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CHILD SAFETY PROFILE	Fiscal Year 2007ab						12-Month Period Ending 03/31/2008 (07B08A) (Not submitted)						Fiscal Year 2008ab					
	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%
I. Total CA/N Reports Disposed¹	35,262		52,386		42,245								35,693		52,972		43,048	
II. Disposition of CA/N Reports³																		
Substantiated & Indicated	4,769	13.5	6,984	13.3	6,415	15.2							4,613	12.9	6,738	12.7	6,264	14.6
Unsubstantiated	13,389	38	20,646	39.4	17,971	42.5							15,962	44.7	24,699	46.6	21,288	49.5
Other	17,104	48.5	24,756	47.3	17,859	42.3							15,118	42.4	21,535	40.7	15,496	36.0
III. Child Victim Cases Opened for Post-Investigation Services⁴			4,091	58.6	3,643	56.8									3,836	56.9	3,463	55.3
IV. Child Victims Entering Foster Care Based on CA/N Report⁵			3,056	43.8	2,686	41.9									2,736	40.6	2,459	39.3
V. Child Fatalities Resulting from Maltreatment⁶					A												A	
STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DATA USED TO DETERMINE SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMITY																		
VI. Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence⁷ [Standard: 94.6% or more; national median = 93.3%, 25 th percentile = 91.50%]					3,069 of 3,309	92.7											2,781 of 2,962	93.9
VII. Absence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care⁸ (12 months)					17,175 of	99.77											17,197 of	99.62

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[standard 99.68% or more; national median = 99.5, 25 th percentile = 99.30]					17,215												17,263	
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Additional Safety Measures For Information Only (no standards are associated with these):																		
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	Hours				Unique Childn. ²	%	Hours				Unique Childn. ²	%	Hours				Unique Childn. ²	%
VIII. Median Time to Investigation in Hours (Child File)⁹	<24												<24					
IX . Mean Time to Investigation in Hours (Child File)¹⁰	5												4.8					
X. Mean Time to Investigation in Hours (Agency File)¹¹	88.8												81.6					
XI. Children Maltreated by Parents While in Foster Care.¹²				122 of 17,215	0.71												132 of 17,263	0.76
CFSR Round One Safety Measures to Determine Substantial Conformity (Provided for informational purposes only)																		
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	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%
XII. Recurrence of Maltreatment¹³ [Standard: 6.1% or less]					240 of 3,309	7.3											181 of 2,962	6.1
XIII. Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care¹⁴ (9 months) [standard 0.57% or less]					29 of 15,657	0.19											54 of 15,713	0.34

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NCANDS data completeness information for the CFSR			
Description of Data Tests	Fiscal Year 2007ab	12-Month Period Ending 03/31/2008 (07B08A) (Not submitted)	Fiscal Year 2008ab
Percent of duplicate victims in the submission [At least 1% of victims should be associated with multiple reports (same CHID). If not, the State would appear to have frequently entered different IDs for the same victim. This affects maltreatment recurrence]	7.6		7
Percent of victims with perpetrator reported [File must have at least 95% to reasonably calculate maltreatment in foster care]*	100		100
Percent of perpetrators with relationship to victim reported [File must have at least 95%]*	96.9		96.7
Percent of records with investigation start date reported [Needed to compute mean and median time to investigation]	100		100
Average time to investigation in the Agency file [PART measure]	Reported		Reported
Percent of records with AFCARS ID reported in the Child File [Needed to calculate maltreatment in foster care by the parents; also. All Child File records should now have an AFCARS ID to allow ACF to link the NCANDS data with AFCARS. This is now an all-purpose unique child identifier and a child does not have to be in foster care to have this ID]	100		100

*States should strive to reach 100% in order to have maximum confidence in the absence of maltreatment in foster care measure.

FOOTNOTES TO DATA ELEMENTS IN CHILD SAFETY PROFILE

Each maltreatment allegation reported to NCANDS is associated with a disposition or finding that is used to derive the counts provided in this safety profile. The safety profile uses three categories. The various terms that are used in NCANDS reporting have been collapsed into these three groups.

Disposition Category	Safety Profile Disposition	NCANDS Maltreatment Level Codes Included
A	Substantiated or Indicated (Maltreatment Victim)	“Substantiated,” “Indicated,” and “Alternative Response Disposition Victim”
B	Unsubstantiated	“Unsubstantiated” and “Unsubstantiated Due to Intentionally False Reporting”
C	Other	“Closed-No Finding,” “Alternative Response Disposition – Not a Victim,” “Other,” “No Alleged Maltreatment,” and “Unknown or Missing”

Alternative Response was added starting with the 2000 data year. The two categories of Unsubstantiated were added starting with the 2000 data year. In earlier years there was only the category of Unsubstantiated. The disposition of “No alleged maltreatment” was added for FYY 2003. It primarily refers to children who receive an investigation or assessment because there is an allegation concerning a sibling or other child in the household, but not themselves, AND whom are not found to be a victim of maltreatment. It applies as a Maltreatment Disposition Level but not as a Report Disposition code because the Report Disposition cannot have this value (there must have been a child who was found to be one of the other values.)

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Starting with FFY 2003, the data year is the fiscal year.

Starting with FFY2004, the maltreatment levels for each child are used consistently to categorize children. While report dispositions are based on the field of report disposition in NCANDS, the dispositions for duplicate children and unique children are based on the maltreatment levels associated with each child. A child victim has at least one maltreatment level that is coded “substantiated,” “indicated,” or “alternative response victim.” A child classified as unsubstantiated has no maltreatment levels that are considered to be victim levels and at least one maltreatment level that is coded “unsubstantiated” or “unsubstantiated due to intentionally false reporting.” A child classified as “other” has no maltreatment levels that are considered to be victim levels and none that are considered to be unsubstantiated levels. If a child has no maltreatments in the record, and report has a victim disposition, the child is assigned to “other” disposition. If a child has no maltreatments in the record and the report has either an unsubstantiated disposition or an “other” disposition, the child is counted as having the same disposition as the report disposition.

1. The data element, “Total CA/N Reports Disposed,” is based on the reports received in the State that received a disposition in the reporting period under review. The number shown may include reports received during a previous year that received a disposition in the reporting year. Counts based on “reports,” “duplicated counts of children,” and “unique counts of children” are provided.
2. The duplicated count of children (report-child pairs) counts a child each time that (s)he was reported. The unique count of children counts a child only once during the reporting period, regardless of how many times the child was reported.
3. For the column labeled “Reports,” the data element, “Disposition of CA/N Reports,” is based on upon the highest disposition of any child who was the subject of an investigation in a particular report. For example, if a report investigated two children, and one child is found to be neglected and the other child found not to be maltreated, the report disposition will be substantiated (Group A). The disposition for each child is based on the specific finding related to the maltreatment(s). In other words, of the two children above, one is a victim and is counted under “substantiated” (Group A) and the other is not a victim and is counted under “unsubstantiated” (Group B). In determining the unique counts of children, the highest finding is given priority. If a child is found to be a victim in one report (Group A), but not a victim in a second report (Group B), the unique count of children includes the child only as a victim (Group A). The category of “other” (Group C) includes children whose report may have been “closed without a finding,” children for whom the allegation disposition is “unknown,” and other dispositions that a State is unable to code as substantiated, indicated, alternative response victim, or unsubstantiated.
4. The data element, “Child Cases Opened for Services,” is based on the number of victims (Group A) during the reporting period under review. “Opened for Services” refers to post-investigative services. The duplicated number counts each time a victim’s report is linked to on-going services; the unique number counts a victim only once regardless of the number of times services are linked to reports of substantiated maltreatment.

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5. The data element, “Children Entering Care Based on CA/N Report,” is based on the number of victims (Group A) during the reporting period under review. The duplicated number counts each time a victim’s report is linked to a foster care removal date. The unique number counts a victim only once regardless of the number of removals that may be reported.
6. The data element “Child Fatalities” counts the number of children reported to NCANDS as having died as a result of child abuse and/or neglect. Depending upon State practice, this number may count only those children for whom a case record has been opened either prior to or after the death, or may include a number of children whose deaths have been investigated as possibly related to child maltreatment. For example, some States include neglected-related deaths such as those caused by motor vehicle or boating accidents, house fires or access to firearms, under certain circumstances. The percentage is based on a count of unique victims of maltreatment for the reporting period.
7. The data element “Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment” is defined as follows: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation during the first 6 months of the reporting period, what percent were not victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation within a 6-month period. This data element is used to determine the State’s substantial conformity with CFSR Safety Outcome #1 (“Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect”).
8. The data element “Absence of Child Abuse/or Neglect in Foster Care” is defined as follows: Of all children in foster care during the reporting period, what percent were not victims of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by foster parent or facility staff member. This data element is used to determine the State’s substantial conformity with CFSR Safety Outcome #1 (“Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect”). A child is counted as not having been maltreated in foster care if the perpetrator of the maltreatment was not identified as a foster parent or residential facility staff. Counts of children not maltreated in foster care are derived by subtracting NCANDS count of children maltreated by foster care providers from AFCARS count of children placed in foster care. The observation period for this measure is 12 months. The number of children not found to be maltreated in foster care and the percentage of all children in foster care are provided.
9. Median Time to Investigation in hours is computed from the Child File records using the Report Date and the Investigation Start Date (currently reported in the Child File in mmddyyyy format). The result is converted to hours by multiplying by 24.
10. Mean Time to investigation in hours is computed from the Child File records using the Report Date and the Investigation Start Date (currently reported in the Child File in mmddyyyy format). The result is converted to hours by multiplying by 24. Zero days difference (both dates are on the same day) is reported as “under 24 hours”, one day difference (investigation date is the next day after report date) is reported as “at least 24 hours, but less than 48 hours”, two days difference is reported as “at least 48 hours, but less than 72 hours”, etc.
11. Average response time in hours between maltreatment report and investigation is available through State NCANDS Agency or SDC File aggregate data. "Response time" is defined as the time from the receipt of a report to the time of the initial investigation or assessment. Note that many States calculate the initial investigation date as the first date of contact with the alleged victim, when this is appropriate, or with another person who can provide information essential to the disposition of the investigation or assessment.

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12. The data element, “Children Maltreated by Parents while in Foster Care” is defined as follows: Of all children placed in foster care during the reporting period, what percent were victims of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by parent. This data element requires matching NCANDS and AFCARS records by AFCARS IDs. Only unique NCANDS children with substantiated or indicated maltreatments and perpetrator relationship “Parent” are selected for this match. NCANDS report date must fall within the removal period found in the matching AFCARS record.
13. The data element, “Recurrence of Maltreatment,” is defined as follows: Of all children associated with a “substantiated” or “indicated” finding of maltreatment during the first six months of the reporting period, what percentage had another “substantiated” or “indicated” finding of maltreatment within a 6-month period. The number of victims during the first six-month period and the number of these victims who were recurrent victims within six months are provided. This data element was used to determine the State’s substantial conformity with Safety Outcome #1 for CFSR Round One.
14. The data element, “Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care,” is defined as follows: Of all children who were served in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage were found to be victims of “substantiated” or “indicated” maltreatment. A child is counted as having been maltreated in foster care if the perpetrator of the maltreatment was identified as a foster parent or residential facility staff. Counts of children maltreated in foster care are derived from NCANDS, while counts of children placed in foster care are derived from AFCARS. The observation period for these measures is January-September because this is the reporting period that was jointly addressed by both NCANDS and AFCARS at the time when NCANDS reporting period was a calendar year. The number of children found to be maltreated in foster care and the percentage of all children in foster care are provided. This data element was used to determine the State’s substantial conformity with Safety Outcome #2 for CFSR Round One.

Additional Footnotes

- A. WA does not report on fatalities in the Child File. In FFY2007, WA reported 27 fatalities in the Agency File. In FFY2008, WA reported 23 fatalities in the Agency File.

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POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE	Federal FY 2007ab		12-Month Period Ending 03/31/2008 (07B08A)		Federal FY 2008ab	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
I. Foster Care Population Flow						
Children in foster care on first day of year ¹	10,418		10,900		10,940	
Admissions during year	6,797		6,355		6,323	
Discharges during year	6,026		6,059		6,130	
Children discharging from FC in fewer than 8 days (These cases are excluded from length of stay calculations in the composite measures)	1,453	24.1% of the discharges	1,394	23.0% of the discharges	1,325	21.6% of the discharges
Children in care on last day of year	11,189		11,196		11,133	
Net change during year	771		296		193	
II. Placement Types for Children in Care						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	118	1.1	126	1.1	104	0.9
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	3,986	35.6	3,993	35.7	3,951	35.5
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	5,533	49.5	5,535	49.4	5,425	48.7
Group Homes	441	3.9	459	4.1	443	4.0
Institutions	115	1.0	151	1.3	129	1.2
Supervised Independent Living	8	0.1	12	0.1	13	0.1
Runaway	144	1.3	138	1.2	135	1.2
Trial Home Visit	844	7.5	782	7.0	933	8.4
Missing Placement Information	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent year)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
III. Permanency Goals for Children in Care						
Reunification	7,478	66.8	7,442	66.5	7,422	66.7
Live with Other Relatives	213	1.9	207	1.8	179	1.6
Adoption	2,470	22.1	2,533	22.6	2,520	22.6
Long Term Foster Care	299	2.7	322	2.9	304	2.7
Emancipation	67	0.6	86	0.8	100	0.9
Guardianship	566	5.1	510	4.6	508	4.6
Case Plan Goal Not Established	94	0.8	95	0.8	99	0.9
Missing Goal Information	2	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0

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	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode						
One	3,612	32.3	3,609	32.2	3,437	30.9
Two	3,040	27.2	2,947	26.3	2,995	26.9
Three	1,611	14.4	1,652	14.8	1,622	14.6
Four	923	8.2	956	8.5	986	8.9
Five	527	4.7	562	5.0	584	5.2
Six or more	1,476	13.2	1,470	13.1	1,509	13.6
Missing placement settings	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
V. Number of Removal Episodes						
One	8,462	75.6	8,497	75.9	8,472	76.1
Two	1,972	17.6	1,944	17.4	1,937	17.4
Three	546	4.9	531	4.7	492	4.4
Four	123	1.1	131	1.2	147	1.3
Five	49	0.4	53	0.5	44	0.4
Six or more	37	0.3	40	0.4	41	0.4
Missing removal episodes	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VI. Number of children in care 17 of the most recent 22 months² (percent based on cases with sufficient information for computation)	2,110	40.2	2,116	40.8	2,182	42.6
VII. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care (of children in care on last day of FY)	16.5		17.2		17.9	
VIII. Length of Time to Achieve Perm. Goal	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge
Reunification	3,374	0.9	3,852	2.7	4,127	3.8
Adoption	1,172	31.3	1,136	30.6	1,167	31.8
Guardianship	316	25.6	331	26.0	319	24.6
Other	475	31.3	505	30.3	516	32.9
Missing Discharge Reason (footnote 3, page 16)	689	14.5	235	13.1	1	0.2
Total discharges (excluding those w/ problematic dates)	6,026	11.5	6,059	12.2	6,130	12.5
Dates are problematic (footnote 4, page 16)	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A

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Statewide Aggregate Data Used in Determining Substantial Conformity: Composites 1 through 4			
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IX. Permanency Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification [standard: 122.6 or higher]. Scaled Scores for this composite incorporate two components	State Score = 98.0	State Score = 104.1	State Score = 108.5
National Ranking of State Composite Scores (see footnote A on page 12 for details)	40 of 47	37 of 47	33 of 47
Component A: Timeliness of Reunification The timeliness component is composed of three timeliness individual measures.			
Measure C1 - 1: Exits to reunification in less than 12 months: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the year shown, who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent was reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) [national median = 69.9%, 75 th percentile = 75.2%]	63.8%	64.3%	63.8%
Measure C1 - 2: Exits to reunification, median stay: Of all children discharged from foster care (FC) to reunification in the year shown, who had been in FC for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification? (This includes trial home visit adjustment) [national median = 6.5 months, 25 th Percentile = 5.4 months (lower score is preferable in this measure ^B)]	Median = 5.6 months	Median = 6.7 months	Median = 7.0 months
Measure C1 - 3: Entry cohort reunification in < 12 months: Of all children entering foster care (FC) for the first time in the 6 month period just prior to the year shown, and who remained in FC for 8 days or longer, what percent was discharged from FC to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home? (Includes trial home visit adjustment) [national median = 39.4%, 75 th Percentile = 48.4%]	25.2%	34.0%	36.0%
Component B: Permanency of Reunification The permanency component has one measure.			
Measure C1 - 4: Re-entries to foster care in less than 12 months: Of all children discharged from foster care (FC) to reunification in the 12-month period prior to the year shown, what percent re-entered FC in less than 12 months from the date of discharge? [national median = 15.0%, 25 th Percentile = 9.9% (lower score is preferable in this measure)]	18.8%	17.3%	16.0%

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<p>Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions [standard: 106.4 or higher].</p> <p>Weighted Scores for this composite incorporate three components.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Ranking of State Composite Scores (see footnote A on page 12 for details)</p>	State Score = 104.8	State Score = 105.4	State Score = 96.0
<p>Component A: Timeliness of Adoptions of Children Discharged From Foster Care.</p> <p>There are two individual measures of this component. See below.</p>			
<p>Measure C2 - 1: Exits to adoption in less than 24 months: Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in the year shown, what percent was discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home? [national median = 26.8%, 75th Percentile = 36.6%]</p>	27.1%	26.3%	24.5%
<p>Measure C2 - 2: Exits to adoption, median length of stay: Of all children who were discharged from foster care (FC) to a finalized adoption in the year shown, what was the median length of stay in FC (in months) from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption? [national median = 32.4 months, 25th Percentile = 27.3 months (lower score is preferable in this measure)]</p>	Median = 31.3 months	Median = 30.6 months	Median = 31.8 months
<p>Component B: Progress Toward Adoption for Children in Foster Care for 17 Months or Longer. There are two individual measures. See below.</p>			
<p>Measure C2 - 3: Children in care 17+ months, adopted by the end of the year: Of all children in foster care (FC) on the first day of the year shown who were in FC for 17 continuous months or longer (and who, by the last day of the year shown, were not discharged from FC with a discharge reason of live with relative, reunify, or guardianship), what percent was discharged from FC to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year shown? [national median = 20.2%, 75th Percentile = 22.7%]</p>	21.3%	20.2%	20.6%
<p>Measure C2 - 4: Children in care 17+ months achieving legal freedom within 6 months: Of all children in foster care (FC) on the first day of the year shown who were in FC for 17 continuous months or longer, and were not legally free for adoption prior to that day, what percent became legally free for adoption during the first 6 months of the year shown? Legally free means that there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father. This calculation excludes children who, by the end of the first 6 months of the year shown had discharged from FC to "reunification," "live with relative," or "guardianship." [national median = 8.8%, 75th Percentile = 10.9%]</p>	14.8%	14.5%	15.3%
<p>Component C: Progress Toward Adoption of Children Who Are Legally Free for Adoption. There is one measure for this component. See below.</p>			
<p>Measure C2 - 5: Legally free children adopted in less than 12 months: Of all children who became legally free for adoption in the 12 month period prior to the year shown (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percent was discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months of becoming legally free? [national median = 45.8%, 75th Percentile = 53.7%]</p>	50.5%	49.3%	43.2%

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XI. Permanency Composite 3: Permanency for Children and Youth in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time [standard: 121.7 or higher]. Scaled Scores for this composite incorporate two components	State Score = 116.7	State Score = 115.2	State Score = 120.0
National Ranking of State Composite Scores (see footnote A on page 12 for details)	24 of 51	27 of 51	18 of 51
Component A: Achieving permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time. This component has two measures.			
Measure C3 - 1: Exits to permanency prior to 18th birthday for children in care for 24 + months. Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year shown, what percent was discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the fiscal year? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative). [national median 25.0%, 75th Percentile = 29.1%]	30.0%	30.7%	31.9%
Measure C3 - 2: Exits to permanency for children with TPR: Of all children who were discharged from foster care in the year shown, and who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge (i.e., there was a parental rights termination date reported to AFCARS for both mother and father), what percent was discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative) [national median 96.8%, 75th Percentile = 98.0%]	93.8%	93.8%	93.3%
Component B: Growing up in foster care. This component has one measure.			
Measure C3 - 3: Children Emancipated Who Were in Foster Care for 3 Years or More. Of all children who, during the year shown, either (1) were discharged from foster care prior to age 18 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18 th birthday while in foster care, what percent were in foster care for 3 years or longer? [national median 47.8%, 25th Percentile = 37.5% (lower score is preferable)]	52.0%	51.1%	49.9%

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XII. Permanency Composite 4: Placement Stability [national standard: 101.5 or higher]. Scaled scored for this composite incorporates no components but three individual measures (below)	State Score = 95.4	State Score = 95.4	State Score = 95.8
National Ranking of State Composite Scores (see footnote A on page 12 for details)	22 of 51	22 of 51	22 of 51
Measure C4 - 1) Two or fewer placement settings for children in care for less than 12 months. Of all children served in foster care (FC) during the 12 month target period who were in FC for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings? [national median = 83.3%, 75th Percentile = 86.0%]	82.5%	81.9%	82.3%
Measure C4 - 2) Two or fewer placement settings for children in care for 12 to 24 months. Of all children served in foster care (FC) during the 12 month target period who were in FC for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings? [national median = 59.9%, 75th Percentile = 65.4%]	61.0%	61.6%	61.9%
Measure C4 - 3) Two or fewer placement settings for children in care for 24+ months. Of all children served in foster care (FC) during the 12 month target period who were in FC for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings? [national median = 33.9%, 75th Percentile = 41.8%]	38.6%	38.8%	38.4%

Special Footnotes for Composite Measures:

- A. These National Rankings show your State's performance on the Composites compared to the performance of all the other States that were included in the 2004 data. The 2004 data were used for establishing the rankings because that is the year used in calculating the National Standards. The order of ranking goes from 1 to 47 or 51, depending on the measure. For example, "1 of 47" would indicate this State performed higher than all the States in 2004.
- B. In most cases, a high score is preferable on the individual measures. In these cases, you will see the 75th percentile listed to indicate that this would be considered a good score. However, in a few instances, a low score is good (shows desirable performance), such as re-entry to foster care. In these cases, the 25th percentile is displayed because that is the target direction for which States will want to strive. Of course, in actual calculation of the total composite scores, these "lower are preferable" scores on the individual measures are reversed so that they can be combined with all the individual scores that are scored in a positive direction, where higher scores are preferable.

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PERMANENCY PROFILE FIRST-TIME ENTRY COHORT GROUP	Federal FY 2007ab		12-Month Period Ending 03/31/2008 (07B08A)		Federal FY 2008ab	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
I. Number of children entering care for the first time in cohort group (% = 1 st time entry of all entering within first 6 months)	2,862	79.7	2,560	78.1	2,491	79.9
II. Most Recent Placement Types						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.1
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	928	32.4	778	30.4	778	31.2
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	1,265	44.2	1,130	44.1	1,016	40.8
Group Homes	59	2.1	73	2.9	105	4.2
Institutions	216	7.5	259	10.1	231	9.3
Supervised Independent Living	1	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Runaway	13	0.5	15	0.6	13	0.5
Trial Home Visit	379	13.2	303	11.8	345	13.8
Missing Placement Information	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent yr)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
III. Most Recent Permanency Goal						
Reunification	2,690	94.0	2,449	95.7	2,369	95.1
Live with Other Relatives	26	0.9	29	1.1	29	1.2
Adoption	81	2.8	43	1.7	42	1.7
Long-Term Foster Care	6	0.2	3	0.1	5	0.2
Emancipation	7	0.2	3	0.1	5	0.2
Guardianship	16	0.6	4	0.2	4	0.2
Case Plan Goal Not Established	36	1.3	29	1.1	37	1.5
Missing Goal Information	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode						
One	1,622	56.7	1,475	57.6	1,418	56.9
Two	802	28.0	664	25.9	644	25.9
Three	249	8.7	244	9.5	255	10.2
Four	106	3.7	102	4.0	92	3.7
Five	40	1.4	36	1.4	53	2.1
Six or more	43	1.5	39	1.5	29	1.2
Missing placement settings	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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Note: These are CFSR Round One permanency measures. They are provided for informational purposes only.

	Federal FY 2007ab		12-Month Period Ending 03/31/2008 (07B08A)		Federal FY 2008ab	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IX. Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home? (4.1) [Standard: 76.2% or more]	2,534	75.1	2,691	69.9	2,803	67.9
X. Of all children who exited care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home? (5.1) [Standard: 32.0% or more]	318	27.1	299	26.3	286	24.5
XI. Of all children served who have been in foster care less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings? (6.1) [Standard: 86.7% or more]	6,332	86.1	6,074	85.5	6,011	85.8
XII. Of all children who entered care during the year, what percentage re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode? (4.2) [Standard: 8.6% or less]	698	10.3 (78.9% new entry)	660	10.4 (79.0% new entry)	672	10.6 (79.5% new entry)

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FOOTNOTES TO DATA ELEMENTS IN THE PERMANENCY PROFILE

¹The FY 07, 07b08a, and FY 08 counts of children in care at the start of the year exclude 102, 131, and 138 children, respectively. They were excluded to avoid counting them twice. That is, although they were actually in care on the first day, they also qualify as new entries because they left and re-entered again at some point during the same reporting period. To avoid counting them as both "in care on the first day" and "entries," the Children's Bureau selects only the most recent record. That means they get counted as "entries," not "in care on the first day."

²We designated the indicator, *17 of the most recent 22 months*, rather than the statutory time frame for initiating termination of parental rights proceedings at *15 of the most 22 months*, since the AFCARS system cannot determine the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care* as defined in the regulation. We used the outside date for determining the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care*, which is 60 days from the actual removal date.

³This count only includes case records missing a discharge reason, but which have calculable lengths of stay. Records missing a discharge reason and with non-calculable lengths of stay are included in the cell "Dates are Problematic".

⁴The dates of removal and exit needed to calculate length of stay are problematic. Such problems include: 1) missing data, 2) faulty data (chronologically impossible), 3) a child was in care less than 1 day (length of stay = 0) so the child should not have been reported in foster care file, or 4) child's length of stay would equal 21 years or more. These cases are marked N/A = Not Applicable because no length of stay can legitimately be calculated.

⁵This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 7.1 in FY 07. This includes 0 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). Therefore, the median length of stay was unaffected by any 'same day' children.

⁶This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 8.1 in 07b08a. This includes 0 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). Therefore, the median length of stay was unaffected by any 'same day' children.

⁷This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay is Not Yet Determinable for FY 08. This includes 0 children who entered and exited on the same day (they had a zero length of stay). Therefore, the median length of stay would still be Not Yet Determinable, but would be unaffected by any 'same day' children. The designation, Not Yet Determinable occurs when a true length of stay for the cohort cannot be calculated because fewer than 50% of the children have exited.