

Department of Social and Health Services, Children's Administration
Braam Semi-Annual Performance Report
January – June 2015
Executive Summary
September 2015

Introduction

This semi-annual report covers the period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. 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 2015 review period includes the eight remaining outcomes. Children's Administration demonstrated improved or stable performance on five of the eight outcomes in this report. Following is a summary of performance for the outcomes included:

Eighteen Months of Full Compliance Met for One Outcome

- *Sibling Visits and 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 93% in the July – December 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 50 cases.

Twelve Months of Full Compliance Met for One Outcome

- *Monthly Health & Safety Visits with Children:* 90% 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 previous reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.)

Six Months of Full Compliance Met for One Outcome

- *Caregiver Information:* 90% of caregivers received the Child Information Placement Referral form within the required timeframes; an increase from 85% in the July - December 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.

Performance within 5 Percent of Meeting Statewide Full Compliance Measure for One Outcome

- *Caregiver Training:* 85% of caregivers reported adequate training for their roles and responsibilities; which is a decrease of 2% from the FY 2014 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 Four Outcomes

- *Caseloads At or Below 18 Cases:* 82% 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 4% from the previous reporting period. (Full Compliance is 90% or more.)
- *Caregiver Support:* 75% of caregivers reported receiving adequate support for their roles and responsibilities; a decrease from 79% from the FY 2014 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.
- *Frequency of Youth on Runaway Status:* 3.00% of youth in out-of-home care ran from their homes or placement facilities during fiscal year 2015 (July 2014-June 2015); performance has remained stable since calendar year 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 32.0 days statewide; a decrease from 39.5 days in calendar year 2014. (Full Compliance is 25 or fewer days.)

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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