

Braam Semi-Annual Performance Report

July – December 2014

Executive Summary

March 2015

Introduction

This semi-annual report covers the period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The full report can be found on the [Children's Administration website](#).

Full Compliance

Compliance with individual outcomes is achieved when the Department achieves the 'full compliance measure' for 18 consecutive months. Where compliance with an individual outcome has been achieved, this is noted in the report.

Performance Highlights

The July to December 2014 review period includes six of the eight remaining outcomes. Children's Administration demonstrated improved or stable performance on four of the six outcomes included in this report. Following is a summary of performance for the outcomes included:

Twelve Months of Full Compliance Met for One Outcome

- *Sibling Visits and Contacts:* 93% of children placed apart from their siblings received two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with their brothers or sisters according to a targeted case review. Children's Administration has exceeded the full compliance measure for 12 consecutive months. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.) The data used to measure performance on this outcome is from a targeted case review of 50 cases.

Performance within 5 Percent of Meeting Statewide Full Compliance Measure for Three Outcomes

- *Monthly Health & Safety Visits with Children:* 88% of children received a health and safety visit each and every month from their social worker for every calendar month they were in care during the year; performance remained the same from the previous reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.)
- *Caregiver Information:* 85% of caregivers received the Child Information Placement Referral form within the required timeframes; a significant increase from 74% in the January – July 2014 reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.) The data used to measure performance on this outcome is from a targeted case review of 200 cases.
 - Appendix A includes supplemental performance data related to Caregiver Information. Children's Administration conducts a monthly review of 100 percent of placements to ensure the provision of the Child Information Placement Referral form. In February 2015, 884 placements were reviewed and indicated a performance rate of 88% statewide.
- *Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases:* 86% of social workers who provide services to one or more children in out-of-home care had caseloads of 18 children or less; performance increased 5% from the previous reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.)

Performance Improvement Needed for Two Outcomes

- *Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status:* 3.00% of youth in out-of-home care ran from their homes or placement facilities during the 2014 calendar year; a decrease from 3.10% in FY 2014. (Full Compliance is 2.35% or less.)
- *Median Number of Days Youth are on Runaway Status:* The median number of days that youth were on runaway status was 39.5 days statewide; an increase from 30.0 days in FY 2014. (Full Compliance is 25 or fewer days.)

Outcome Not Included in this Report

Two outcomes are not included in this report as the data is not due under the Revised Settlement and Exit Agreement.

- Outcome 9 – Caregiver Training
- Outcome 10 – Caregiver Support

Continuous Improvement Efforts

For those outcomes where the full compliance measure was not achieved, the Children’s Administration continues to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of improvement strategies identified in November 2014.

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