

**Braam Semi-Annual Performance Report**

**January – June 2014**

**Executive Summary**

*September 2014*

**Introduction**

This semi-annual report covers the period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 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 January to June 2014 review period includes 8 outcomes. Children's Administration demonstrated improved or stable performance on five of the eight outcomes included in this report. Following is a summary of performance for the outcomes included:

**Six Months of Full Compliance Met for One Outcome**

- *Sibling Visits / Contacts:* 100% 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; an increase from 89% in the July – December 2013 reporting period. (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 3 Percent of Meeting Statewide Full Compliance Measure for Two Outcomes**

- *Monthly Health & Safety Visits with Children:* 87% 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 increased 2% from the CY 2013 reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.)
- *Caregiver Training:* 87% of caregivers reported adequate training for their roles and responsibilities; which is a decrease of 2% from the FY 2013 reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.) The data used to measure performance on this outcome is from a survey of licensed foster parents conducted by the DSHS Management Information and Survey Research Unit.

**Performance Improvement Needed for Five Outcomes**

- *Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases:* 81% of social workers who provide services to one or more children in out-of-home care had caseloads of 18 children or less; performance decreased 5% from the July – December 2013 reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.)
- *Caregiver Support:* 79% of caregivers reported receiving adequate support for their roles and responsibilities; performance has remained relatively unchanged since FY 2012. (Full Compliance is

90% or more.) The data used to measure performance on this outcome is from a survey of licensed foster parents conducted by the DSHS Management Information and Survey Research Unit.

- *Caregiver Information:* 74% of caregivers received and signed the Child Information Placement Referral form within the required timeframes; an increase from 60% in the July – December 2013 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.
- *Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status:* 3.10% of youth in out-of-home care ran from their homes or placement facilities during the fiscal year (July 2013 – June 2014); a decrease from 3.60% in CY 2013. (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 30.0 days statewide; a decrease from 43.0 days in CY 2013. (Full Compliance is 25 or fewer days.)

### **Continuous Improvement Efforts**

For those outcomes where the full compliance measure was not achieved, strategies that the Children’s Administration will use to improve performance will be released by October 31, 2014.

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