

# **BRAAM SETTLEMENT MONITORING REPORT #9**

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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. According to Children's Administration, as of July 2010, there were 10,843 children in the Braam class.

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 ninth monitoring report on the Settlement and provides a report on **action steps through June 30, 2010** and a **summary of data on Braam outcomes for the duration of the settlement agreement to date**. This monitoring report is based on the requirements of the Revised Braam Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008).

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## OVERVIEW

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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.<sup>1</sup> The parties to the Settlement include the Plaintiffs,<sup>2</sup> 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.

According to Children's Administration, as of July 2010, there were 10,843 children in the Braam class.

- **"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).

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<sup>1</sup> The Final Settlement is available on the Braam Panel website: [www.braampanel.org](http://www.braampanel.org).

<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

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

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<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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:<sup>4</sup>

- **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, October 2009 and March 2010. 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.

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<sup>4</sup> All Panel work products are available on the Braam Panel website at [www.braampanel.org](http://www.braampanel.org). Individuals and organizations can sign up to receive email alerts when new material is posted.

## APPROACH TO MONITORING REPORTS

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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.

This document is the ninth monitoring report on the Settlement and provides a report on **action steps through June 30, 2010** and a **summary of data on Braam outcomes for the duration of the settlement agreement to date**. New data and findings on Braam outcomes are **not** provided in this report; data for FY10 (July 2009- June 2010) are due in January 2011 and will be included in the March 2011 Monitoring Report.

This differs from the monitoring schedule in previous years. In past years, the Panel’s fall Monitoring Report has provided new data and findings for outcomes measured through the foster parent survey (for which annual calendar year data were due in August of each year), while the spring Monitoring Report provided data and findings for outcomes measured through administrative and case review data (for which annual fiscal year data are due in January of each year). However, by agreement of the Panel and the parties, beginning with FY09 (July 2008-June 2009), outcomes measured by the foster parent survey are now assessed on a fiscal year basis and data for these outcomes are due in January of each year. Therefore, no annual performance data are due at this time; instead, annual fiscal year data for all outcomes, regardless of data source, will be due in January 2011 and addressed in the March 2011 Monitoring Report.

This Monitoring Report includes two major sections:

- **Monitoring report on action steps**- This report summarizes progress with respect to action steps through June 30, 2010. Only action steps that are subject to continued monitoring under the Revised Braam Implementation Plan are included in this report.<sup>5</sup>

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.

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

New data and findings on Braam outcomes are **not** provided in this report; data for FY10 (July 2009- June 2010) are due in January 2011 and will be included in the March 2011 Monitoring Report. Instead, this Monitoring Report provides a summary to date with respect to the outcomes and benchmarks set forth in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan.<sup>6</sup>

Part II of this document, beginning on page 19, presents information on outcomes and benchmarks. Although new data and findings for outcomes are not due at this time, this Monitoring Report addresses each Braam outcome in order to provide a comprehensive report on the most recent status and the upcoming requirements for all Braam outcomes. Therefore, for each goal area of the agreement, information for each outcome identified in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan is provided. Findings from Monitoring Report #8 with respect to whether or not annual benchmarks for FY09 were reached are re-printed here. In addition, the benchmarks for FY10 are shown, along with information on the difference between the most recent annual performance data available and the FY10 benchmarks. All annual performance data received to date are included in chart format.

### **Monthly and Quarterly Informational Reports**

For some outcomes for which Braam benchmarks were not met in FY09 and/ or for which the Panel has identified concerns about lack of progress toward the benchmarks, the Panel has requested that the Department provide monthly and/ or quarterly data updates in addition to the annual performance data due each year in January. The Panel has requested these data in order to have more timely and frequent information about progress and to better understand whether strategies set forth in compliance plans are leading to improved performance. The Panel intends to publish, in November 2010, an informational report as an addendum to this 9<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Report which will include the monthly and quarterly data received to date. As with all informational reports, the Panel will not use these data to assess compliance with annual benchmarks. The Panel will continue to monitor compliance with outcomes based on annual performance data.

The parties and the Panel have agreed that monthly or quarterly informational reports will be provided for the following outcomes:

Monthly reports (monthly reporting is already in place for the outcomes listed below and will be ongoing)

- *Placement Stability, Goal 1, Outcome 3- Caseload size*
- *Mental Health, Goal 1, Outcome 2- CHET screenings*
- *Mental Health, Goal 1, Outcome 3- Shared Planning Meetings focused on CHET within 60 days of entry Mental Health, Goal 1, Outcome 4- Referral to Early Support for Infant and Toddlers Program (early intervention)*
- *Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 6- Monthly visits (report on alternative measure)*
- *Services to Adolescents, Goal 2, Outcome 3- Exit staffings*

Quarterly reports

- *Placement Stability, Goal 1, Outcome 2- 2 or fewer placements (quarterly reporting on alternative measures to begin October 2010)*
- *Mental Health, Goal 2, Outcome 2- Health & education plans in ISSPs updated every 6 months (quarterly reporting beginning in July 2010; no report in October 2010; quarterly reporting to resume in January 2011)*
- *Foster Parent Training and Information, Goal 1, Outcome- Adequate foster parent support (quarterly reporting beginning in July 2010)*

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

- *Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 3- Sexually Aggressive Youth* (quarterly reporting beginning in July 2010)
- *Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 1, Outcome 4- Physically Aggressive/ Assaultive Youth* (quarterly reporting beginning in July 2010)
- *Unsafe and Inappropriate Placements, Goal 2, Outcome 2- DLR/ CPS investigations* (quarterly reporting on timeliness of investigations beginning in July 2010)
- *Sibling Separation, Goal 1, Outcomes 1 and 2- Placement with all siblings; Placement with some/ all siblings-* (quarterly reporting on alternative measure in October 2010; quarterly reporting on Braam measure, including race data, beginning in January 2011)
- *Sibling Separation, Goal 2, Outcome 1- Sibling visits and contacts-* (quarterly reporting beginning in July 2010)
- *Services to Adolescents, Goal 3, Outcome 1- Frequency of runaways* (quarterly reporting, including race data, beginning in January 2011; monthly reporting showing count of youth on runaway status to be provided August 2010- December 2010)

Note that these monthly and quarterly informational reports are being provided in addition to annual reports, informational reports, and informational race data required under the Braam Implementation Plan.

#### **Next Steps**

The Panel's next Monitoring Report will be issued in March 2011. This report will address action steps through December 31, 2010, and will provide data and findings with respect to achievement of benchmarks for Braam outcomes for FY10. In addition, the March 2011 report will provide informational reports related to Braam outcomes as required by the Revised Implementation Plan, and informational reports on Braam outcomes by race/ ethnicity for FY10.

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## **PART I: MONITORING REPORT ON ACTION STEPS**

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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 June 30, 2010** 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 period<sup>7</sup> (5)
- ✓ Incomplete<sup>8</sup>: Compliance Plan for this step will be due in 30 days<sup>9</sup> (1)
- ✓ Under Approved Compliance Plan (3)
  - Actions under compliance plan not complete through performance period (0)
  - Approved compliance plan complete through performance period (3)

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<sup>7</sup> Action steps with some items due before and others after June 30, 2010 were assessed as “complete through performance period.”

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Pursuant to the Settlement, the Department has 30 days to submit proposed plans to achieve compliance with action steps found to be incomplete.

*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			2	5
Incomplete: Compliance Plan for this step will be due in 30 days ( <i>or</i> Compliance Planning in Process)		1					1
Under Approved Compliance Plan							
• Approved compliance plan complete through performance period	1					2	3
<i>Total</i>	1	3	1	2	1	7	15

**Format of the Report on Action Steps**

*Numbering System*

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 (July 2008).

*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
<b>Placement Stability</b>		
<p><b>Develop a plan by June 30, 2005 for review and approval by the Braam Panel to reduce caseloads to COA standards</b>  <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"> <li>a. Establish workgroup to develop plan and estimate costs/resources required (1/05)</li> <li>b. CA Management reviews and approves plan (5/05)</li> <li>c. Plan submitted to Braam Panel for review (6/05)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Approved compliance plan complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Mental Health</b>		
<p><b>Initial (72 hour) health screening</b>  <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"> <li>• The plan for achieving Goal 1, Outcome 1 will be submitted to the Panel for review and approval-- 3/30/07</li> <li>• The Department will begin to implement initial health screens-- 10/30/07</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p><b>Incomplete</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p> <p>Compliance plan required</p>	<p>At Braam Panel Meetings since December 2009, the Department has reported on efforts to build capacity to improve health assessment of children entering out-of-home care (including health screens) and to improve the coordination and provision of ongoing medical services for these children in all areas of the state and has indicated an ongoing commitment to provide regular updates on these initiatives at Braam Panel public meetings.. However, the Department has not provided written updates or compliance plans for this action step because the Department contends that this action step is not within the scope of the Panel's monitoring authority under the Braam Settlement Agreement. The Panel and the Plaintiffs disagree with this view, and the Panel continues to expect updates, compliance plans and data related to initial health screens</p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<p><b>Develop a plan to ensure the quality of the CHET process</b>  <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"> <li>• timeliness of completing CHET screens</li> <li>• timely receipt of educational records</li> <li>• well-child EPSDT exams completed within 30 days</li> <li>• quality of information collected in each of the 5 domains</li> <li>• effectiveness of the screening and assessment instruments used in CHET</li> <li>• use of data/information on a child that is received after the Shared Planning Meeting occurs</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• determining whether CHET recommendations are followed and services are received</li> <li>• for children whose CHET recommendations are largely unrelated to services received, analyze reasons and suggest system improvements</li> </ul> <p>The plan will be completed and submitted to the Panel for review by 12/30/06  The Department will begin implementation of the plan by 9/30/07  The Department will provide the Panel with annual reports on the results of the Quality Review beginning 9/30/08</p>	<p><b>Complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	<p>Next report is due to the Panel in September 2010.</p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Mental Health</b>		
<p><b>Annual review of mental health and substance abuse services</b>  <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><b>Complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	<p>Next report is due to the Panel in November 2010.</p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Foster Parent Training and Information</b>		
<p><b>Foster parent survey</b>  <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><b>Complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	<p>Annual report on FY10 foster parent survey will be provided in January 2011. Foster parent survey is ongoing, with quarterly implementation of surveys. Panel receives quarterly reports and uses the data for informational purposes.</p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Unsafe/Inappropriate Placements</b>		
<p><b>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 visit<sup>10</sup></b>  <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"> <li>a. Utilizing policy workgroup from 14.1.1, develop policy recommendations (3/05-5/05)</li> <li>b. Workgroup reports out recommendations (5/05)</li> <li>c. CA Management reviews and approves policy recommendations (6/05)</li> <li>d. Budget decisions (7/05)</li> <li>e. Provide orientation to staff, caregivers and community partners on new policy requirement (7/05-9/05)</li> <li>f. Revise new social worker academy training to support new policy and practice guidelines (9/05)</li> <li>g. Based on available funding, implement policy changes (10/05)</li> <li>h. Establish baseline for compliance with policy changes and set performance measure (3/06)</li> <li>i. Initiate quarterly reporting to the field (6/06)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Complete</b>  (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 &amp; Inappropriate Placements Goal 1, Outcome 6.</p>

<sup>10</sup> 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
<p><b>Increase compliance with policy requiring workers to visit children in placement within the first week of out-of-home care</b>  <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"> <li>a. Establish workgroup to review and revise policy (6/05)</li> <li>b. Orient staff to new policy requirement (8/05)</li> <li>c. Begin implementation of new policy (10/05)</li> <li>d. Establish regional baselines and set performance measure (6/06)</li> <li>e. Initiate quarterly reporting to the field (6/06)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Complete</b>  (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><b><u>Note (Monitoring Report #9):</u></b> <i>At the time action step was declared complete, Panel requested 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 &amp; Inappropriate Placements Goal 1, Outcome 6. To date, these data have not been provided. Panel and Children's Administration have agreed that monthly data on this subject will be provided not later than March 2011.</i></p>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Sibling Separation</b>		
<p><b>Develop and implement policies and protocols to increase the quality and frequency of visits or contacts between children, parents, and siblings</b>  <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"> <li>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"> <li>• When visitations can be unsupervised,</li> <li>• When visitations can be outside of the DCFS office,</li> <li>• When visitations can be outside DCFS office hours, and</li> <li>• Who is able to supervise visits</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• How the visitation issues will be addressed in other staffings and supervisory conferences</li> <li>• Guidelines for documentation of visits for social workers and contracted service providers</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Workgroup reports out recommendations (12/04)</li> <li>c. CA Management reviews and approves framework and policy recommendations (1/05)</li> <li>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)</li> <li>e. Implement policy changes upon training (2/05-4/05)</li> <li>f. Report out quarterly on progress (6/05-6/07)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Complete</b>  (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>

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Services to Adolescents</b>		
<p><b>Educational attainment study</b>  <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.<sup>11</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to Panel regarding intent to perform work within DSHS or contract (6/1/06)</li> <li>• First study completed (11/1/08)</li> <li>• Follow-up studies (11/1/08, 12/1/10)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	<p>Report on graduation outcomes was provided in November 2009. Report on WASL outcomes and educational advocates were published in April 2010. All reports available at <a href="http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/">http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/</a>.</p>
<p><b>Establish educational outreach positions to assist children in out-of-home care in meeting K–12 educational objectives and preparing for higher education goals.</b>  <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"> <li>a. In collaboration with Washington Education Foundation, complete Foster Care to College Partnership proposal (10/04)</li> <li>b. Seek 3-year grant funding (10/04-2/05)</li> <li>c. Based on funding, begin implementation of the Foster Care to College Partnership plan (4/05)</li> <li>d. Report on implementation (9/05)</li> <li>e. Annual evaluation report (completed each year of the 3-year grant funding) (6/06, 6/07, 6/08)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Complete</b>  (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	

<sup>11</sup> 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
<b>Services to Adolescents</b>		
<p><b>Develop and implement tutoring and mentoring services, in conjunction with existing community resources, to improve educational outcomes for adolescents in out-of-home care.</b>  <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"> <li>a) Develop roles and responsibilities for educational coordinators (10/05)</li> <li>b) Hire regional educational coordinators to provide educational advocacy (12/05)</li> <li>c) Train regional educational coordinators (12/05)</li> <li>d) Regional coordinators work with community partners to develop regional plans, including existing community resources and tutoring/mentoring programs (9/05)</li> <li>e) Communicate program to staff, youth, caregivers and community partners (2/06)</li> <li>f) Implement regional plans (2/06)</li> <li>g) Initiate quarterly reporting to the field (5/06)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Complete</b>  (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	
<p><b>Attendance, truancies, suspensions and expulsions</b>  <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><b>Approved compliance plan complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	<p>While efforts to obtain this data and use it for practice and system improvements have been extensive, CA anticipates that the preliminary data report due in October 2010 under the approved compliance plan may not be available until early 2011. A delayed timeline is not consistent with the approved compliance plan; if this occurs, CA will then be out of compliance for the action step.</p>
<p><b>Documentation of credit accumulation and GPA</b>  <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><b>Complete</b>  (Monitoring Report #5, October 1, 2008)</p>	

Area/Action Step	Implementation Status	Comments
<b>Services to Adolescents</b>		
<p><b>ILP Contracts</b>  <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><b>Complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	
<p><b>Information on children in juvenile detention facilities</b>  <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><b>Approved compliance plan complete through performance period</b>  (Monitoring Report #9, September 2010)</p>	<p>Although compliance plan is being implemented, Panel is concerned about the slow pace of efforts on this action step.</p> <p>The Panel will require the Department to present a report on progress related to this action step, including information on the workgroup and proposed timelines for the implementation of practice and system improvements, at the September 2010 Braam Panel public meeting.</p>

## **PART II: MONITORING REPORT ON OUTCOMES**

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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. 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.

New data and findings on Braam outcomes are **not** provided in this report; data for FY10 (July 2009-June 2010) are due in January 2011 and will be included in the March 2011 Monitoring Report. Instead, this Monitoring Report provides a summary to date with respect to the outcomes and benchmarks set forth in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan.

This differs from the monitoring schedule in previous years. In past years, the Panel's fall Monitoring Report has provided new data and findings for outcomes measured through the foster parent survey (for which annual calendar year data were due in August of each year), while the spring Monitoring Report provided data and findings for outcomes measured through administrative and case review data (for which annual fiscal year data are due in January of each year). However, by agreement of the Panel and the parties, beginning with FY09, outcomes measured by the foster parent survey are now assessed on a fiscal year (July- June) basis and data for these outcomes are due in January of each year. Therefore, no annual performance data are due at this time; instead, annual fiscal year data for all outcomes, regardless of data source, will be due in January 2011 and addressed in the March 2011 Monitoring Report.

Data on Braam outcomes are based on the following 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 now relies 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.
- *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*- Several Braam outcomes are measured through a survey of foster parents and relative caregivers conducted by Social and Economic Sciences Research Center at Washington State University.

### **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 reviews outcomes and benchmarks on an annual basis and makes 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.<sup>12</sup> Specific regional requirements are detailed for each individual outcome in the Revised Implementation Plan.

*Note that this report does not include new findings as to whether benchmarks have been reached because new annual performance data are not due at this time. In March 2011, the Panel will issue Monitoring Report #10, which will assess whether benchmarks for FY10 (July 2009-June 2010) were reached.*

In this Monitoring Report, in order to provide comprehensive information on the most recent status and the upcoming requirements for all Braam outcomes, the Panel has re-stated findings from Monitoring Report #8, in which both statewide and regional data were assessed in order to make a determination regarding whether annual benchmarks for FY09 had been reached, and has shown FY10 benchmarks and the difference between FY09 performance and FY10 benchmarks. On the following pages, based on the findings from Monitoring Report #8, each Braam outcome is classified into one of the following status categories:

- *Reached annual benchmark-* For 9 outcomes, Monitoring Report #8 indicated that data had been provided to demonstrate 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 concluded in Monitoring Report #8 that performance failed to reach FY09 benchmarks. 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, after the publication of Monitoring Report #8, compliance plans were developed by Children's Administration and reviewed by the Panel. The status of these compliance plans is shown along with the findings of Monitoring Report #8 on the following pages.

### **Format of the Report on Outcomes**

As noted above, new data and findings for Braam outcomes are not provided in this report because new annual performance data are not due at this time. Instead, beginning on page 24, summary information for each outcome identified in the Revised Braam Implementation Plan is provided.

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 (Finding in Monitoring Report #8, March 2010) restates the Panel's findings from FY09 (July 2008- June 2009), the most recent year for which annual performance data has been reviewed. In the second column (Next Steps), the benchmark for FY10 is shown, along with information on the difference between the most recent annual performance data available and the FY10 benchmark.

The bottom section of the table provides more detailed charts showing all available annual performance data to date.

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<sup>12</sup> 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 (findings based on FY09 data included in Monitoring Report #8)*

	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	2	6	3	6	3	4	24
<i>Total</i>	3	11	3	8	3	5	33

# PLACEMENT STABILITY- OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

## 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.

### Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)

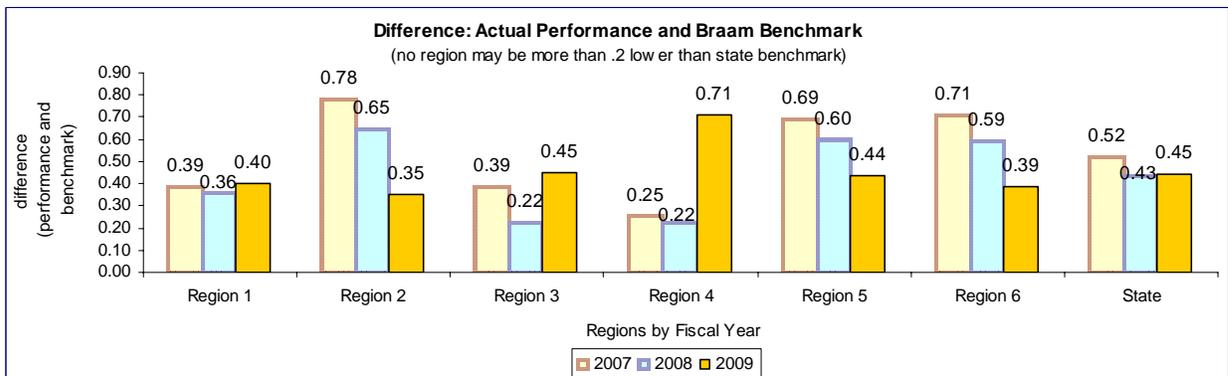
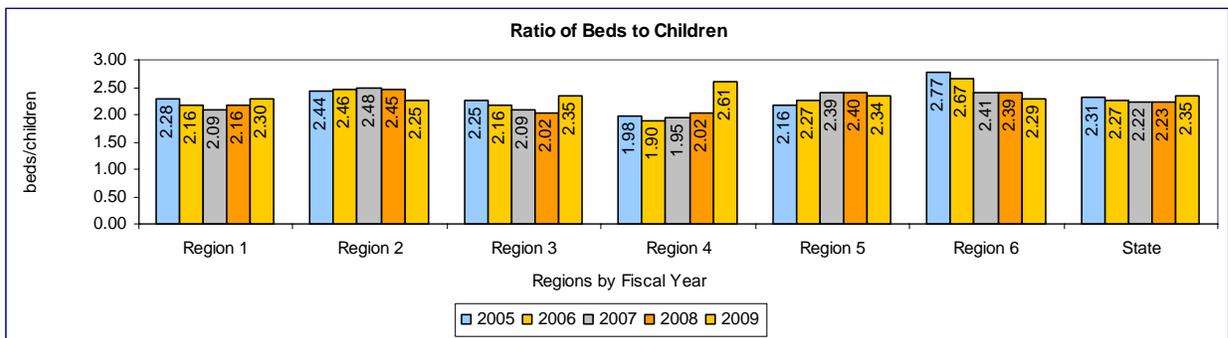
**FY09 Benchmark: 1.9**

**FY09 Performance: 2.35**

**Reached FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 2.0
- If performance continues at FY09 levels, the FY10 benchmark will be met.

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome  
FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
Data are based on Children's Administration's Performance Reports*



**Goal 1, Outcome 2**

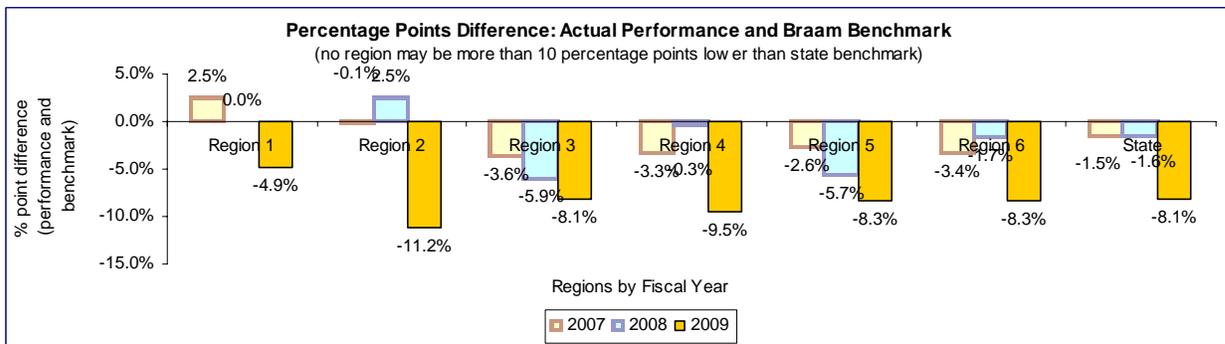
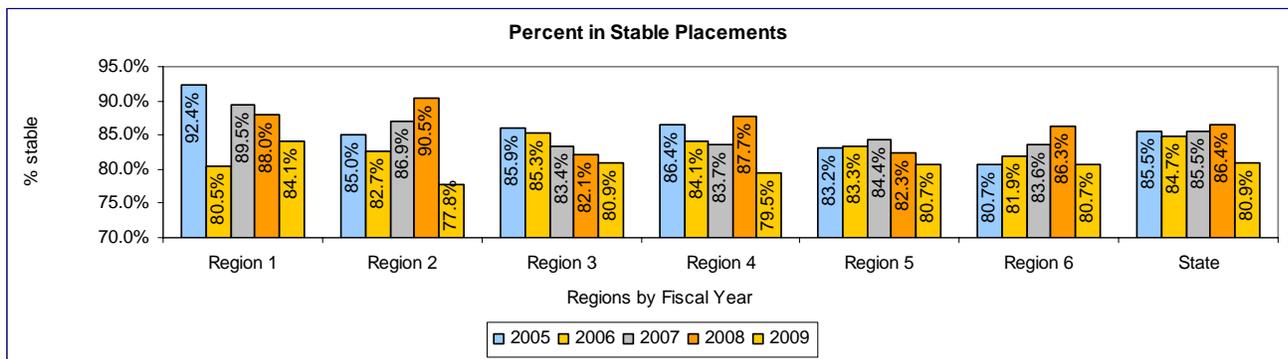
The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home episode of care will increase (*outcome measure based on percentage of youth entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time-in-care specifications based on entry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

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 89%**  
**FY09 Performance: 80.9%**<sup>13</sup>  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 9.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome  
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<sup>13</sup> 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.  
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**Goal 1, Outcome 3**

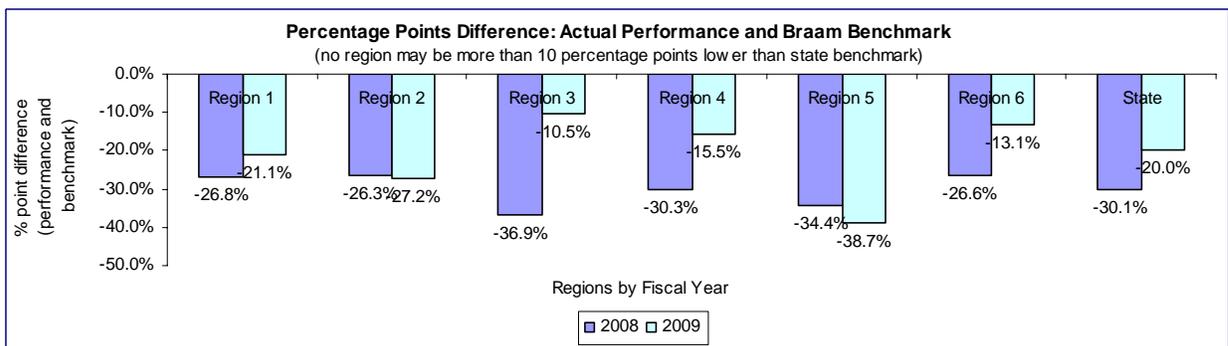
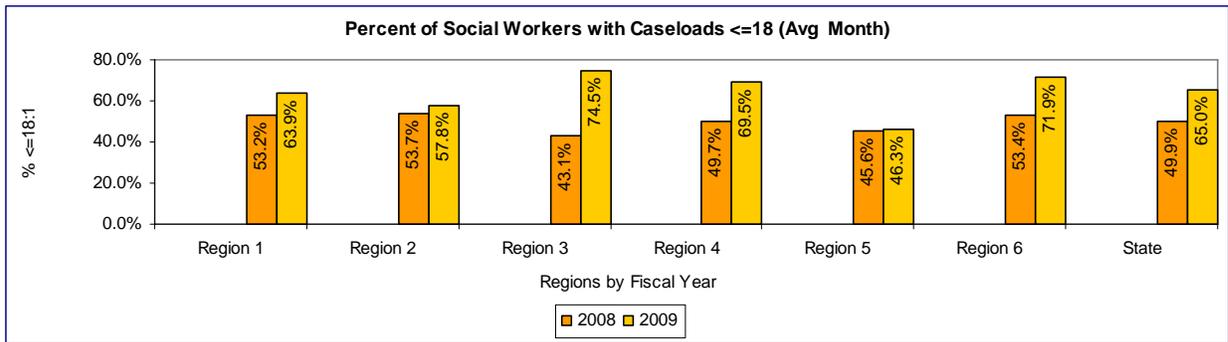
Social workers will have caseloads at or below Council on Accreditation (COA) standards (18 child cases per caseworker for all other children) (*outcome measure based on the percentage of caseworkers with caseloads at or below COA standards*).<sup>14</sup>

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 65%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 25 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel receives data on a monthly basis for this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome  
 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
 Data are based on Children’s Administration’s Performance Reports*



<sup>14</sup> 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

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### Findings on Outcomes and Benchmarks

#### Goal 1, Outcome 1

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.

Finding in Monitoring Report #8 (March 2010)	Next Steps
<p><b>FY09 Benchmark: 80%</b>  <b>FY09 Performance: Acceptable</b>  <b>data not available</b></p> <p><b>Failed to reach FY09 benchmark</b></p> <p>Compliance plan not submitted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data for FY10 is due on January 1, 2011 for March 2011 Monitoring Report</li> <li>▪ FY10 Benchmark is 90%</li> </ul>



*Annual performance data for FY09 and earlier years was not provided for this outcome*

**Goal 1, Outcome 2**

Children in out-of-home care 30 days or longer will have completed and documented<sup>15</sup> Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 80%**  
**FY09 Performance: 64%**<sup>16</sup>

Failed to reach FY09 benchmark

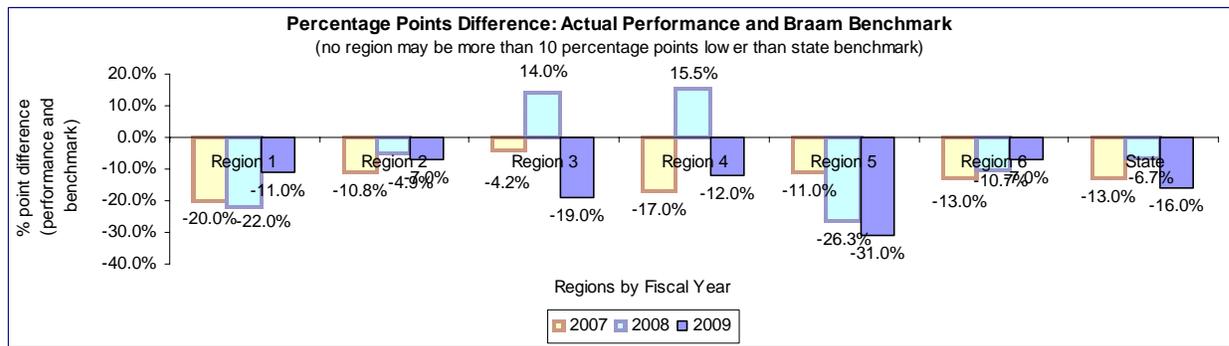
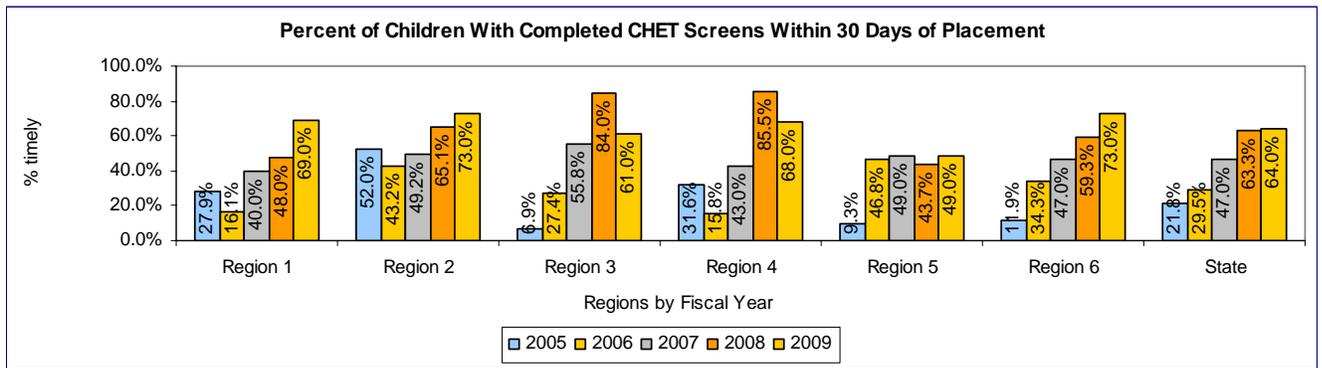
Compliance plan was approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 26 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel receives data on a monthly basis for this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome*

*FY10 data will be published in March 2011*

*Data are based on Children's Administration's Performance Reports*



<sup>15</sup> 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).

<sup>16</sup> 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.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8    Next Steps**  
**(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**

**FY09 Performance: Acceptable  
data not available**

**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan was approved in  
August 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- As of June 2010, Panel receives data on a monthly basis for this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

*Annual performance data for FY09 and earlier years was not provided for this outcome*

**Goal 1, Outcome 4**

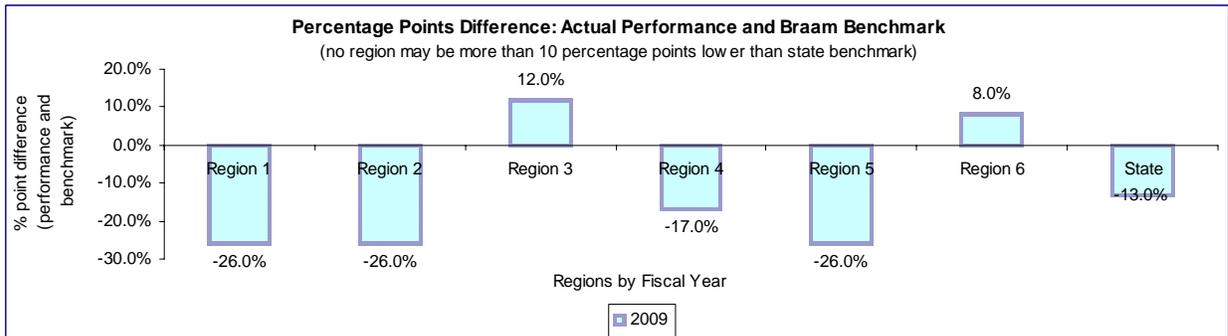
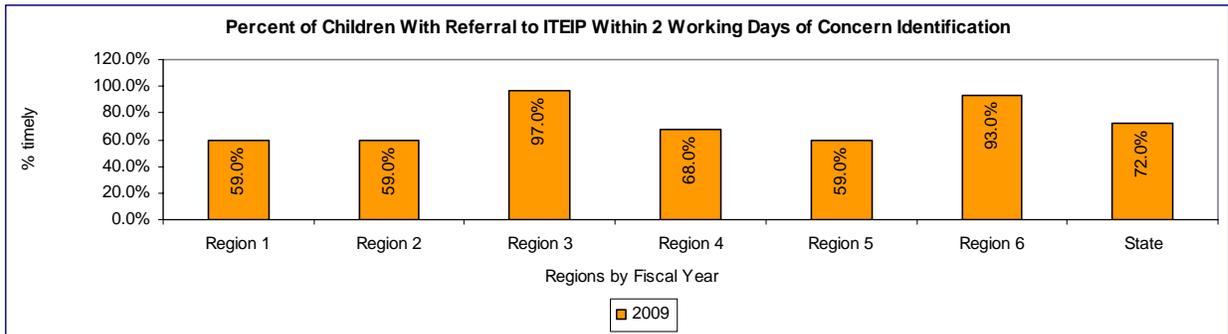
Children age 3 and under in out-of-home care will be referred to the Early Support for Infant and Toddlers Program (Early Intervention)<sup>17</sup> within 2 workdays of identification of concerns about developmental delays from their CHET screens.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 72%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 18 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel receives data on a monthly basis for this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome  
 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
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<sup>17</sup> This program was previously identified as the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP).

**Goal 2, Outcome 1**

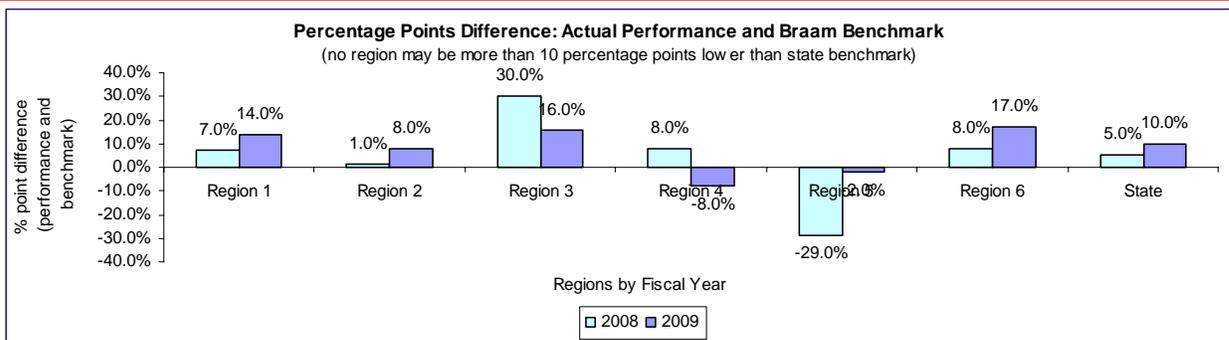
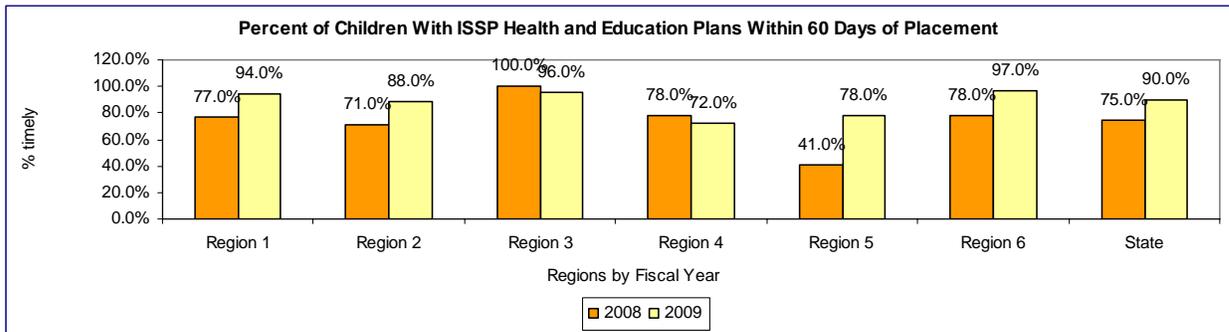
Children in out-of-home care will have health and education plans (developed based on the findings from all physical health, developmental, educational, mental health and substance abuse health screenings and assessments) in their ISSPs within 60 days of placement.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 80%**  
**FY09 Performance: 90%**  
**Reached FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- If FY09 performance level is maintained during FY10, the statewide benchmark for FY10 will be met (compliance would depend on regional variation).

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome  
 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
 Data are based on Children’s Administration’s ISSP Case Review Report.*



Goal 2, Outcome 2

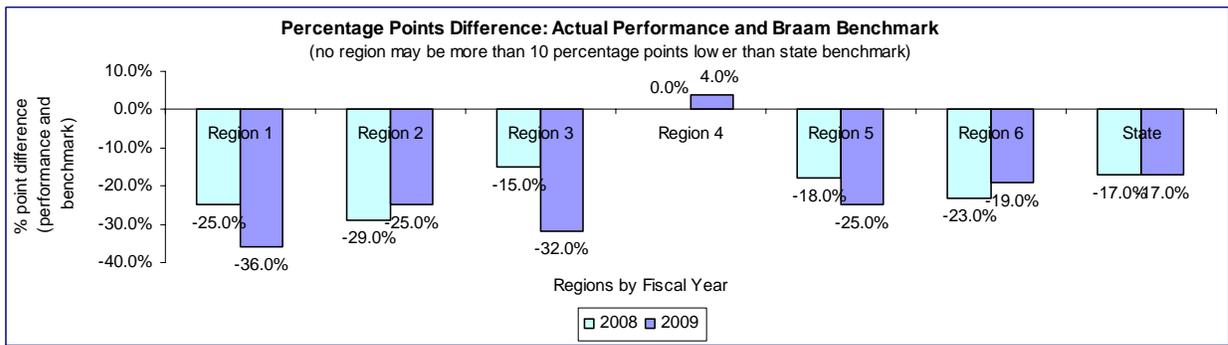
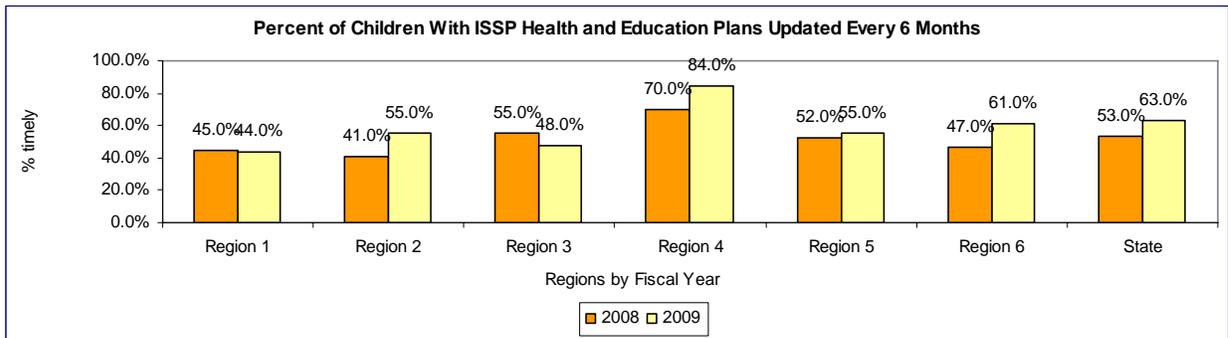
Children in out-of-home care will have health and education plans in their ISSPs updated every 6 months.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps**  
(March 2010)

**FY09 Benchmark: 80%**  
**FY09 Performance: 63%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 27 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
Data are based on Children’s Administration’s ISSP Case Review Report.*



**Goal 3, Outcome 1**

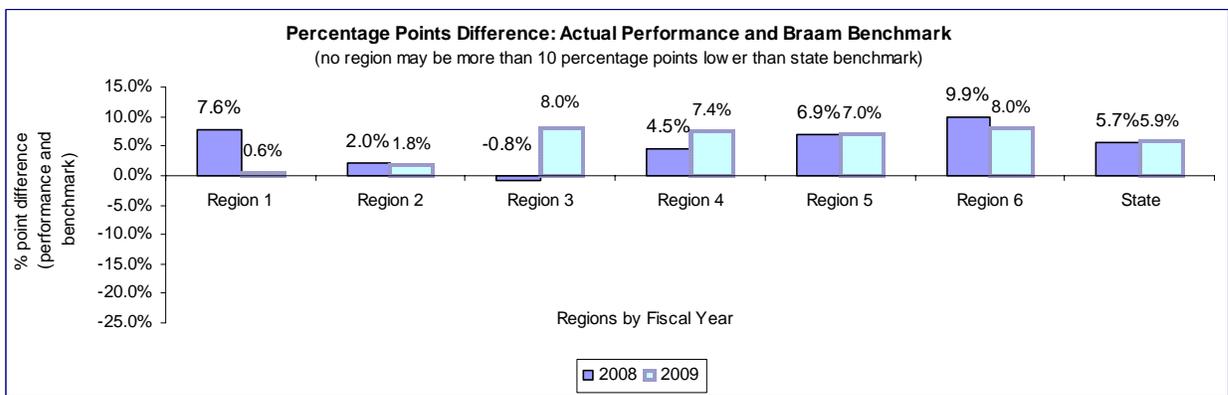
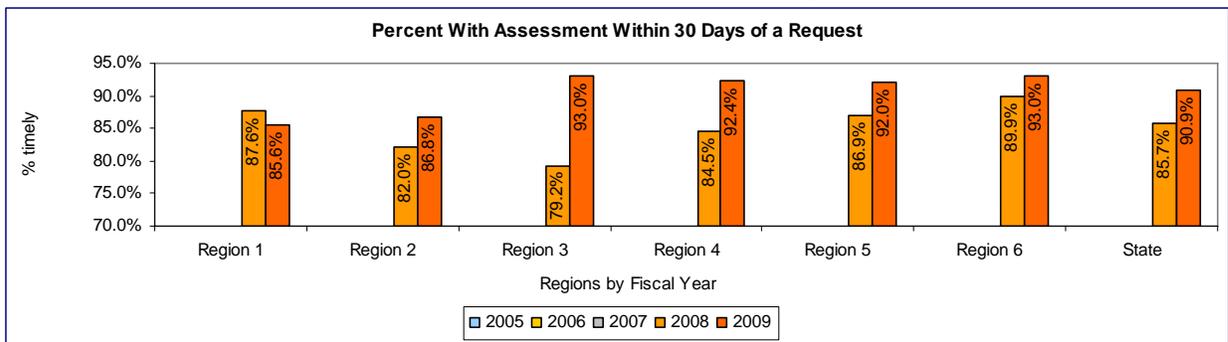
Children in out-of-home care will receive a comprehensive mental health assessment within 30 days of a request for an assessment.<sup>18</sup>

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 90.9%**  
**Reached FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- If FY09 performance level is maintained during FY10, the FY10 benchmark will be met

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<sup>18</sup> 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.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps**  
(March 2010)

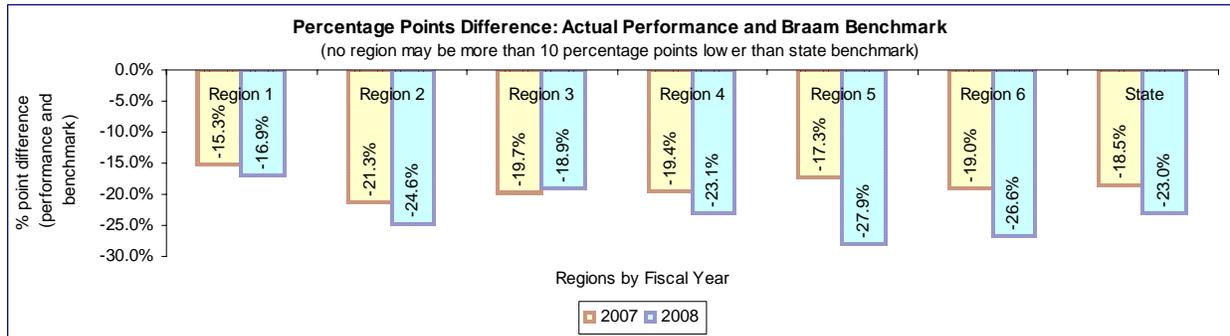
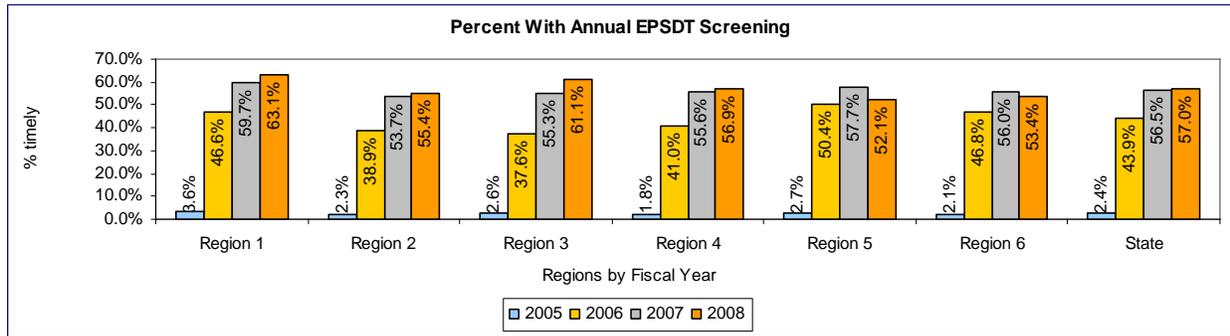
**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: Acceptable**  
**data not available**

CA has indicated that there are several data measurement issues related to reports submitted previously for this outcome. Panel is awaiting further explanation from the Department in order to determine whether previous findings need to be revised and how future monitoring is affected.

**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved March 2010

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**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.

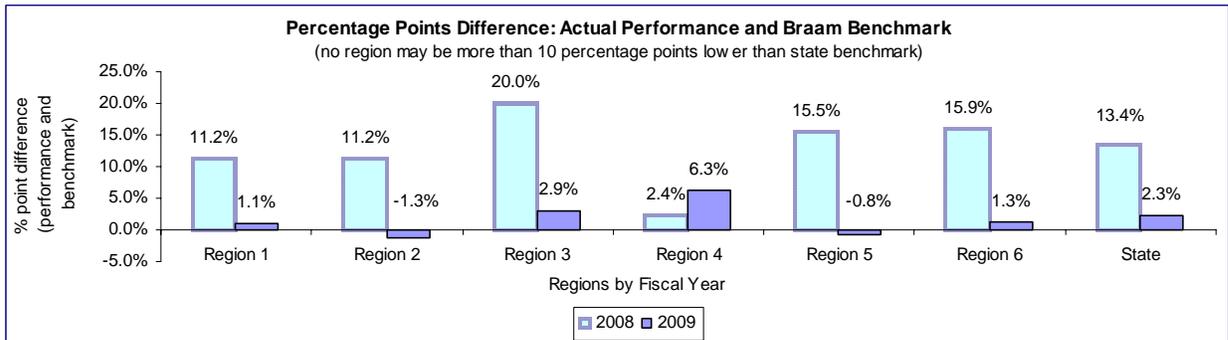
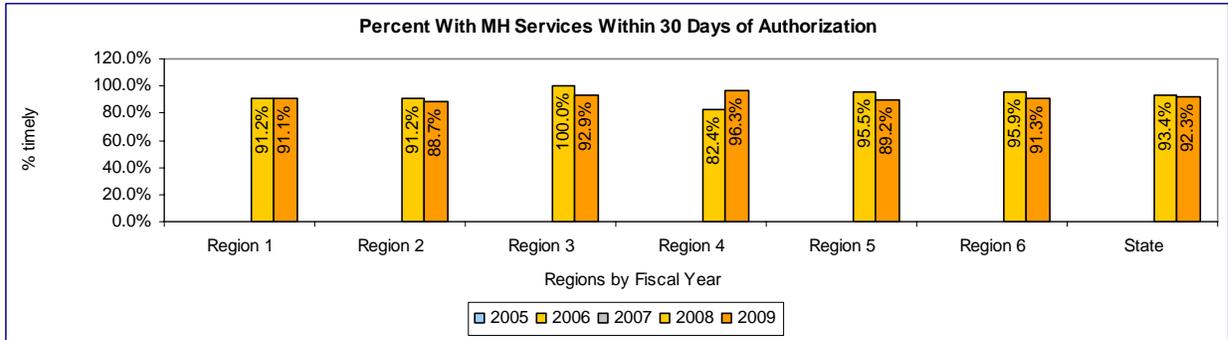
**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark:90%**  
**FY09 Performance: 92.3%**

**Reached FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 95%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 2.7 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

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**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 in FY08 and FY09, a review of the cases in which children were denied or found ineligible for services was conducted. The Panel determined compliance based 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).*

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 97%**

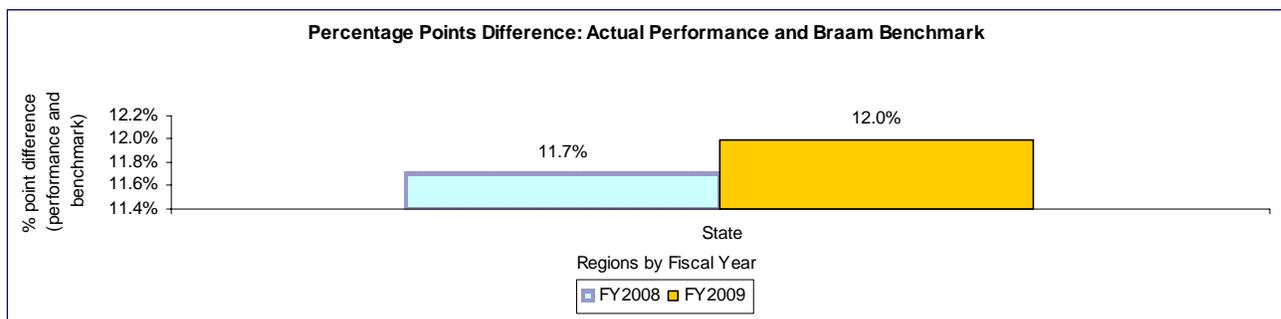
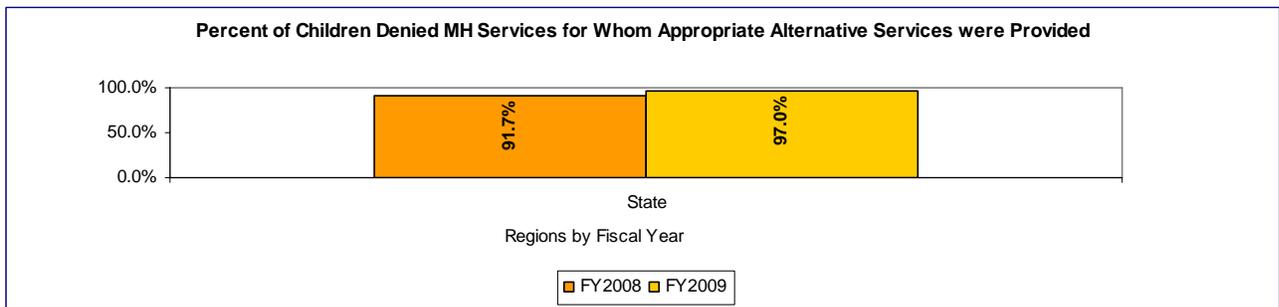
- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- If FY09 performance level is maintained during FY10, the FY10 benchmark will be met

**Reached FY09 benchmark**

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome*

*FY10 data will be published in March 2011*

*Data are based on review of cases in which children were denied/ found ineligible for services*



**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.

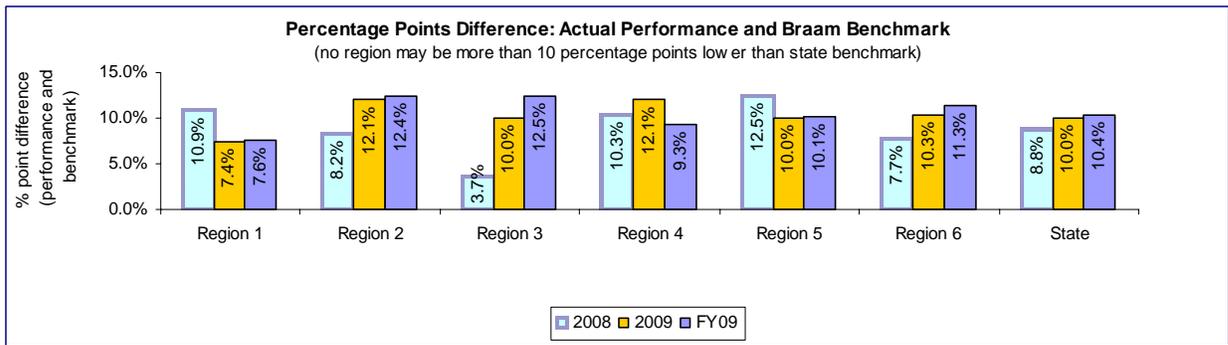
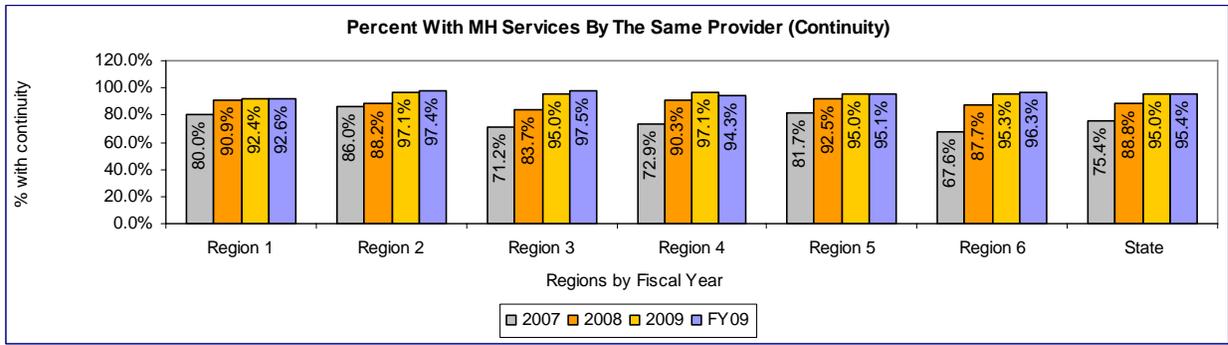
**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 95.4%**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 85%
- If FY09 performance level is maintained during FY10, the FY10 benchmark will be met

**Reached FY09 benchmark**

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 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
 Data are based on Braam Outcomes/ Survey of Foster Parents & Caregivers*



# 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).

### Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)

**FY09 Benchmark: 90%**

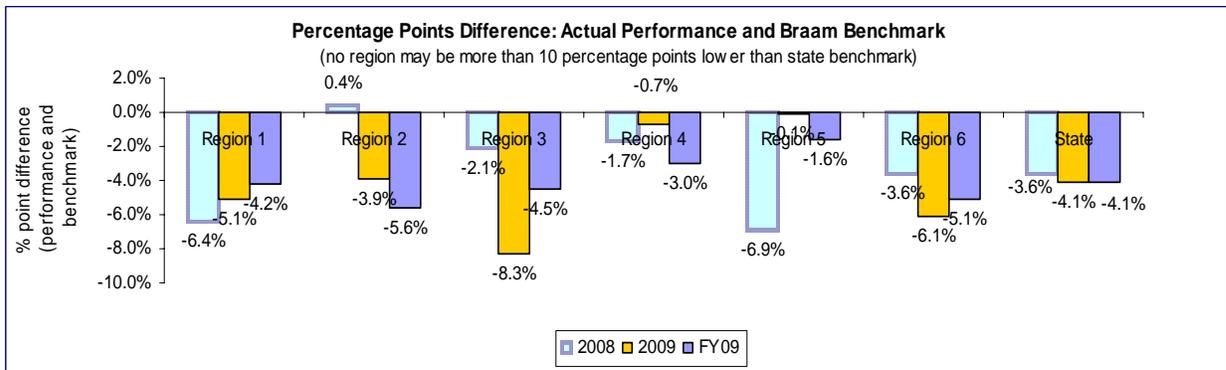
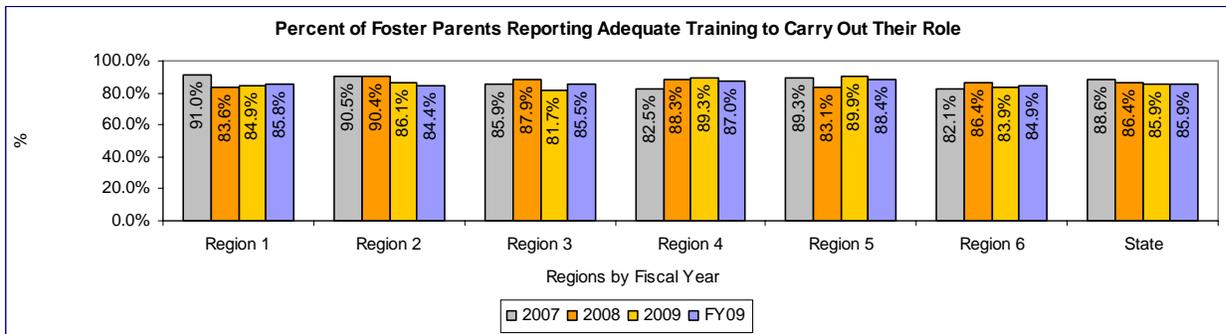
**FY09 Performance: 85.9%**

**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved in March 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 4.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

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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).

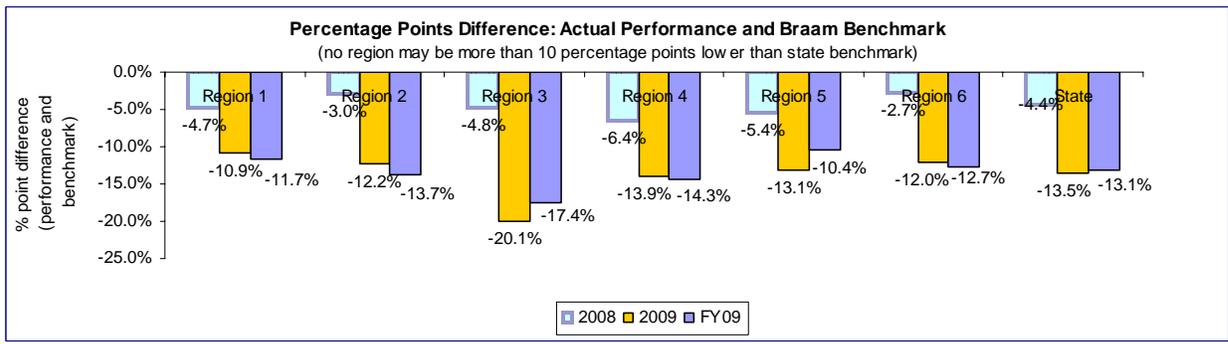
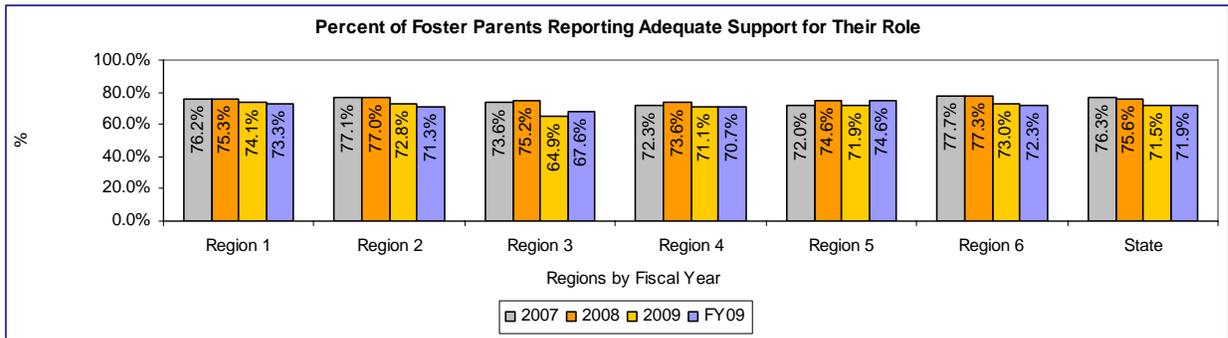
**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 71.9%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved in March 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 18.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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**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).

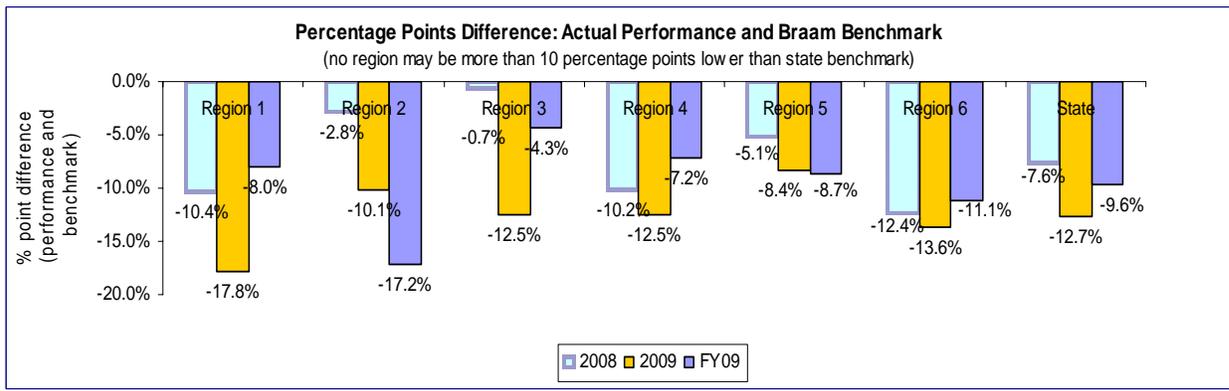
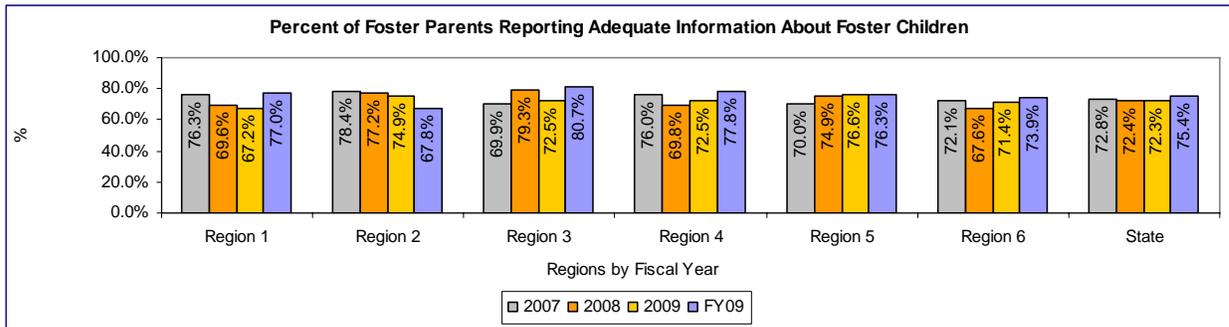
**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: 75.4%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 14.6 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

Compliance plan approved in March 2010

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## 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.

#### Finding in Monitoring Report #8 (March 2010)

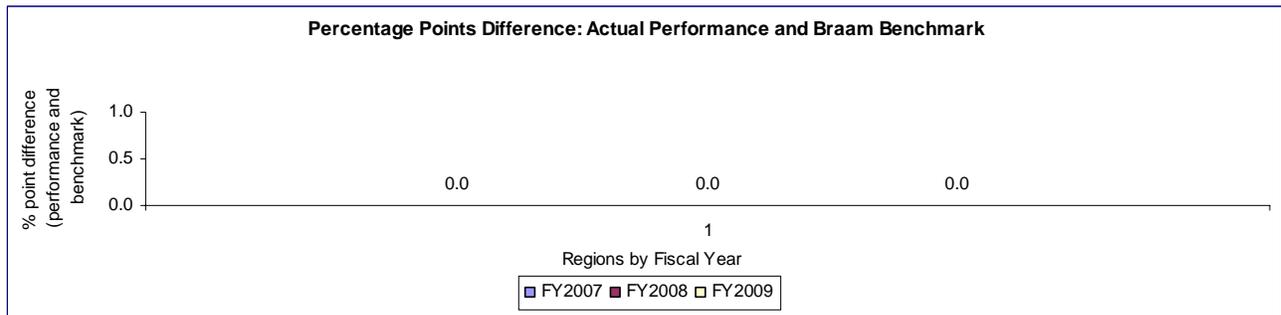
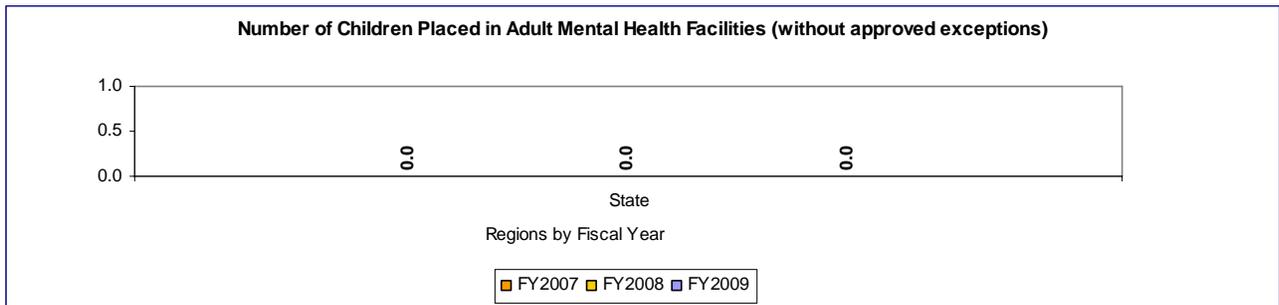
#### Next Steps

**FY09 Benchmark:0**  
**FY09 Performance: 0**

**Reached FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 0
- If FY09 performance level is maintained during FY10, the FY10 benchmark will be met

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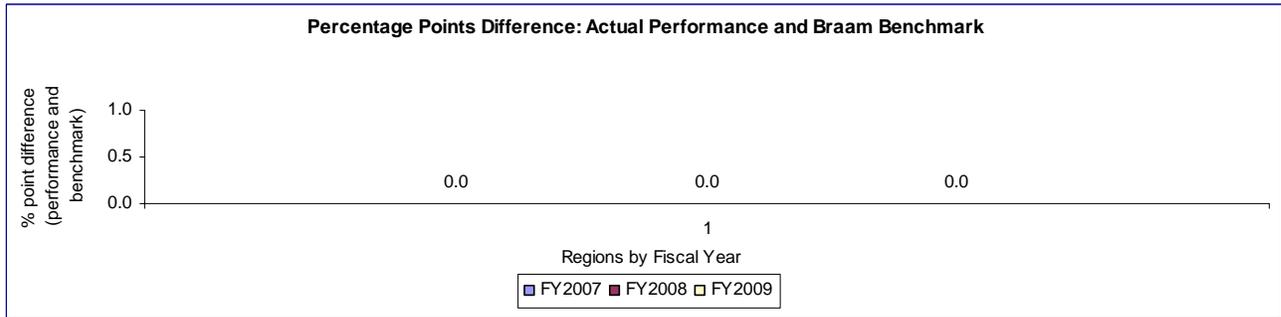
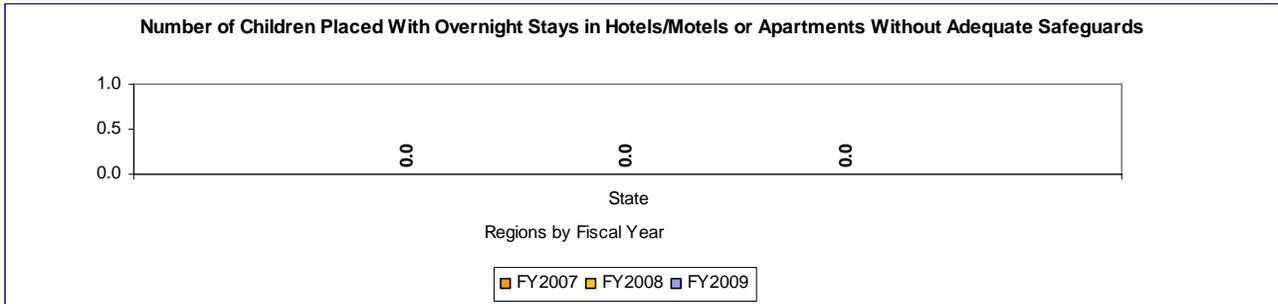
**Goal 1, Outcome 2**

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.

Finding in Monitoring Report #8 (March 2010)	Next Steps
<b>FY09 Benchmark:0</b> <b>FY09 Performance: 0</b>  <b>Reached FY09 benchmark</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report</li> <li>▪ FY10 Benchmark is 0</li> <li>▪ If FY09 performance level is maintained during FY10, the FY10 benchmark will be met</li> </ul>

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**Goal 1, Outcome 3**

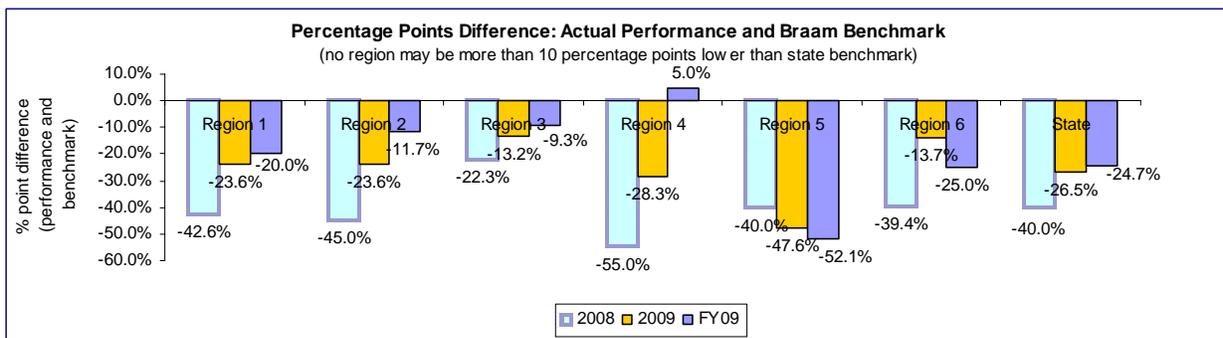
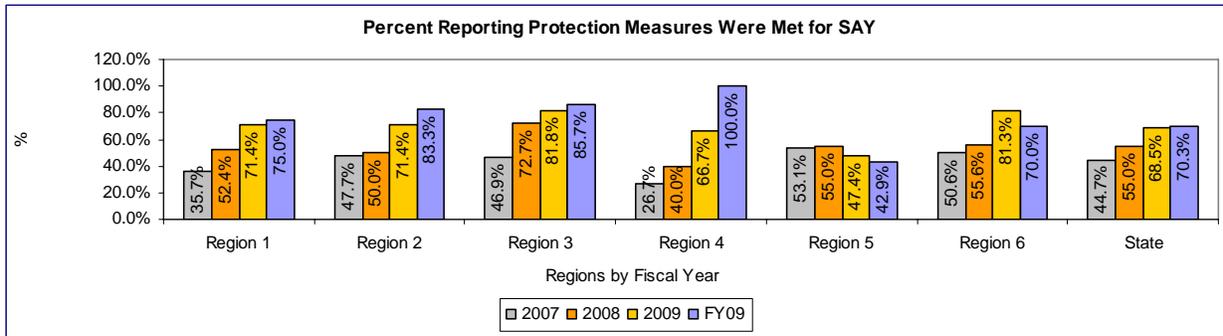
Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 95%**  
**FY09 Performance: 70.3%<sup>19</sup>**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 95%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 24.7 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
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<sup>19</sup> 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.

**Goal 1, Outcome 4**

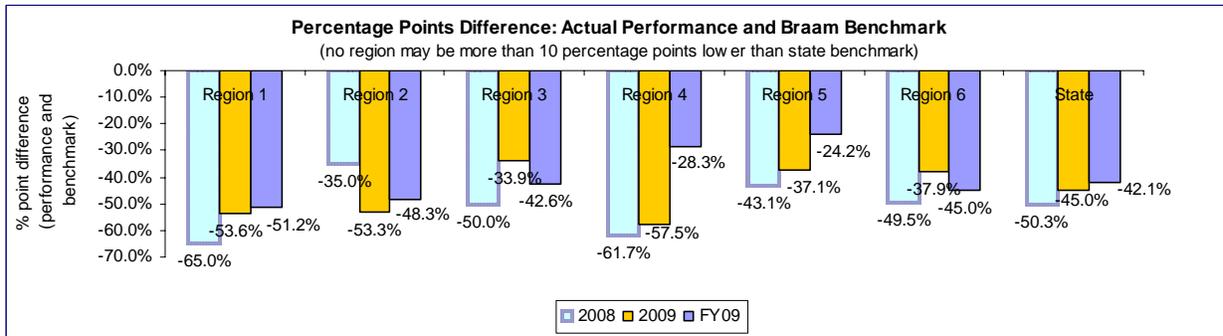
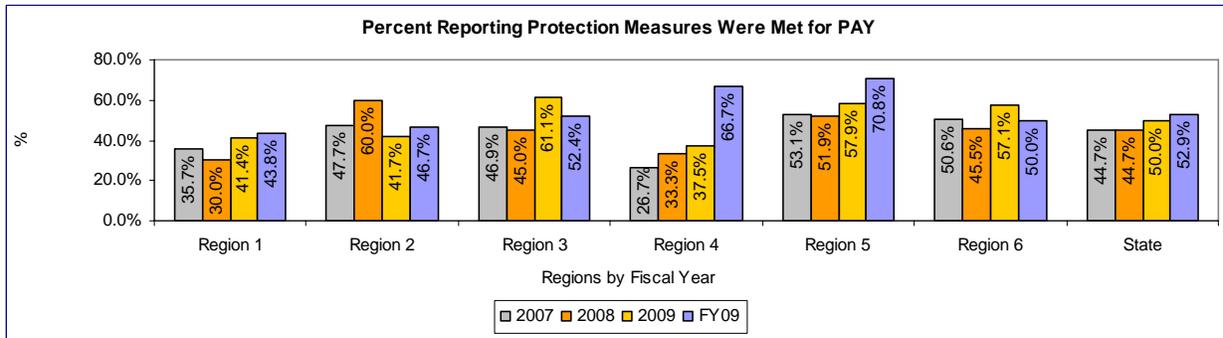
Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 95%**  
**FY09 Performance: 52.9%**<sup>20</sup>  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 95%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 42.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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<sup>20</sup> 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.

**Goal 1, Outcome 5**

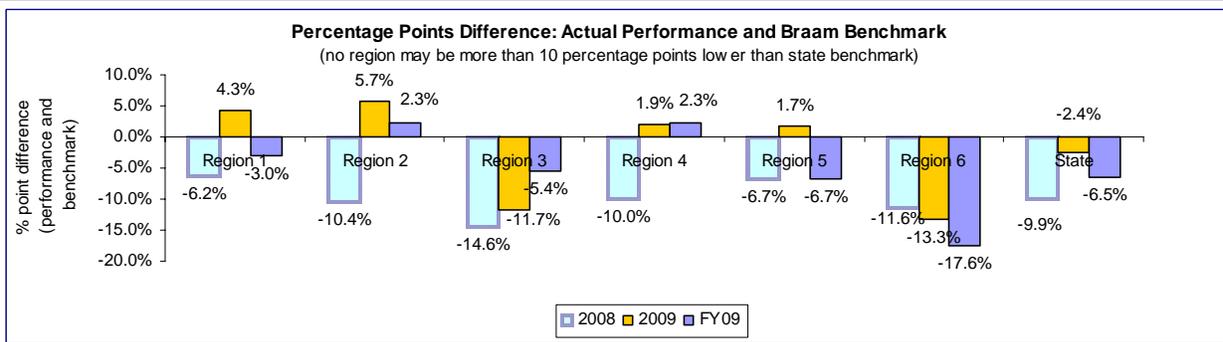
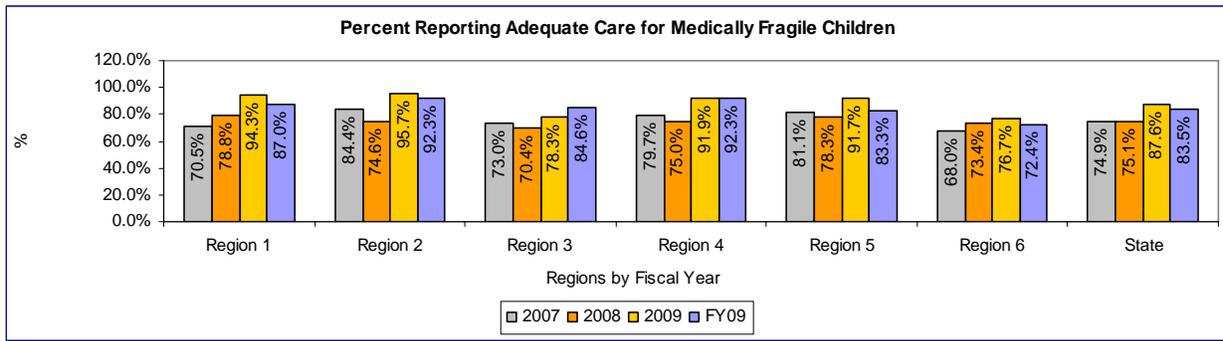
Medically fragile children will be connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or receive consultation and ongoing training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 90%**  
**FY09 Performance: 83.5%<sup>21</sup>**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 95%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 11.5 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

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 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
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<sup>21</sup> 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**

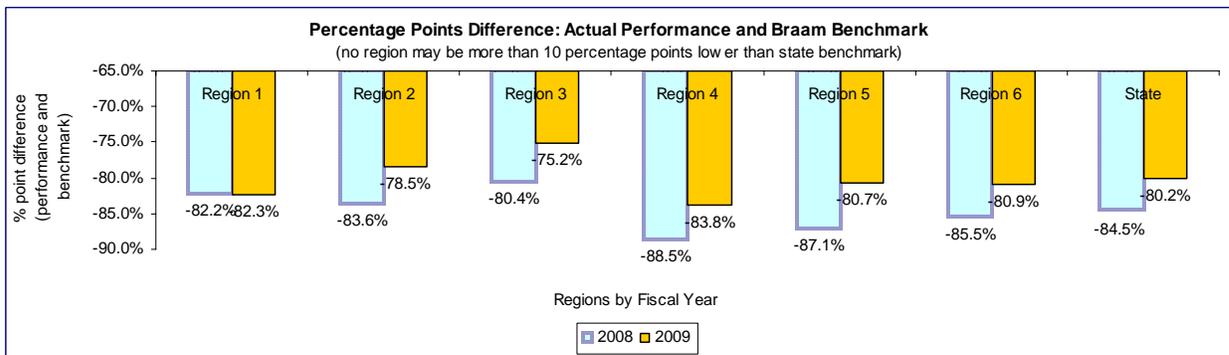
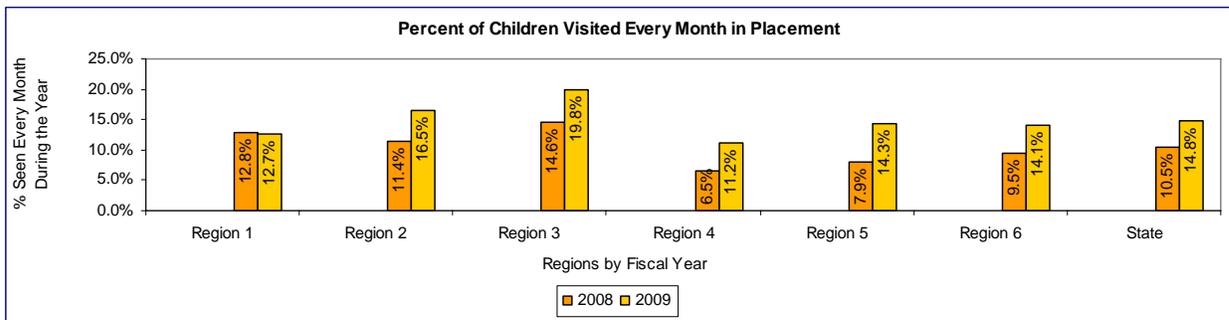
Children will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from an assigned caseworker at least once every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 95%**  
**FY09 Performance: 14.8%**<sup>22</sup>  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 95%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 80.2 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel receives data related to this outcome on a monthly basis for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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<sup>22</sup> Note that these data are based on the Braam outcome measure, which looks at whether children were visited at least once during each full month they were in foster care. For example, if an individual child’s monthly visit is missed once, for that child, the benchmark is not met for the entire year. For informational purposes, the Braam Panel also reviews monthly data on social worker visits. The monthly data shows the percentage of children requiring a monthly visit who received a visit during that month. For this measure, performance during 2010 has exceeded 90%.

**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.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

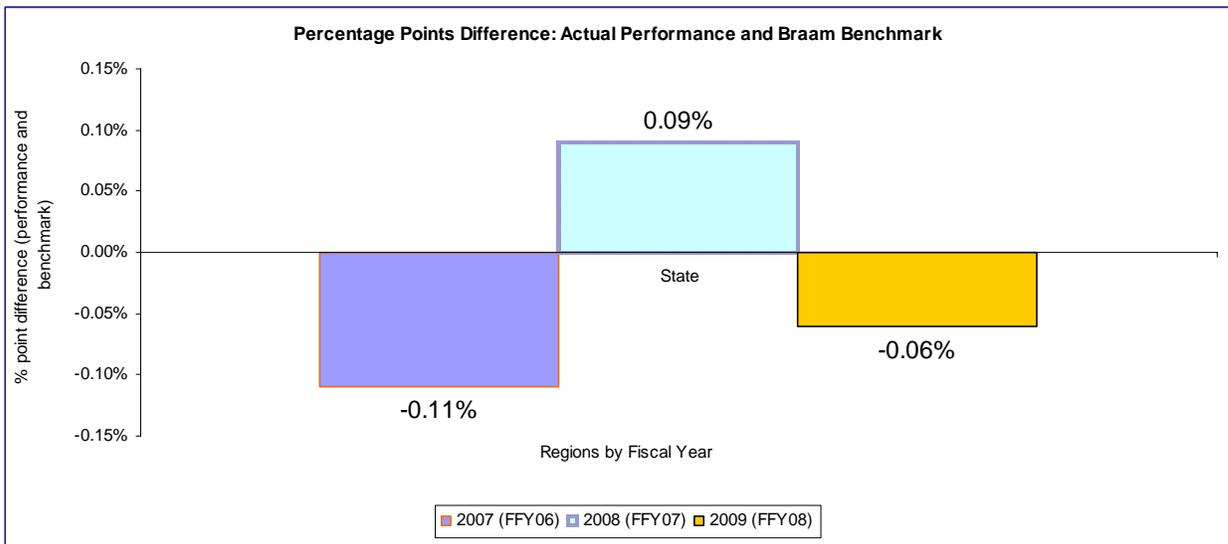
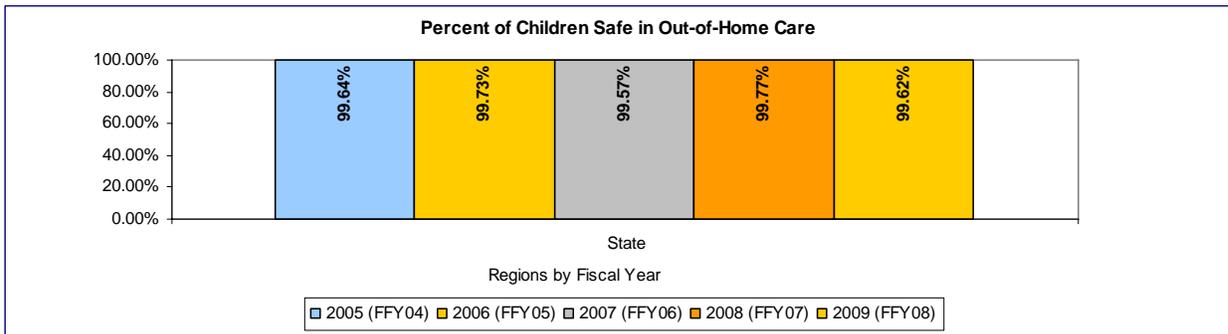
**FFY08 Benchmark: 99.68%**  
**FFY08 Performance: 99.62%**

**Failed to reach FFY08 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FFY09 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FFY09 Benchmark is 99.68%
- FFY09 performance would need to increase 0.06 percentage points from FFY08 to meet FFY09 benchmark

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**Goal 2, Outcome 2**

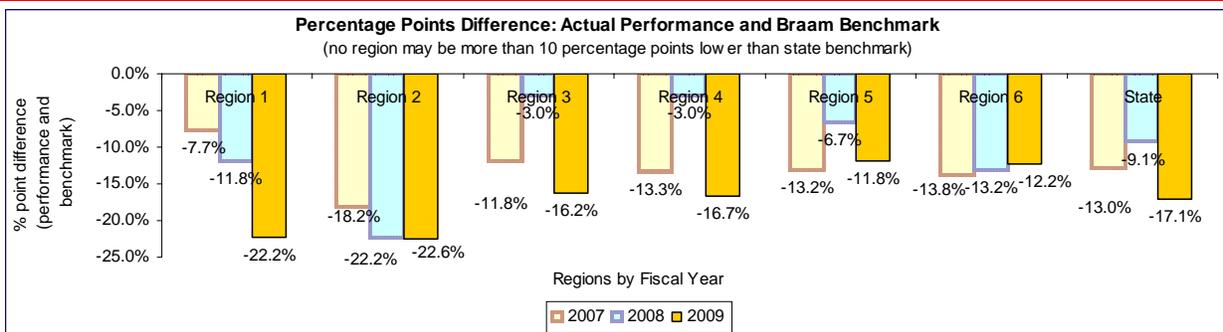
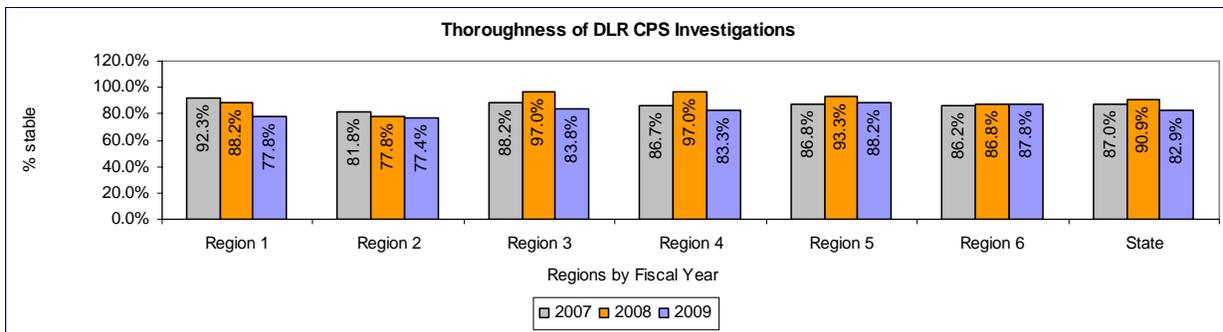
All referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care will receive thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) pursuant to CA policy and timeline and with required documentation.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 100%**  
**FY09 Performance: 82.9%**<sup>23</sup>  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 100%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 17.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

*Charts below represent all annual performance data to date for this outcome  
 FY10 data will be published in March 2011  
 Data are based on Children's Administration's case review report*



<sup>23</sup> 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

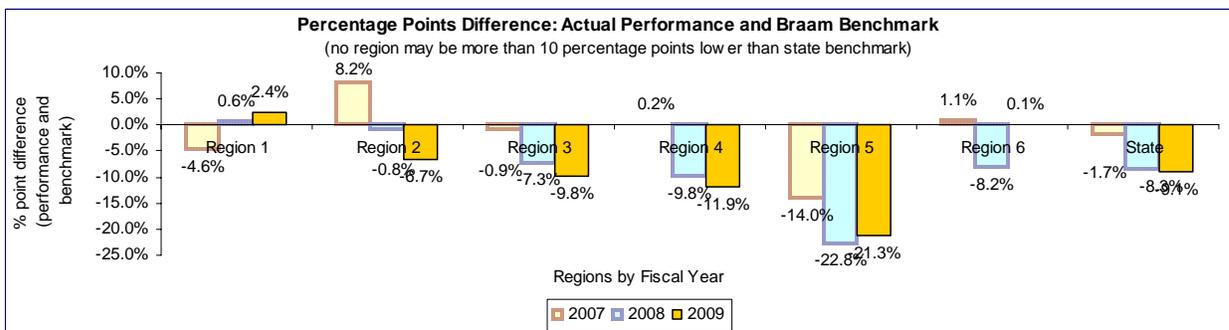
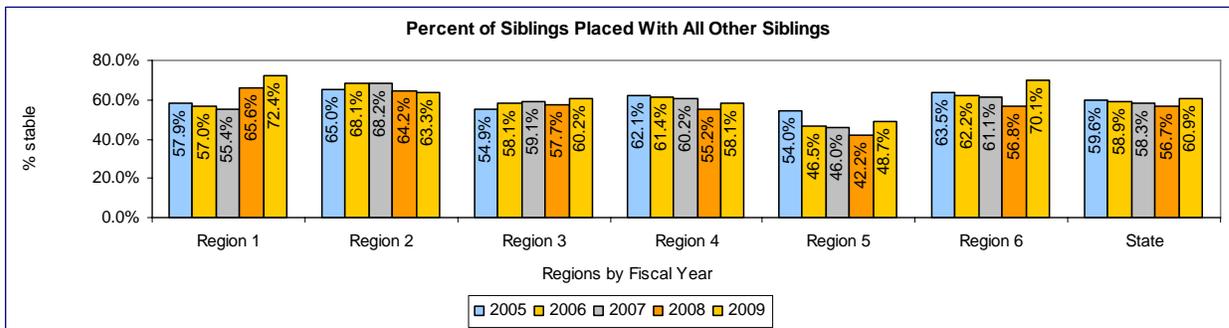
Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible.

### Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)

**FY09 Benchmark:70%**  
**FY09 Performance: 60.9%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved August 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 75%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 14.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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**Goal 1, Outcome 2**

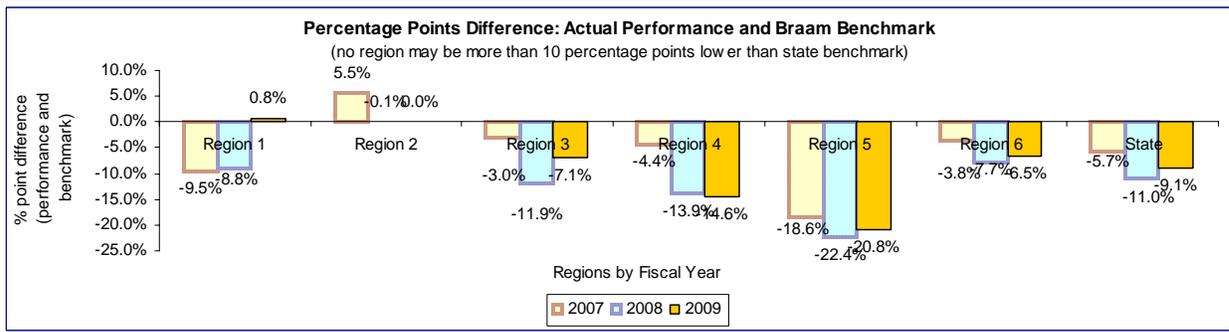
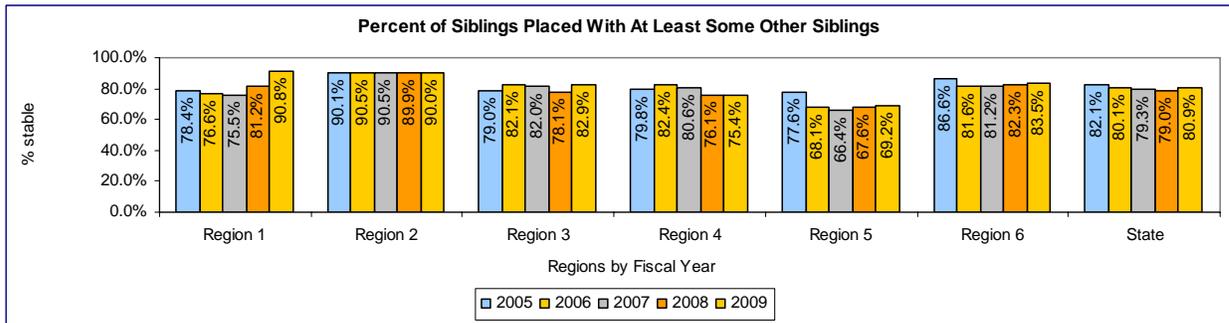
Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 90%**  
**FY09 Performance: 80.9%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved August 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 9.1 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational report addendum to this report in November 2010.

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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.

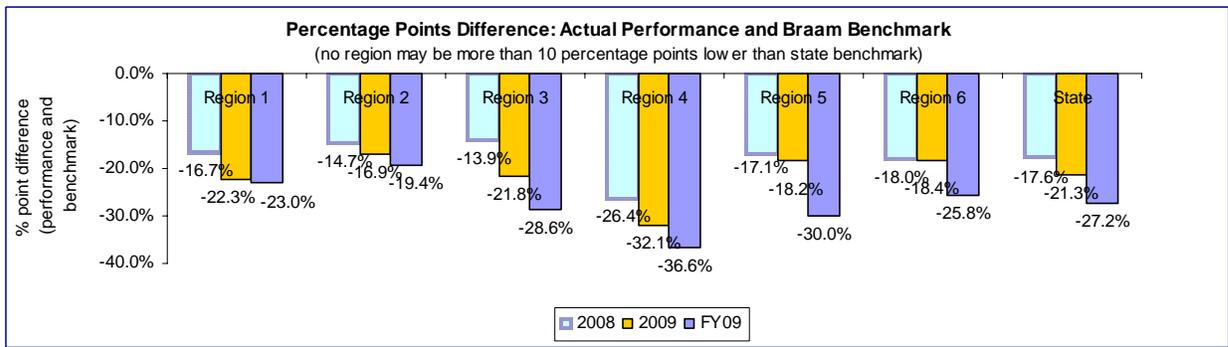
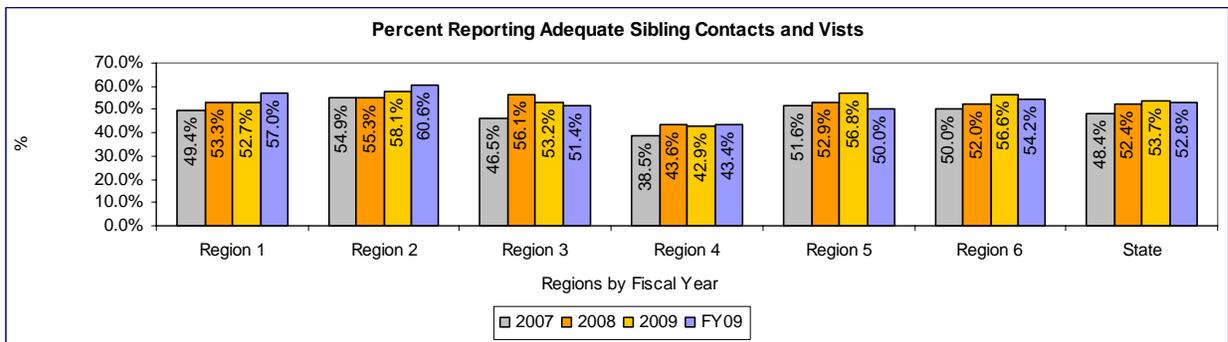
- If the CA or the court determines that visitation/contact poses a risk to either child's health, safety or welfare, this finding will be approved by the supervisor and documented in the child's file.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 80%**  
**FY09 Performance: 52.8%**<sup>24</sup>  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**  
 Compliance plan approved in March 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 90%
- FY10 performance would need to increase 37.2 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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<sup>24</sup> Note: The methodology for calculating data for this outcome changed beginning with the data shown as 2008 above.  
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## 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.

#### Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps (March 2010)

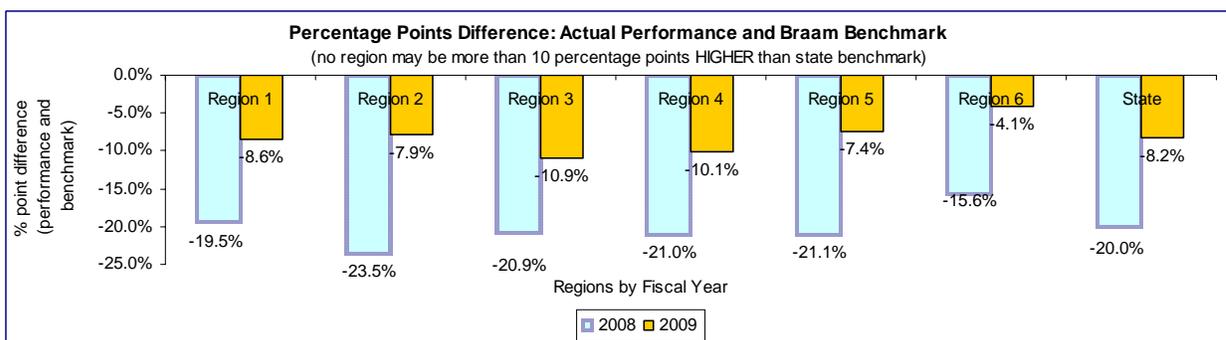
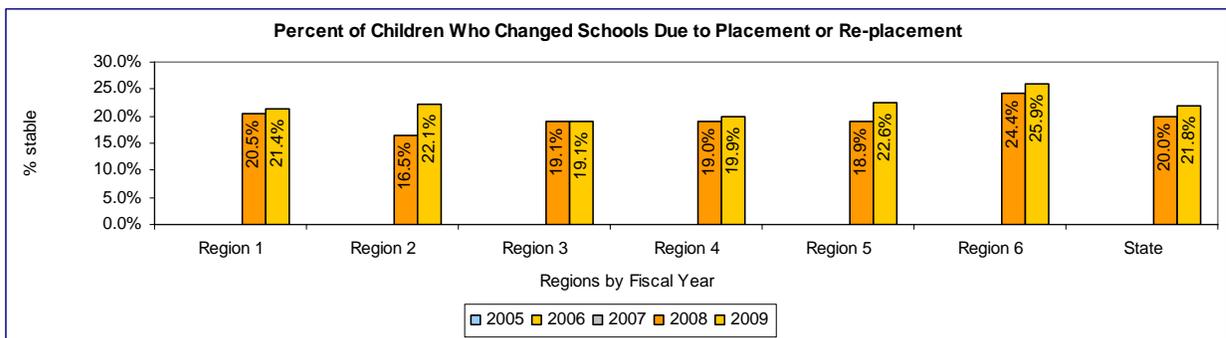
**FY09 Benchmark: 30%**  
**FY09 Performance: 21.8%**

**Reached FY09 benchmark**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 20%
- FY10 performance would need to improve by 1.8 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

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Data are based on Children's Administration's Performance Reports*

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**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.

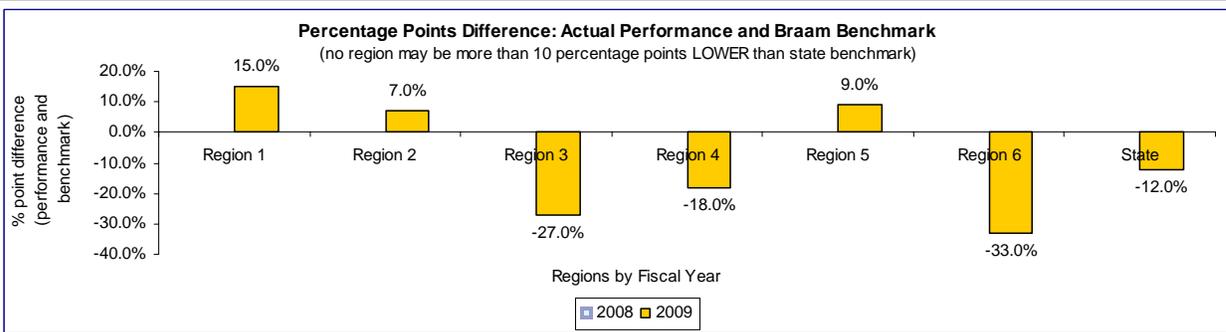
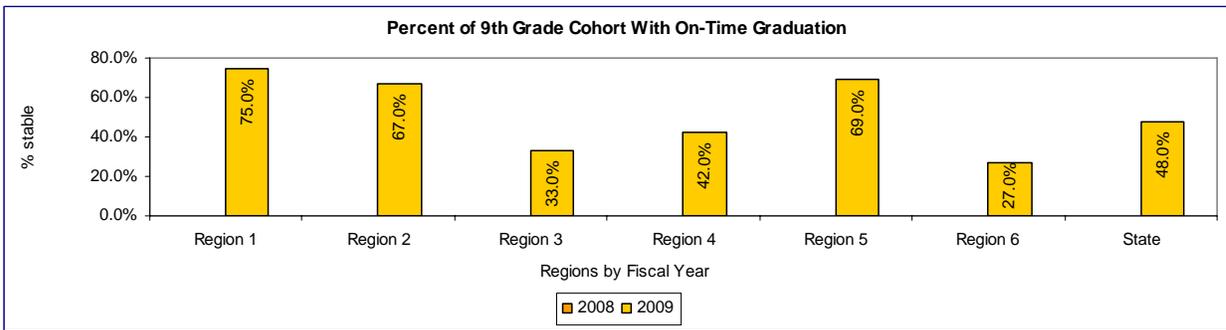
**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
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**FY09 Benchmark: 60%**  
**FY09 Performance: 48%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 70%
- FY10 performance would need to improve by 22 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

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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.

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8    Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

**FY09 Benchmark: 85%**  
**FY09 Performance: Acceptable**  
**data not available**

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 95%

**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved in May  
2010

*Annual performance data not provided for this outcome*

**Goal 3, Outcome 1**

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

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps  
(March 2010)**

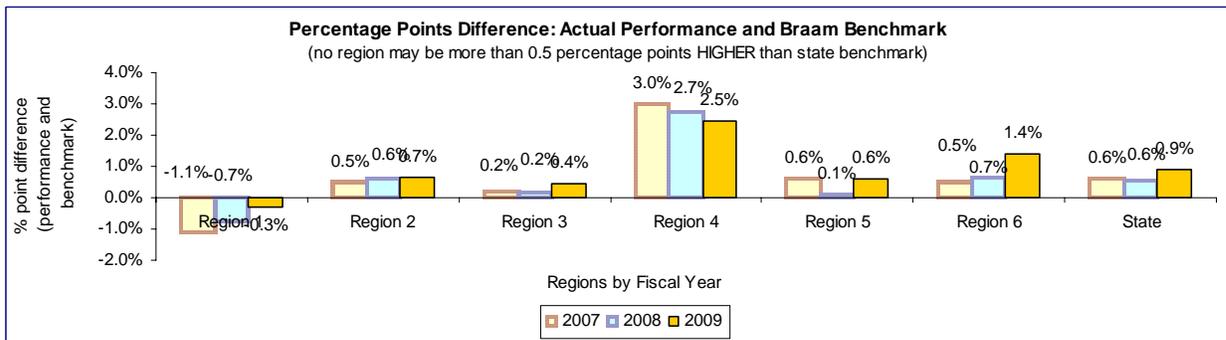
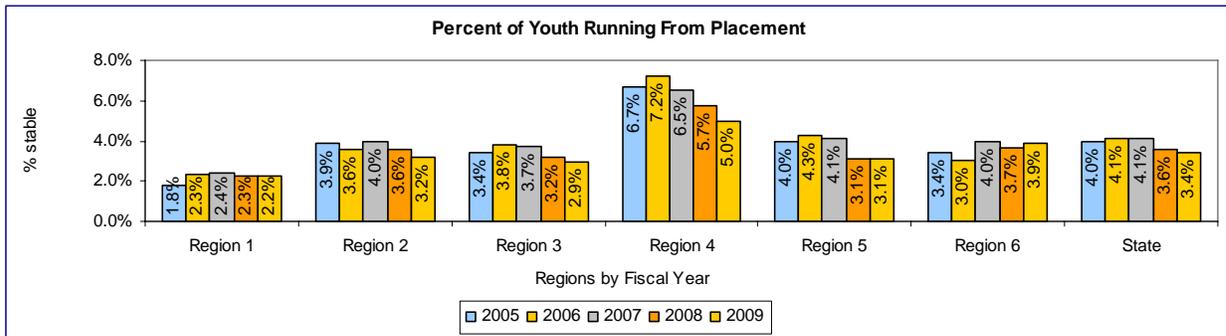
**FY09 Benchmark: 2.5%**  
**FY09 Performance: 3.4%**  
**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark**

Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 2.0%
- FY10 performance would need to improve by 1.4 percentage points from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark
- Panel has requested more frequent submission of data related to this outcome for informational purposes. These data will be published in an informational addendum to this report in November 2010.

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Goal 3, Outcome 2

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

**Finding in Monitoring Report #8 Next Steps**  
(March 2010)

**FY09 Benchmark: 30 days**  
**FY09 Performance: 27 days**

**Failed to reach FY09 benchmark-** Statewide benchmark was achieved, but regional requirements were not met.

Compliance plan approved in May 2010

- Data for FY10 will be published in March 2011 Monitoring Report
- FY10 Benchmark is 25 days
- FY10 performance would need to improve by 2 days from FY09 to meet FY10 benchmark

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