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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) - STATEWIDE DATA PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENTS

On April 23, 2014, the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) published a document in the Federal Register (79 FR 22604). The document provided the Children's Bureau's (CB) plan to replace the statewide data indicators used to determine a state's substantial conformity with titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act through the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). After consideration of the public comments and additional CB analysis, the CB is now publishing its final plan.

Two indicators have been changed in response to the public comments. The CB will measure the recurrence of maltreatment instead of repeat reports of maltreatment as was proposed in the April Federal Register document. Also added is a new indicator to measure permanency in 12 months for children in foster care for 12 months to 23 months. The final plan will be to use two statewide data indicators to measure maltreatment in foster care and recurrence of maltreatment in evaluating Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect. Statewide data indicators will be used to measure achievement of permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care, permanency in 12 months for children in foster care for 12 months to 23 months, permanency in 12 months for children in foster care for 24 months or more, re-entry to foster care in 12 months, and placement stability. These five permanency indicators will be used in evaluating Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

The North Carolina performance for the seven outcome measurements are summarized below. North Carolina has met the national standard on one of the seven outcome measurements, namely recurrence of maltreatment. North Carolina did not meet the national standard on two items measured, both related to achieving permanency for children in care; 12-23 months, and greater than 24 months. On the four remaining outcome items, North Carolina's performance cannot be established due to data quality concerns. The primary limitation of the data for North Carolina relates to the assignment of a unique identifier in both NCANDS and AFCARS files for children served by any of the 100 counties. As we know, SIS numbers are the means by which children are identified in our data systems. Our electronic data systems are not currently supportive of the business processes necessary to ensure duplicate SIS numbers are not assigned to a single individual child / youth.

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North Carolina Statewide Data Indicators for CFSR Round 3

1. Safety Outcome 1: Children Are, First and Foremost, Protected From Abuse and Neglect

a. Safety Performance Area 1: Maltreatment in Foster Care

Indicator Description: Of all children in foster care during a 12-month period, what is the rate of victimization per day of foster care?

Cohort: Children in foster care during a 12-month period

12-month period: FFY 2013

North Carolina Performance: Excluded due to data quality

b. Safety Performance Area 2: Recurrence of Maltreatment

Indicator Description: Of all children who were victims of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment during a 12-month reporting period, what percent were victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation within 12 months of their initial report?

Cohort: Victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report in a 12-month period

12-month period: FFY 2012

North Carolina Performance: 4.8% | National Standard = 9% National standard met

2. Permanency Outcome 1: Children Have Permanency and Stability in Their Living Situations

a. Permanency Performance Area 1: Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Foster Care

Indicator Description: Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care?

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Cohort: Children entering care in a 12-month period & exiting within 12 months

12-month period: April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

North Carolina Performance: Excluded due to data quality

b. Permanency Performance Area 2: Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12 to 23 Months

Indicator Description: Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in foster care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months, what percent discharged from foster care to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the 12-month period?

Cohort: Children in care 12-23 months as of the 1st day of a 12-month period

12-month period: April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

North Carolina Performance: 41.9% | National Standard 43.7%, National Standard not met

c. Permanency Performance Area 3: Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 24 Months or More

Indicator Description: Of all children in foster care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in foster care (in that episode) for 24 months or more, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day of the 12-month period?

Cohort: Children in care 24 months or more as of the 1st day of a 12-month period

12-month period: April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

North Carolina Performance: 28.2% | National Standard 20.3%, National Standard not met

d. Permanency Performance Area 4: Reentry to Foster Care in 12 Months

Indicator Description: Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period who discharged within 12 months to reunification, living with a relative(s), or guardianship, what percent re-enter foster care within 12 months of their discharge?

Cohort: Children entering care in a 12-month period & exiting within 12 months

12-month period: April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

North Carolina Performance: Excluded due to data quality

e. Permanency Performance Area 5: Placement Stability

Indicator Description: Of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period, what is the rate of placement moves per day of foster care?

Cohort: Children entering foster care in a 12-month period

12-month period: April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014

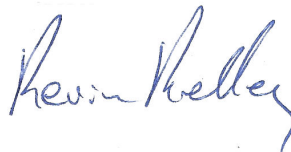
North Carolina Performance: Excluded due to data quality

Attached to this letter is a document developed by the Children's Bureau titled "Executive Summary CFSR-National Standards and Data Indicators". This document provides additional details as to methodology used in the outcome items and the national standards for each items. For additional information related to the items, please see Technical Bulletin #8 at:

http://kt.cfsrportal.org/action.php?kt_path_info=ktcore.actions.document.view&fDocumentId=73604

The Children's Bureau is maintaining a comprehensive resource library which is available to the public at: <https://training.cfsrportal.org/resources/3044>

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1)

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