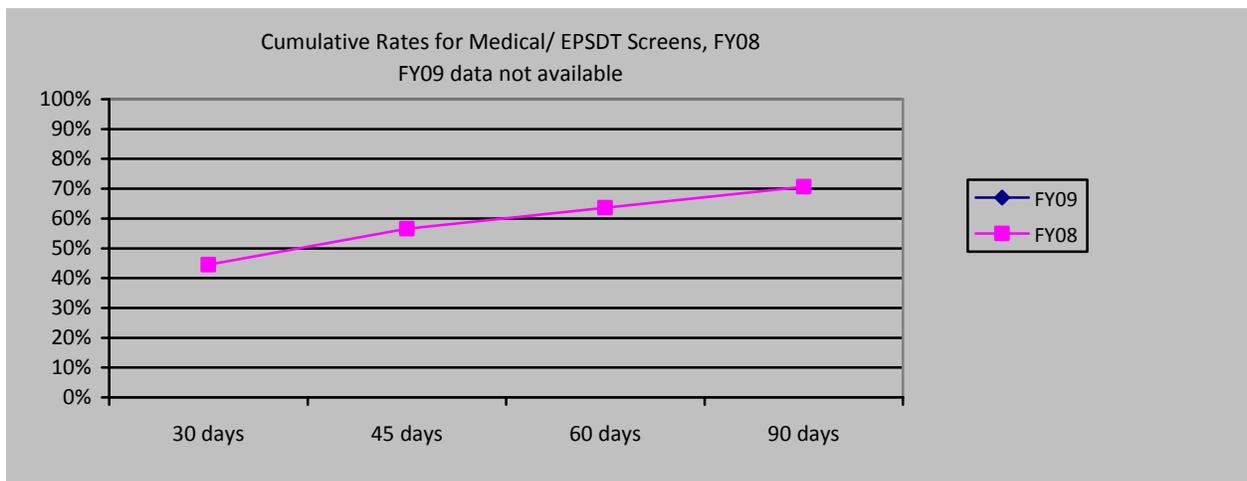
Educational records - Percentage of school-aged children for whom educational records are received within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010
 Children’s Administration Informational Report, December 2008

Panel comments: As shown in this chart, the percentage of educational records received within 30 days increased significantly from FY08 to FY09, from 37% to 81%. Regional data are available in the appendix.

Medical screening- Percentage of children with completed EPSDT exams within 30, 45 and 60 days of entry into care



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: The percentage of EPSDT exams completed within 30 days was only 45% in FY08. 71% of EPSDTs were completed within 90 days of entry to care. Regional data are available in the appendix. FY09 data are not yet available.

Goal 1, Outcome 3

A shared planning meeting (SPM) focusing on the CHET screening results will be held within 60 days of each child's entry into care.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	Acceptable data not available	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u> Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See page 27 for detail related to this outcome• Summary of informational reports is provided below		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 3

Attendance at Shared Planning Meetings (SPM)- Percentage of SPMs focused on CHET screening results attended by: children age 12 and above, caregivers, birth parents/legal guardians, tribal representatives (when applicable), and children's representatives (note: report should provide separate information on each type of individual)

No data provided.

Goal 3, Outcome 3

Eligible children will receive services from a qualified mental health and/or substance abuse provider within 30 days of the completion of an assessment.

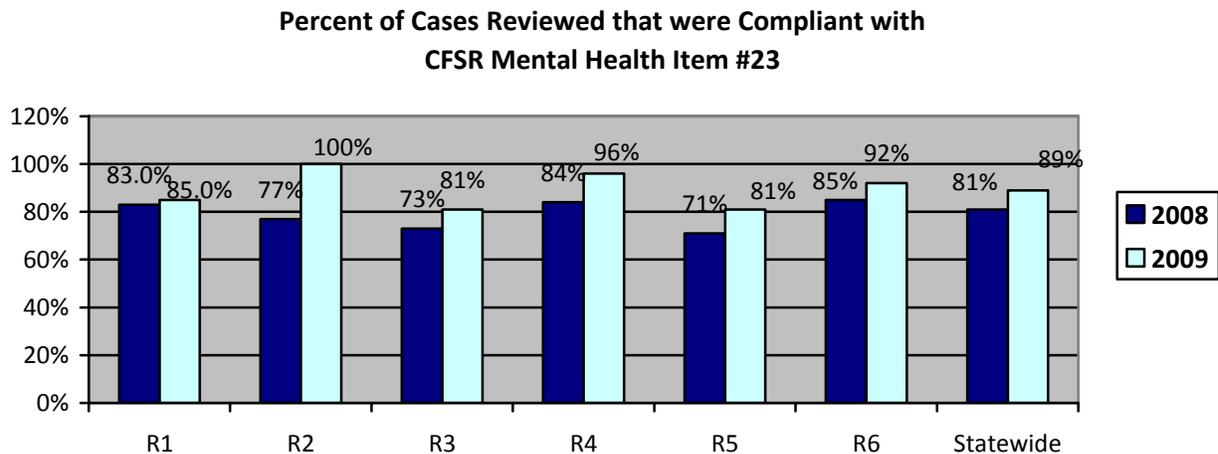
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=90% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 92.3%	Reached FY09 benchmark Statewide and regional expectations were achieved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 33 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 3, OUTCOME 3

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) mental health item:

- CFSR item #23—examines whether children's mental health needs were adequately identified and services provided to meet those needs

Data are based on case reviews conducted by the Central Case Review Team.



Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010
 Children's Administration Informational Report, December 2008

Panel comments: Compliance with the CFSR mental health item improved for every region and the state as a whole from 2008 to 2009.

Goal 3, Outcome 4

A shared planning meeting will be held by DCFS to develop an appropriate alternative services plan when a child is found ineligible for or denied mental health treatment or substance abuse assessments or treatment services.

Note: For the purposes of assessing compliance with this outcome, a review of the 34 cases in 2009 in which children were denied or found ineligible for services was conducted. Compliance was not based on whether a shared planning meeting was held, as stated in the outcome, but on whether the child's needs were found to have been met.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 97%	Reached FY09 benchmark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 34 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 3, OUTCOME 4

Information on cases in which children are denied/ found ineligible for services

- For each child denied or found ineligible:
 - Reason the child was found ineligible or services were denied
 - Type of alternative services provided

Children's Administration provided a summary of this information based on a review of the situations of the 34 children who had been referred to RSNs for mental health services and had been found ineligible for these services between November 2008 and September 2009. This review is summarized in the table below.

Updated: November 2009

Outcome for Youth	Totals
CA agreed youth did not have a mental health issue and no services were needed.	12
CA believed the youth required counseling or other evaluation services, which were provided.	12
CA felt youth did have a mental health issue and there was a reapplication for services, which were provided or is in process.	2
Youth moved and needs are met in new location.	3
Youth placed in BRS.	3
Youth refused services.	1
Administrative case not reviewed.	
Services not being provided and there is a need. Department is exploring options.	1
No response yet from worker.	
Total	34

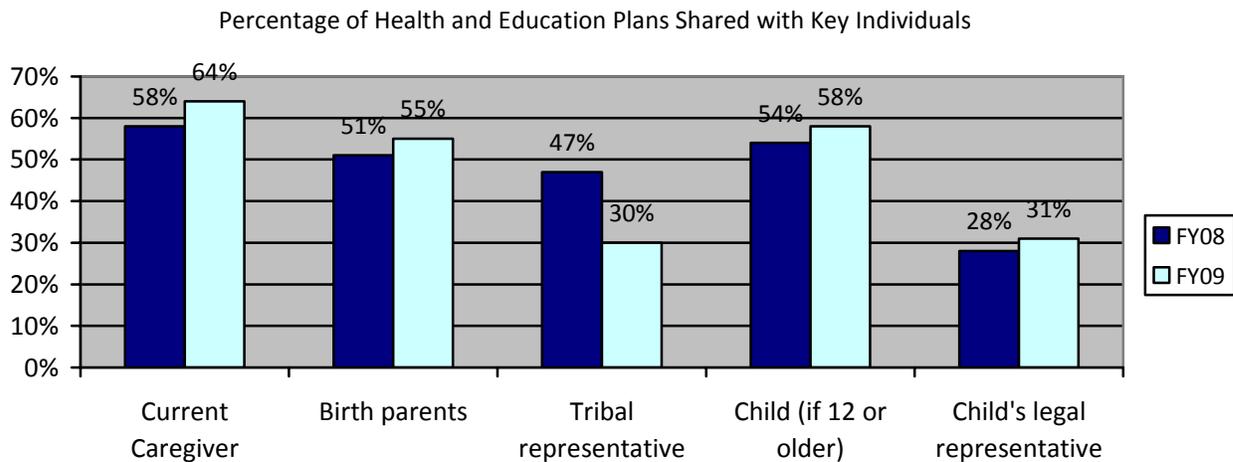
Additional Informational Reports- Mental Health

Sharing mental health information

- Percentage of cases in which applicable mental health information is shared with individuals involved in a child's case (consistent with confidentiality requirements):
 - Applicable mental health information includes: the CHET screening report and recommendations from the Shared Planning Meeting, health and education plan in the ISSP, and annual mental health screening and assessment results
 - Individuals involved in a child's case include: children age 12 and above, caregivers, birth parents/legal guardians, mental health and/or substance abuse providers, tribal representatives (when applicable), and children's representatives (*note: report should provide separate information on each type of individual*)

CA has indicated that complete information for these reports is not available for FY09. However, some related information is provided in Children's Administration case review report on mental health goal 2, outcomes 1 & 2, related to health and education plans in the ISSP.

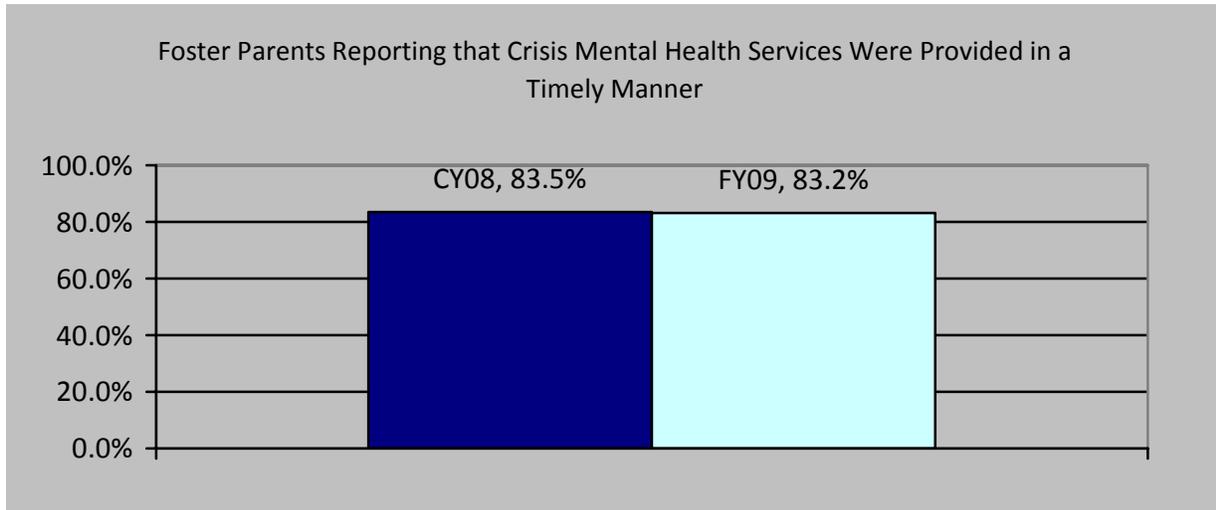
Summary of these reports is provided below. Additional detail can be found in the case review report in Appendix III.



Source: CA Case Review Reports, January 2009 & January 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, the child's health and education plan was not always shared with all individuals involved in a case. The health and education plan was shared with current caregivers 64% of the time, with birth parents 55% of the time and with children over age 12 58% of the time. The plan was shared with tribal representatives and legal representatives less frequently. Between FY08 and FY09, performance improved in all of these categories, except for sharing information with tribal representatives.

Crisis mental health services- Percentage of foster parents surveyed who report that, if mental health crisis services were needed, they were provided in a timely manner



Source: Foster Parent Survey Reports, 2009 and FY09

Panel comments: 83% of caregivers surveyed reported that crisis mental health services were provided in a timely fashion when needed.

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION- INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

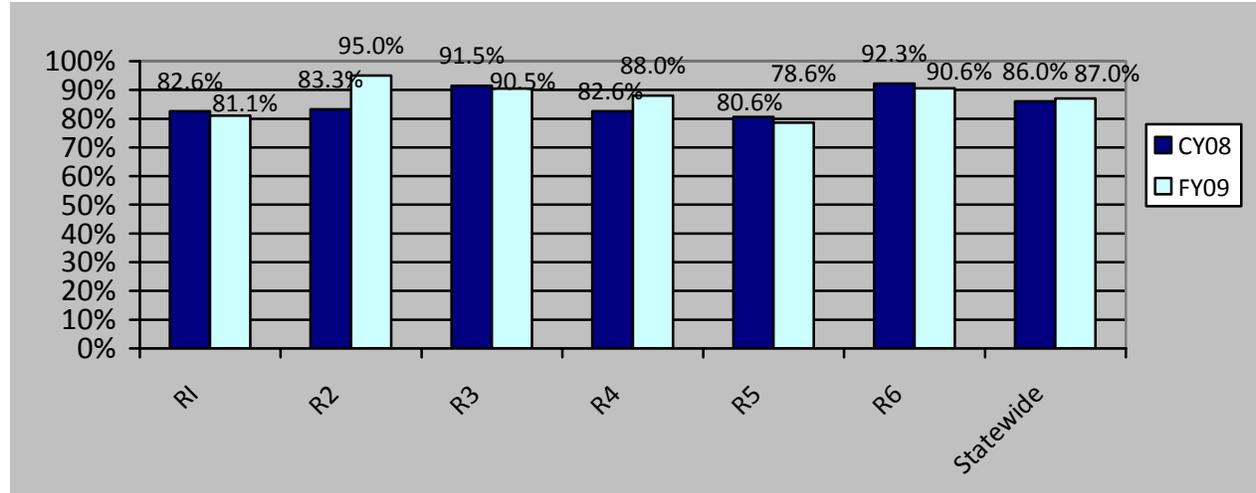
Goal 1, Outcome 1

Licensed caregivers will report adequate training for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, management of emotional, behavioral, developmental and medical problems, educational advocacy, strategies for engagement with birth parents, and cultural competency skills).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=90% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 85.9%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u> Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See page 36 for detail related to this outcome Informational report is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 1

Percentage of unlicensed caregivers reporting adequate training for their roles and responsibilities



Source: Foster Parent Survey Reports, September 2009 and January 2010

Panel comments: A slightly higher proportion of unlicensed caregivers (87% in FY09) reported feeling adequately trained for their roles and responsibilities when compared with licensed foster parents (85.9% in FY09).

Goal 1, Outcome 2

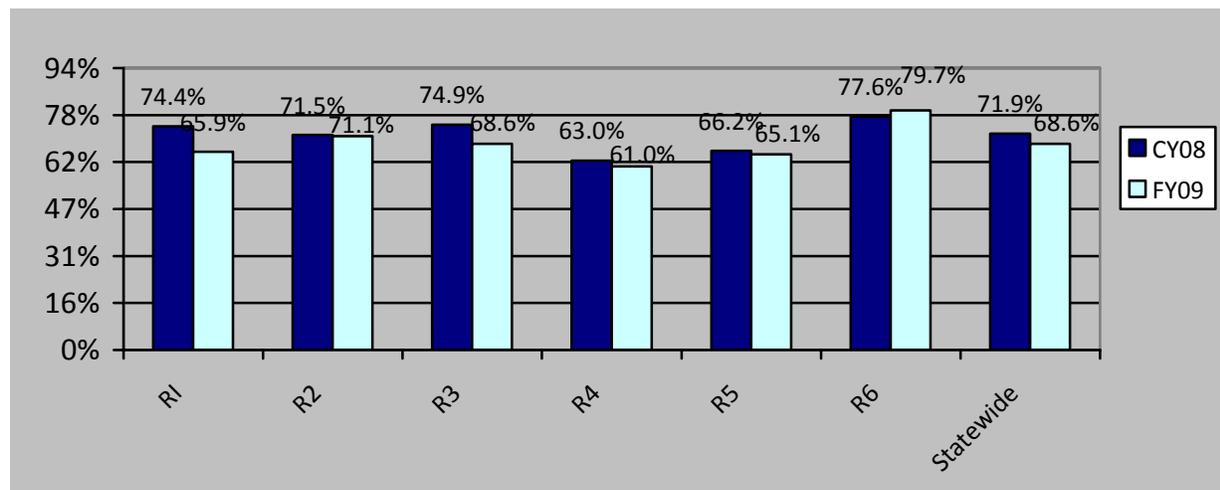
Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 71.9%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u> Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.

- See page 37 for detail related to this outcome
- Informational report is provided below

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 2

Percentage of unlicensed caregivers reporting adequate support for their roles and responsibilities



Source: Foster Parent Survey Reports, September 2009 and January 2010

Panel comments: A smaller proportion of unlicensed caregivers (68.6% in FY09) reported feeling adequately supported in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities when compared with licensed foster parents (71.9% in FY09). This figure declined from 2008 to 2009.

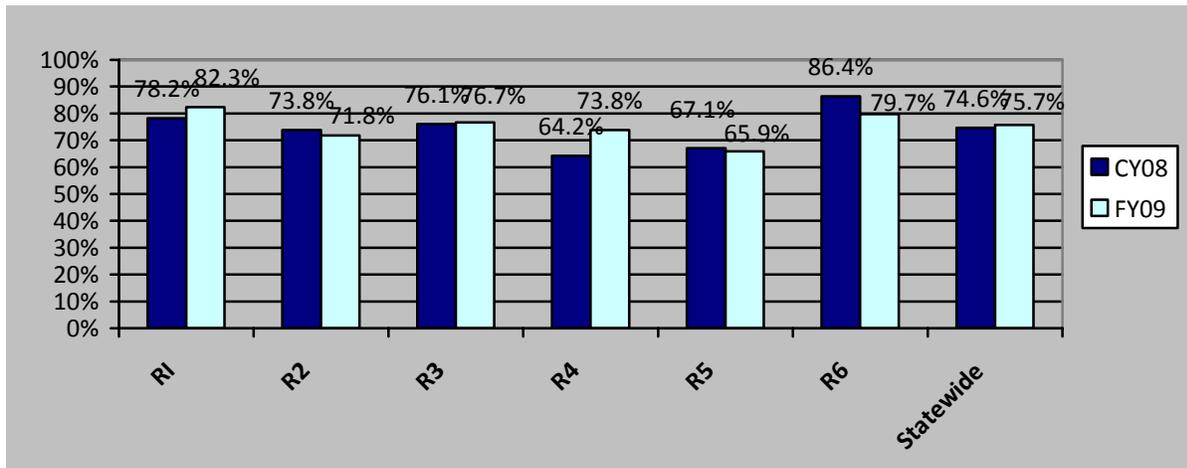
Goal 1, Outcome 3

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

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>FY09= 75.4%</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 38 for detail related to this outcome • Informational report is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 3

Percentage of unlicensed caregivers reporting adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them



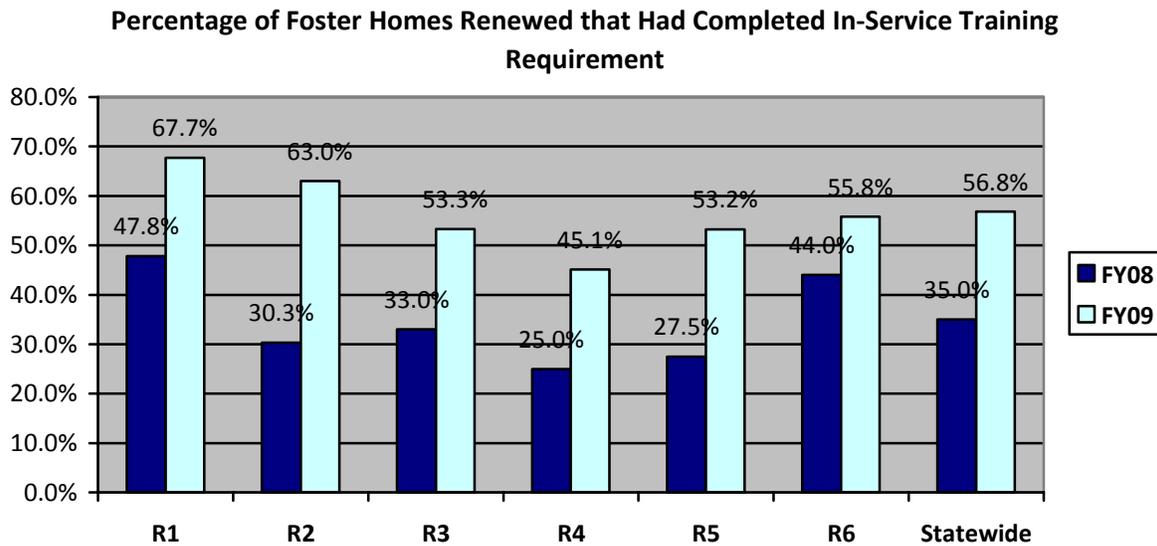
Source: Foster Parent Survey Reports, September 2009 and January 2010

Panel comments: The proportion of unlicensed caregivers (75.7% in FY09) who reported that they had received adequate information about the needs of the child in their care was comparable to that of licensed foster parents (75.4% in FY09).

Additional Annual Informational Reports- Foster Parent Training and Information

In-service training- Percentage of licensed caregivers who meet the in-service training requirement at the time of license renewal (36 hours of in-service training for the three-year period or, during the phase-in period for this policy, a pro-rated requirement)

Summary of informational reports provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix II.

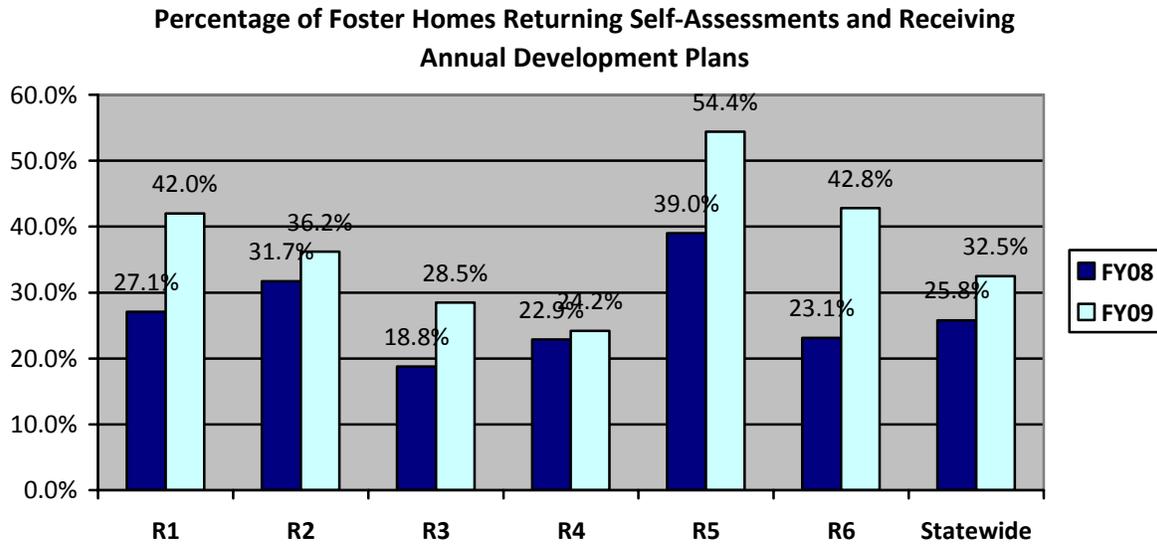


Source: *Children’s Administration Informational Report, March 2009*
Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: The chart above examines whether foster homes whose licenses were renewed during FY08 and FY09 were compliant with CA’s in-service training requirement (36 hours of training for the three-year licensure period, or, during the phase-in period for this policy, a pro-rated requirement). As shown in the table, the percentage of foster homes fulfilling the training requirement increased significantly between FY08 and FY09, but remains at just over half (57%).

Assessment and Development Plans- Percentage of licensed caregivers receiving annual assessment and development plans

Summary of informational reports provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, March 2009
 Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments/ data explanation: Foster families who have been licensed for over one year were identified as requiring an annual assessment (2530 homes in FY08, 2566 homes in FY09). Approximately one-quarter of these families in FY08 and one-third in FY09 returned the assessments, and then received an annual development plan from the licenser.

UNSAFE AND INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS- INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Goal 1, Outcome 2

Children will not stay overnight at DSHS offices or in apartments or hotels *unless*:

- An appropriate licensed foster family or relative caregiver is not available, administrative approval has been granted, and adequate supervision is provided for the child as required in the Department’s November 2004 memo to CA staff, or
- The youth has an Independent Living Plan authorizing such placement.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=0</p>	<p>FY09= 0</p>	<p>Reached FY09 benchmark</p> <p>Memo from the Department indicated that one child spent a night in a prohibited setting. The Panel granted an exception for this case, based on the Department’s explanation as to the circumstances of the case and the actions taken to ensure safety.</p> <p>The Panel does have concerns about the fact that Departmental policy requiring the Area or Regional Administrator to be contacted was not followed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 40 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 2

Repeated daily stays at DSHS offices (proxy measure)- Number of children experiencing more than two placements within a 48 hour period

Children’s Administration provided data on youth who experienced 2 placements on the same day followed immediately by at least one placement the next day:

- In FY08, six youth showed this placement pattern. All of these youth were age 14-18 and had a history of runaway episodes and/or higher level placements such as BRS or CRC.
- In FY09, no youth met this definition.

Goal 1, Outcome 3

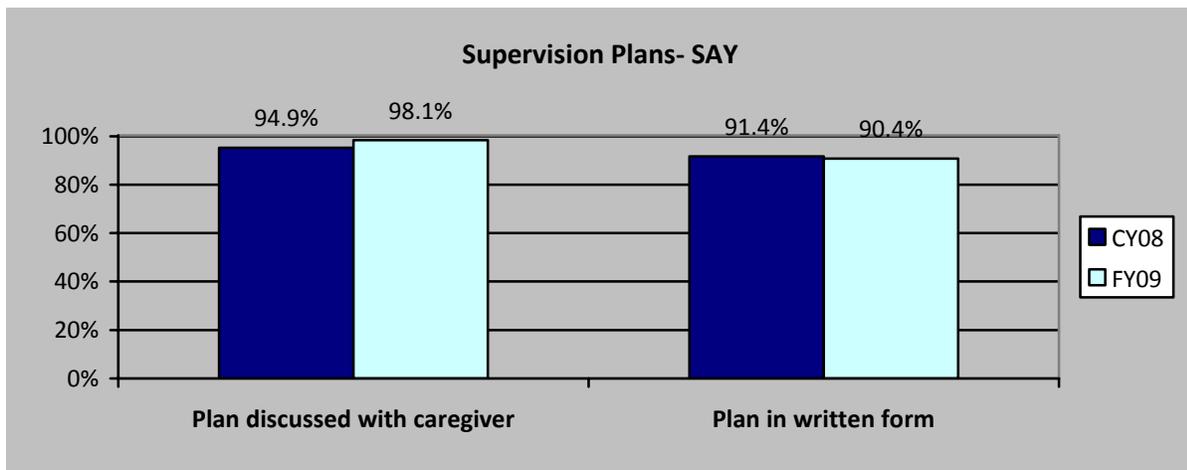
Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=95%	FY09= 70.3%	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 41 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 3

Supervision Plans

- Percentage of supervision plans discussed with caregivers
- Percentage of supervision plans completed in written format



Source: Foster Parent Survey Reports, September 2009 and January 2010

Panel comments: For youth identified as SAY for whom a supervision plan was developed, the plan was nearly always (98.1%) discussed with the caregiver and was in a written form 90.4% of the time.

Goal 1, Outcome 4

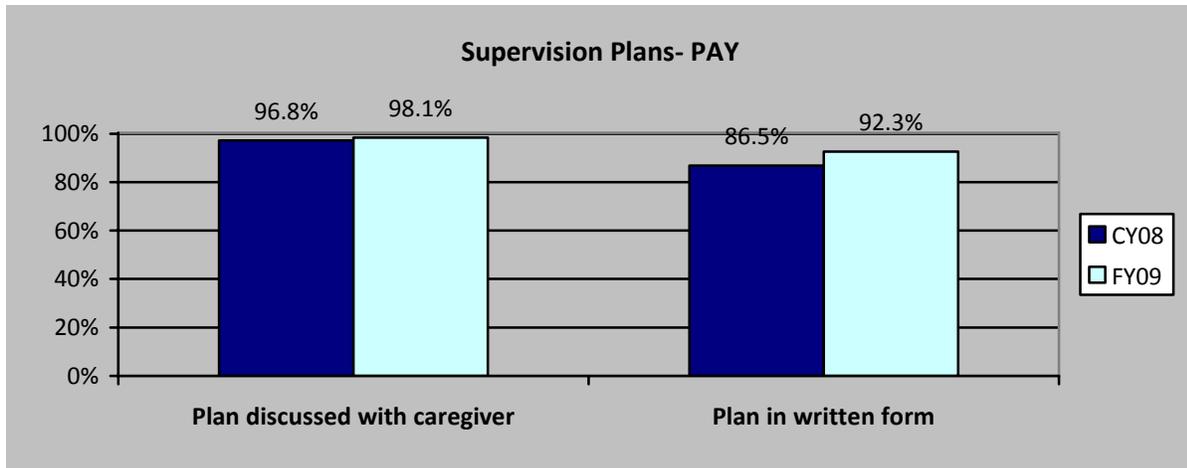
Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=95%	FY09=52.9%	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7, which was not approved by the Panel. A revised plan submitted in February 2010 is now under review by the Panel. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 42 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 4

Supervision Plans

- Percentage of supervision plans discussed with caregivers
- Percentage of supervision plans completed in written format



Source: Foster Parent Survey Reports, September 2009 and January 2010

Panel comments: For youth identified as PAY for whom a supervision plan was developed, the plan was nearly always (98.1%) discussed with the caregiver and was in a written form 92.3% of the time.

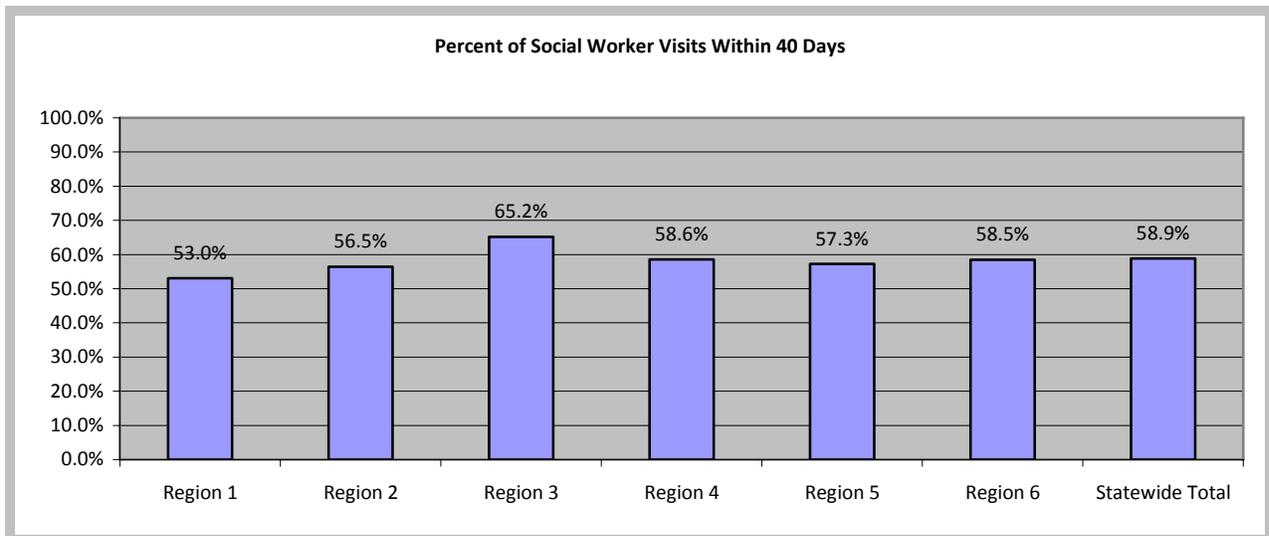
Goal 1, Outcome 6

Children will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from an assigned caseworker at least once every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09= 95% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>FY09 (administrative data)=14.8% FY09 (foster parent survey)= 71.6%</p> <p><i>Data notes:</i> Administrative data for this outcome were reported beginning with FY08 and are the official source of compliance data for this outcome. These data represent the percentage of children visited every calendar month they were in placement, but do not address the issue of whether these visits occurred more than 40 days apart (as stated in the outcome).</p> <p>FY09 data from the foster parent survey are included here for comparison. These data represent the percentage of foster parents reporting that children in their home had a private and individual face-to-face visit with their social worker at least once per month.</p> <p><i>Additional note:</i> CA implemented a policy requiring monthly visits in September 2008. This date came early in FY09 (July 2008- June 2009), which was the period assessed for this Monitoring Report.</p>	<p>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 44 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 1, OUTCOME 6

Percentage of monthly social worker visits occurring within 40 days of the previous visit



Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: Policy requires monthly social worker visits to take place not more than 40 days apart. According to the data above, this occurs less than 60% of the time.

Goal 2, Outcome 2

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.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=100%	FY09= 82.9%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>
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INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 2, OUTCOME 2

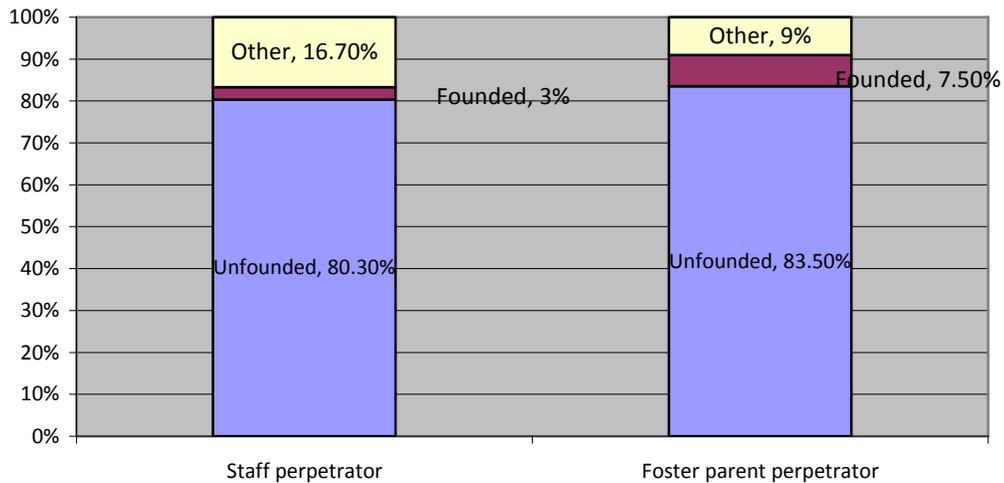
Summary data

- Characteristics of the alleged victimization (e.g., age, gender, perpetrator, type of out-of-home setting)
- Outcomes of the investigation (e.g., time from referral to completion of investigation, including any removal action)

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Findings for DLR Investigations Completed During FY09 With Foster Parents or Staff as Subjects

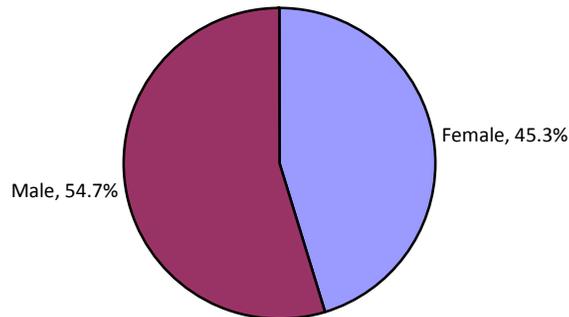
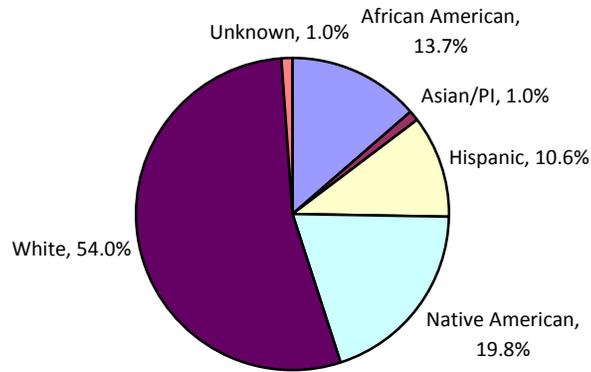
Finding by Subject (Alleged Perpetrator)



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the table above, 80% of investigations with facility staff as the subject and 84% of investigations with foster parents as subjects were unfounded during FY09.

Characteristics of Alleged Victims

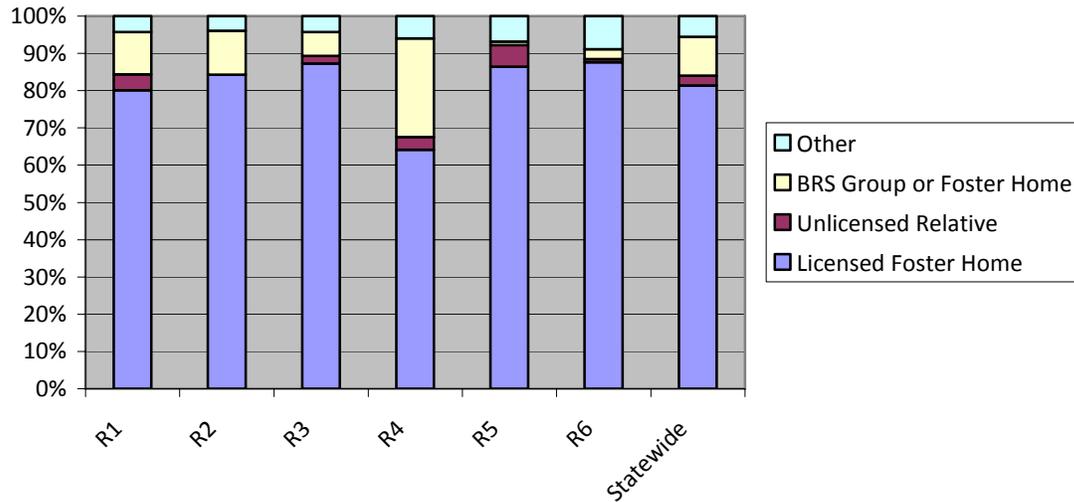


Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: DLR investigations completed during FY09 involved White children 54% of the time, African American children 13.7% of the time, Native American children 19.8% of the time, and Hispanic children 10.6% of the time. These children were more often male (54.7%) than female (45.3%).

Location of Victims in DLR Investigations Completed During FY09 with Foster Parents or Staff as Subjects (may be duplicated by Region and placement location at time of report)

Victims in DLR Investigations Completed During FY09 With Foster Parents or Staff as Subjects by Placement Type at Time of Report



Source: Children’s Administration Informational Report, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the table above, most DLR investigations completed during FY09 with foster parents or licensed facility staff as subjects related to children placed in foster homes (81%). For an additional 10% of these investigations, the alleged victim was placed in a BRS group or foster home.

SERVICES TO ADOLESCENTS- INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Goal 2, Outcome 3

A multi-disciplinary staffing meeting will be held six months prior to a youth's exit from foster care to address issues related to transition to independence.

Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
<p>FY09=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.</p>	<p>Acceptable data not available</p>	<p><u>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: compliance planning in process</u></p> <p>Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data.</p> <p>Department submitted a compliance plan in January 2010 in response to Monitoring Report #7. A decision on that compliance plan is pending; the Panel has asked that the Department present any available data on this outcome at the March 2010 public meeting. A new compliance plan is not required at this time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 52 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 2, OUTCOME 3

Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA)- Percentage of youth (age 15-18) surveyed reporting that they completed an ACLSA

No data provided

Development of Independent Living (IL) Plan- Percentage of youth (age 15-18) surveyed reporting that they were invited to develop an IL plan

No data provided

Goal 3, Outcome 1

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

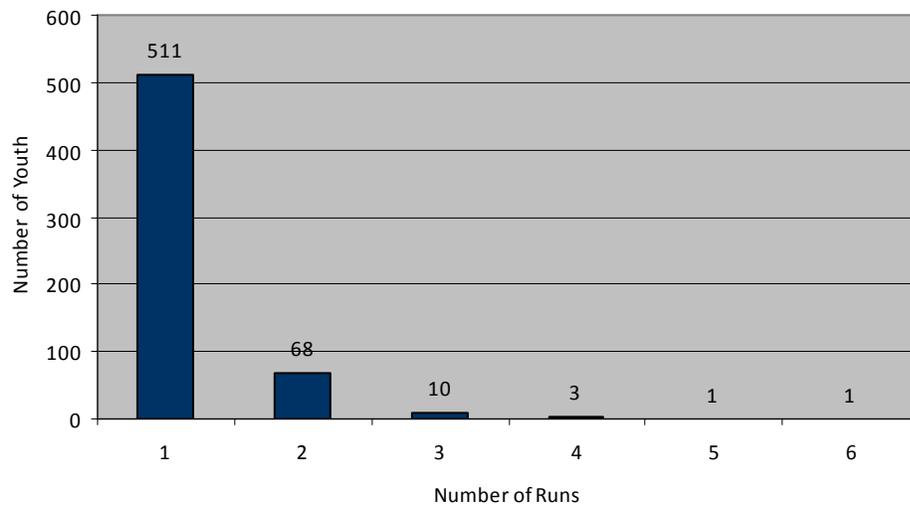
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09=2.5% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than .5 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 3.4%	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 53 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 3, OUTCOME 1

Multiple runaway events- Percentage of children in care who have run away multiple times during the fiscal year, disaggregated by the number of running events

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Number of Youth Running Away During FY09 by Number of Events



Source: Children's Administration Informational Reports, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, only a small proportion of youth running away from care did so more than once during FY09. 511 youth ran away once, 68 youth ran away twice, 10 youth ran away 3 times, and 5 youth ran away 4 or more times.

Goal 3, Outcome 2

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

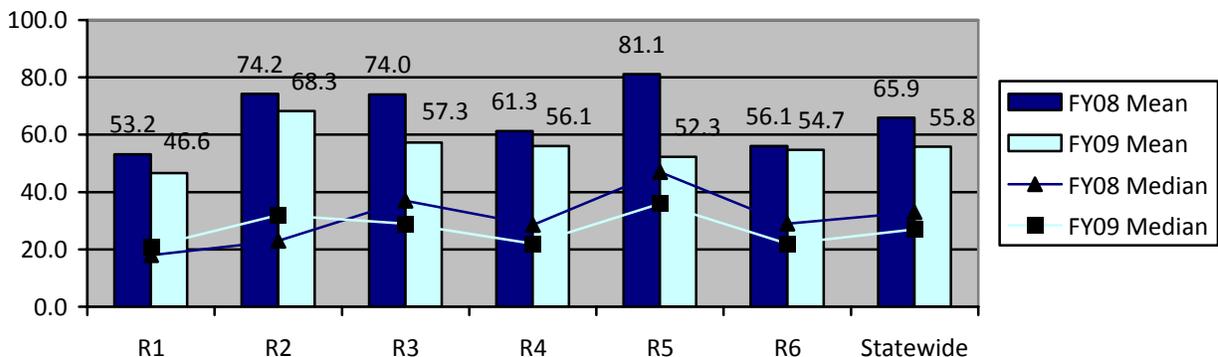
Benchmarks	Performance	Current Status and Comments
FY09= 30 days Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 5 days higher than the statewide benchmark.	FY09= 27 days	Failed to reach FY09 benchmark: <u>compliance plan required</u> Statewide benchmark was achieved, but regional requirements were not met. Performance in Region 5 was more than 5 days higher than the statewide benchmark. Therefore the overall benchmark has not been reached.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See page 54 for detail related to this outcome • Summary of informational reports is provided below 		

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOAL 3, OUTCOME 2

Mean number of days that children are on runaway status

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Mean and Median Number of Days on Runaway Status, FY08-09



Source: Children's Administration Informational Reports, December 2008
 Children's Administration Informational Reports, February 2010

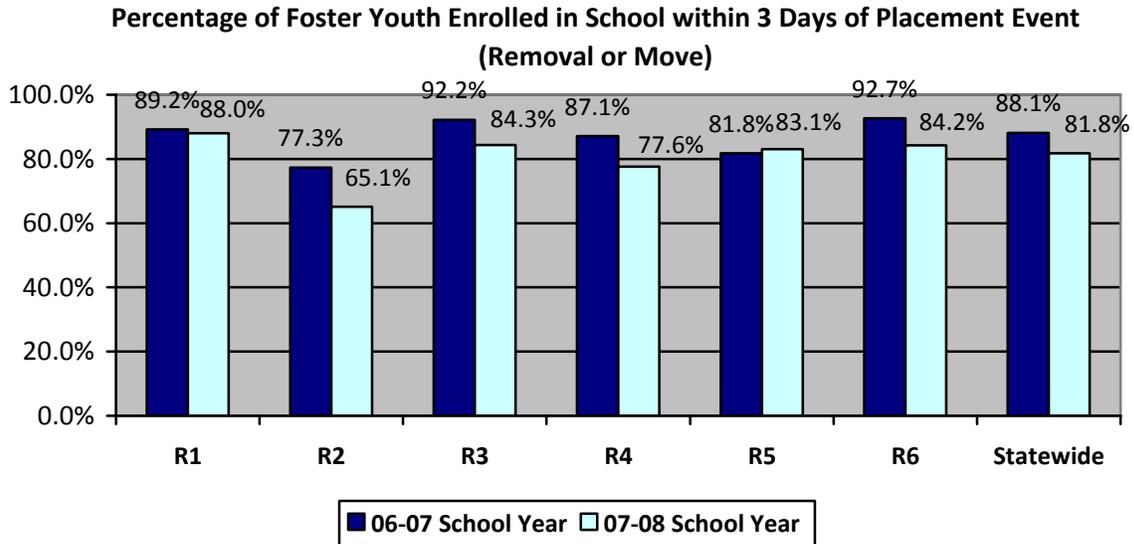
Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, the *mean* (average) number of days that children are on runaway status dropped from 65.9 in FY08 to 55.8 in FY09. The mean number of days in runaway status also declined for every region. The outcome associated with this report measures the *median*³⁸ number of days, which was 33 days in FY08 and 27 days in FY09. The large difference between the mean and median suggests that some children must be on a runaway status for a long period of time.

³⁸ A median of, for example, 27 days, means that half of the runaway events were longer than 27 days and half of runaway events were shorter than this period.

Additional Annual Informational Reports- Services to Adolescents

Timely school enrollment- Percentage of children enrolled in school within 3 school days of entry into foster care or a placement change

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.



Source: Children's Administration Informational Reports, December 2008
Children's Administration Informational Reports, February 2010

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, the percentage of children enrolled in school within 3 days of placement in out-of-home care or a move declined from 88% during the 2006-2007 school year to 82% during the 2007-2008 school year.

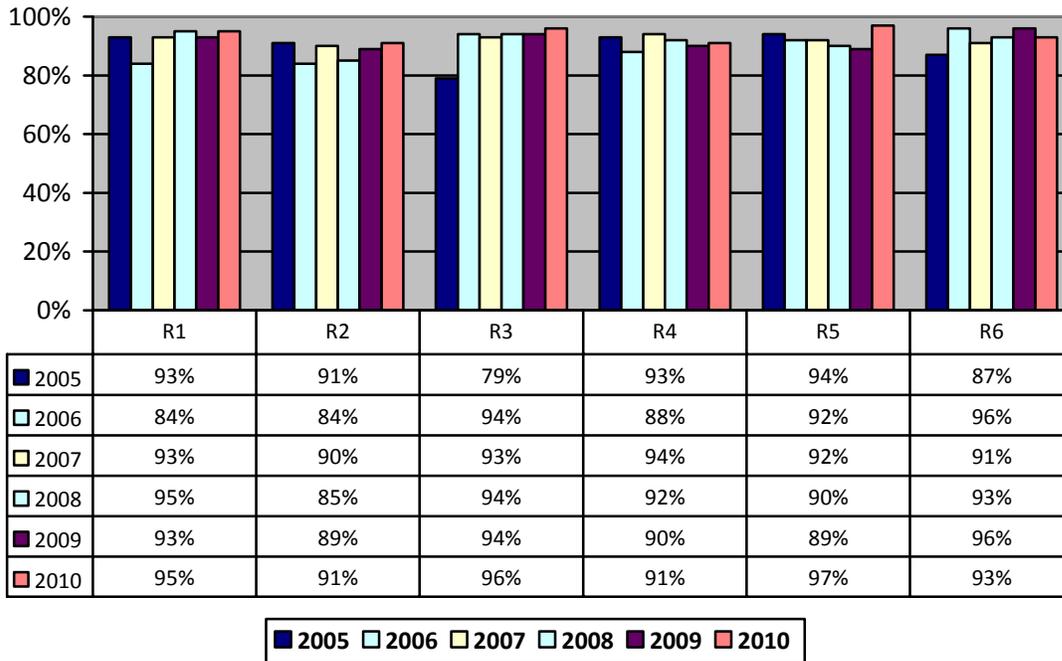
Performance on Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)- Comparison of WASL scores for youth currently in foster care and other children

No report provided. Children's Administration has indicated that information on this subject will be provided as part of a Washington State Institute for Public Policy report to be published in spring 2010.

Grade Level- Percentage of children at the age-appropriate grade level

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional information can be found in Appendix IV.

Percentage of Youth at Age-Appropriate Grade Level



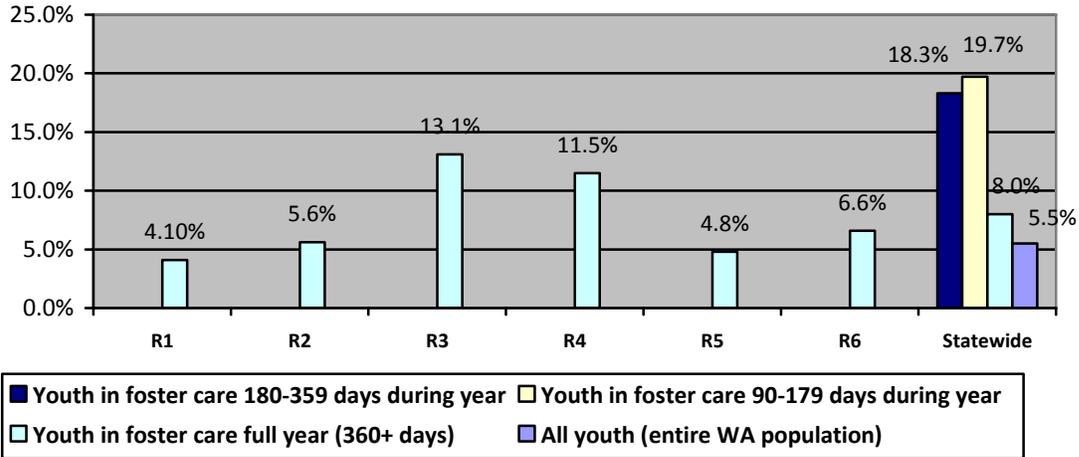
Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010 and WSIPP Report

Panel comments: Data includes youth in foster care for 90 or more days during the school year. Youth were identified as not being at the age-appropriate grade level if they were older than age 15 at start of grade 9, older than age 16 at start of grade 10, older than grade 17 at start of grade 11, and older than age 18 at start of grade 12. As shown in the chart above, over 90% of youth were at the age-appropriate grade level.

Annual dropout rate- Annual drop-out rate for high-school-aged youth in out-of-home care for 30 days or more during the reporting year

Summary of informational report is provided below; additional detail can be found in Appendix IV.

Annual Drop Out Rate (2007-2008 School Year)



Source: Children's Administration Informational Report, February 2010 and WSIPP Report: Graduation and Drop Out Outcomes for Youth in State Care, November 2009.

Panel comments: As shown in the chart above, youth spending a shorter time in foster care (90-179 days) during the school year or 180-359 days during the school year) dropped out of school at much higher rates (18-19%) than youth in foster care for the entire year (360 days +), whose dropout rate was 8%. The dropout rates for all categories of youth in foster care were higher than for the population as a whole (5.5%). Regional data were provided only for youth in care for the entire year.

GED- Percentage of aging-out youth with a GED

No report provided.