

C-CFSR Outcomes and Indicators

Below is a proposed set of outcomes and indicators, developed by the Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Workgroup, in consultation with the Chapin Hall Center for Children.

- The far left column represents the outcome we would like to achieve.
- The second column, “Federal,” lists the measures included in the U.S. DHHS’ federal review of state child welfare programs, Child and Family Service Review.
- The middle column, “State Enriched,” describes the measures that the Workgroup is proposing to use. These measures will supplement the federal measures to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the State’s child welfare system.
- The fourth column, “Short-term Development,” holds measures we hope to develop for the next cycle of the California Child and Family Service Review. For data reasons, these measures were not available for the first cycle, but are planned for CWS/CMS enhancements.
- The far right column, “Future Development,” includes measures we would like to develop for subsequent C-CFSR cycles. These measures are contingent upon larger system changes, such as the implementation of the CDSS CWS Stakeholders’ Group’s Redesign efforts.

NOTES:

* These indicators were taken directly or adapted from the CWDA list of outcome measures.

Italicized & Bolded indicators measure process

Where possible, we propose that data be reported using these sub-populations.

- Age, by year and/or age group (under 1, 1-2, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16+)
- Type of placement
- Race and ethnicity, and Native American/Indian heritage
- Gender

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PROFILE INFORMATION	Data Collected to Provide Background, Context and Demographics
	<p data-bbox="612 334 1886 367"><u>A. Demographic and Census information by county and/or zip code, including information such as:</u></p> <ul data-bbox="647 402 1940 716" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="647 402 1940 435">• age, race, ethnicity, or Native American/Indian heritage, other basic demographic characteristics <li data-bbox="647 440 849 472">• poverty rate <li data-bbox="647 477 935 509">• household income <li data-bbox="647 514 943 547">• unemployment rate <li data-bbox="647 552 1212 584">• rate of families with no health insurance <li data-bbox="647 589 1212 621">• level of education for head of household <li data-bbox="647 626 1051 659">• receipt of public assistance <li data-bbox="647 664 849 696">• active tribes <li data-bbox="647 701 768 734">• other <p data-bbox="612 753 2314 850"><u>B. Referral information:</u> Rate of children with initial and/or substantiated report(s) of abuse and/or neglect per 1,000 children in child population by age group, type of abuse and disposition (e.g. substantiated, inconclusive, unfounded and evaluated out) county by county.</p> <p data-bbox="612 919 1704 951"><u>C. Foster care entries:</u> Rate of children entering out-of-home care per 1,000 children</p> <p data-bbox="612 987 2274 1084"><u>D. Child mortality information:</u> Number of child mortalities reported on CWS/CMS matched against vital statistics and other data sources. This data will come from the State Child Death Review Council Reconciliation Project, and will be made available on a flow basis.</p>

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	Federal	State Enriched	Short-term Development	Future Development
1. Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.	<p><u>1A. Recurrence of maltreatment:</u> Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the reporting period, what percent had another substantiated or indicated report within a six month period?</p> <p><u>1C. Incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care:</u> Of all children in foster care in the State during the period under review, what percent were the subjects of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?</p>	<p><u>1B. Recurrence of maltreatment:</u> Of all children who had a substantiated report of maltreatment, what percent had a subsequent substantiated report and did it occur within 3, 6, 12, or 24 months? Separate report for recurrence after first substantiated referral.</p>	<p><u>1D. Incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care:</u> Same as 1C, but adjusted for time in care and type of placement.</p> <p><u>1E. Rate of abuse and/or neglect following permanency:</u> Percent of children with allegation/substantiated report of abuse or neglect, within 12 months following permanency (guardianship, kinship, reunification).*</p>	

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2. Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.	Source: No quantifiable federal measure available; obtained during review of 50 cases statewide.	<p><u>2A: Recurrence of abuse/neglect in homes where children were not removed:</u> Percent of children with an allegation (inconclusive or substantiated) who were not removed and whose next event was a substantiated allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsequent substantiated allegation at 3, 6, 12 months (a) after initial report, and (b) after case closure • By inconclusive vs. substantiated initial allegation • By abuse type • By perpetrator • By receipt of ER and FM services <p><u>2B: Child abuse and neglect referrals by time to investigation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>% of child abuse and neglect referrals that have resulted in an in-person investigation stratified by IR and 10-day referrals.</i> 	<p><u>2D. Recurrence of abuse/neglect in homes where children were not removed:</u> Percent of children with an allegation (inconclusive or substantiated) who were not removed and whose next event was a substantiated allegation, by receipt of remedial and rehabilitative services that are culturally appropriate</p> <p><u>2E. Assessment of kin and non-related extended family member homes: % of children in homes that have not had an annual reassessment within 12 months of the initial assessment or latest reassessment.</u></p> <p>NOTE: 2E is pending CWS/CMS system change.</p>	<p><u>2F: Recurrence of abuse/neglect for at-risk children:</u> Of “enrolled” (i.e., open case with circumstantial abuse/neglect), children & families receiving services, what percent went on to have a substantiated report/allegation?</p> <p>NOTE: 2F is contingent upon implementation of CWS Stakeholders differential response proposal, and defining and flagging “enrolled” children on CWS/CMS.</p>

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2. Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.		<p><u>2C: Social worker visits:</u> <i>Stratified by program type, and visits with child.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>% of cases with monthly social worker visits.</i> • <i>% of cases with a valid visit exception.</i> 	2C. Social worker Visits: Percent of children with an exception to monthly visits who have had a visit based on the exception related frequencies and social worker visits with parents and caregivers stratified by program type.	

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<p>3. Children have permanency and stability in their living situations (State modification: without increasing reentry).</p>	<p><u>3B. Stability of foster care placement:</u> Of all children who have been in foster care less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal, what percent had no more than two placement settings?</p> <p><u>3D. Length of time to achieve adoption goal:</u> Of all the children who exited foster care during the period under review to a finalized adoption, what percent exited care in less than 24 months from the time of latest removal from home?</p> <p><u>3E. Length of time to achieve reunification:</u> Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of the discharge from foster care, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from the home?</p> <p><u>3F. Foster care re-entries:</u> Of all the children who entered care during the year under review, what percent re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?</p>	<p><u>3A. Length of time to exit foster care:</u> Of those children in an entry cohort, % exiting foster care over time*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % exiting to adoption • % exiting to Kin-GAP • % exiting to other guardianship • % exiting to reunification • % exiting to emancipation • % exiting to probation or incarceration • % exiting for other reasons • % still in care <p><u>3C. Multiple placements:</u> Of those children in an entry cohort, % of those remaining in care with 3,4,5 or more placements over time.</p> <p><u>3G. Foster care re-entries:</u> Of children in an entry cohort, for those exiting to <i>reunification</i> , % who re-entered care over time, stratified by time in care.</p>	<p><u>3H. Foster care re-entries:</u> Of children in an entry cohort, for those exiting to KinGAP, guardianship, or <i>adoption</i>, % who re-entered care within 12, 24 36, 48 and 60 months of a prior foster care episode.*</p> <p><u>3I. Timely court hearings:</u> <i>% of children who have had timely status review hearings, stratified by program type and age.</i></p> <p>3C. Constellations, and reason for placement change.</p> <p>3G. Foster Care Re-entries: Of children in an entry cohort, for those exiting to guardianship, % who re-entered care over time, stratified by time in care.</p>	<p><u>3J. Foster care re-entries:</u> Note: need an enhancement to CWS/CMS to track severity of abuse allegation to access the severity of events that preceded re-entry</p>

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4. The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.	Source: No quantifiable federal measure available; obtained during review of 50 cases statewide.	<p><u>4A. Sibling placements:</u> For children in care, % placed with some or all of their siblings? stratified by placement type and sibling group size</p> <p><u>4B. Use of least restrictive care settings:</u> The placement facility type.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By initial placement • By primary placement • By point in time placement 	<p>4B. <u>Distance</u> from home of removal to placement</p> <p>NOTE: Dependent on CWS/CMS changes clarifying removal address issues and reconsideration of use of removal address or current address of family.</p> <p>4C. <u>Identification of Native American Heritage:</u> % of children in out of home care identified as Native American within 1, 3, 6, 12, or 24 months of removal.</p> <p>NOTE: Dependent on inclusion of date in CWS/CMS when county first learned of possible Native American Heritage.</p>	

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5. Children receive adequate services to meet their physical, emotional and mental health needs.	Source: No quantifiable federal measure available; obtained during review of 50 cases statewide.		<p>5A. <u>Health Information</u>: Percent children in care more than 30 days with a Health Passport.</p> <p>5B. <u>Receipt of Health Screenings</u>: Percent children in care with CHDP, dental exams, psychotropic medications, and immunizations that comply with periodicity table.</p> <p>NOTE: 5A and 5B dependent on CWS/CMS system changes to identify children who do not have health, medication needs in order to calculate the % who should have information on specific health factors.</p> <p>5C. <u>Receipt of mental health services among those referred</u>: Percent of CWS children with mental health referrals who receive mental health services. Stratify by in-home versus out-of-home care.</p> <p>NOTE: Calculation dependent on clarification and revisions to CWS/CMS referral types.</p>	<p>5D. <u>Prevention services</u>: FM Children receive Health Passport and screenings.</p> <p>5E. <u>Receipt of mental health screening</u>: Percent of children in care who received an initial mental health screening within 30 days of initial placement.</p>

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6. Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.	Source: No quantifiable federal measure available; obtained during review of 50 cases statewide.		<p><u>6A. Education information:</u> % in care more than 30 days with an Health Education Passport, and % in care more than 180 days with a complete HEP.*</p> <p><u>6B. School stability, attendance:</u> For children in out of home care for one or more school years*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % with school change during year, and # of school changes • % of children with IEP., • % of children performing below grade level 	<p><u>6E. School performance:</u> Percentage of children in care at grade level on standardized state tests (requires match to planned statewide education data); stratified by special and regular education (by entry cohort, age, and placement type).</p>

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			<p><u>6C. School enrollment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of school aged children enrolled within 1, 2, 3, and 4 weeks or more of initial out-of-home placement <p>% enrolled within 1, 2, 3, and 4 weeks of a placement change.</p> <p>NOTE: Dependent on improvement of mechanism to obtain information from schools and document it in CMS.</p> <p><u>6D. School stability, attendance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % with adequate (TBD) yearly attendance • # of school days missed • % in non-public schools • % of children enrolled in the same school • Of those children with an IEP, % who receive services <p>NOTE: 6D unavailable via CWS/CMS, and would require data match with education. May require MOU w/ CDE or statutory change.</p>	

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7. Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children’s needs.	Source: No quantifiable federal measure available; obtained during review of 50 cases statewide.		<p><u>7. Receipt of support services</u>: Percentage of parents able to access and use support services identified in case plans, by case closure.</p> <p>NOTE: Post exit survey needed to access 7.</p>	

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8. Youth emancipating from foster care are prepared to transition to adulthood.		<p><u>8A. Transition to self-sufficient adulthood:</u> Of youth emancipating from foster care, the percentage *:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with High School diploma or GED enrolled in college or higher education program with receipt of ILP services who completed a vocational training program are employed or have other means of support <p>NOTE: Data source for this measure is the County ILP report. This data is subject to the limitations of the data reporting form.</p> <p>RECONCILE THIS LIST W/ NATIONAL STANDARDS TO BE RELEASED BY ACF (ie, Chaffee requirements and probation)</p>	<p><u>8B. Transition to self-sufficient adulthood:</u> <i>Of youth exiting from foster care, the percentage *:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>with a legal emancipation hearing or termination of jurisdiction hearing.</i> <i>with the documents required by AB 686</i> <p><u>8C. Self-sufficiency skills training:</u> <i>Of youth in foster care, who completed a Living Skills Assessment, the % who are identified as needing self sufficiency skills training.</i></p> <p>NOTE: 8C is contingent upon revision of Transitional Independent Living Plan form and changes to CWS/CMS.</p>	<p><u>8D. Probation or juvenile justice:</u> Of youth in foster care, the percentage *:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> who are on probation or incarcerated.* who are transferred into the juvenile justice system. <p>NOTE: This measure would require a data match the Department of Corrections.</p>