

Department Of Children and Families

Performance Indicators - 3rd Quarter 2010

	Frequency	Desired Trend	Prior Quarter	Current Quarter	% Change	Last 12 Month Average
Ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children experiencing child abuse or neglect, or other significant family problems that put them at serious risk of harm.	http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/home/childdata/referrals/index.html					
Child victims of proven child abuse and/or neglect in New Jersey	Annual	—	9,015 (CY 2008)	9,286 (CY 2009)	+3.0%	—
Percent of proven child abuse and/or neglect victims in New Jersey	Annual	—	11.2% (CY 2008)	10.0% (CY 2009)	-10.7%	—
Average wait time before calls coming in to the State Central Registry hotline are answered	Quarterly	Maintain or Decrease	27 seconds	19 seconds	-29.6%	24 seconds
Percent of calls to the State Central Registry hotline which are dropped before being answered	Quarterly	Decrease	3.9%	2.7%	-31%	3.6%
Percent of Abuse/Neglect Reports assigned for investigation within 3 hours of initial report	Quarterly	Maintain	96.4%	97.3%	+0.9%	96.4%
Percent of abuse and neglect investigations contacted within 24 hours	Quarterly	Increase	85.7%	87.4%	+2.0%	86.3%
Percent of investigations of Abuse/Neglect Reports completed within 60 days	Quarterly	Increase	72.6%	71.3%	-1.8%	71.8%
Number of NJ children receiving DCF services http://ni.gov/dcf/home/childdata/dyfsdemo/index.html	Quarterly	—	47,976	44,399	-7.5%	46,092
Percent of children under Division of Youth & Family Services supervision who receive monthly caseworker visits (both in-home and out-of-home)	Quarterly	Maintain or Increase	90.4%	91.1%	+0.8%	89.6%
Children entering out-of-home placement - - rate per 1,000 children under 18	Annual	Maintain or Decrease	2.6 (CY 2008)	2.4 (CY 2009)	-7.7%	—
Percent of Youth age 13 or older who leave shelter placement within 30 days, excluding court-ordered placements (period delayed due to data lag)	Quarterly	Maintain or Increase	86% (Q1 2010)	88% (Q2 2010)	+2.3%	86%
Adoptions finalized within 9 months of a child being placed in an adoptive home	Quarterly	Maintain or Increase	83.1%	81.6%	-1.8%	84.9%
Number of adoptions finalized	Year to Date	—	—	747 (Year to date)	—	1418 (CY 2009)
Number of Kinship Legal Guardianships	Year to Date	—	—	170	—	304 (CY 2009)
Preparing youth age 14 and above for independence: percent of Independent Living Assessments completed	Quarterly	Increase	82.7%	83.2%	+0.6%	69.7%
Number of youth age 14 and above leaving placement to finalized adoption	Annual	Maintain	116 (CY 2008)	144 (CY 2009)	+24.1%	—
Percentage of children who re-enter foster care within 12 months (based on exits for the calendar year)	Annual	Decrease	11.6% (CY 2007)	10.2% (CY 2008)	-12.1%	—

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Percent of children in out-of-home placement for the quarter who have up-to-date immunization records	Quarterly	Maintain or Increase	93.2%	95.2%	+2.2%	93.3%
Percent of children receiving initial physical exam within 24 hours of entering placement	Quarterly	Maintain	99.4%	94.4% (Preliminary)	-5%	97.6% (9 month avg.)
Percent of children/youth in placement for more than 12 months who undergo annual Early Prevention Screening Diagnosis & Treatment (EPSDT) exams	Quarterly	Increase	93.6%	95.2%	+1.7%	92.1%
Percent of caseload levels compliant with established standards:	Quarterly					
-Intake workers		Increase	76%	88%	+16%	84%
-Permanency workers		Maintain	96%	96%	0%	96%
-Adoption workers		Maintain	94%	92%	-2.1%	93%
Staff turnover rate (for staff carrying caseloads)	Annual	Maintain or Decrease	7.7% (2008)	5.2% (2009)	-32.5%	—

Serve children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral health care challenges through family-centered, community-based programs.

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/behavioral/help/>

Percent of children at risk who are able to stay safely in their current home/living environment, due to the efforts of Mobile Response Services Crisis Teams http://nj.gov/dcf/behavioral/help/mobile.html	Quarterly	Maintain or Increase	95%	94%	-1.1%	94.0%
Children requiring behavioral health services who are placed in out-of-state congregate care facilities	Quarterly	Maintain or Decrease	26	25	-3.8%	34

Support child abuse prevention and intervention programs through a network of public/private partnerships and programs, utilizing school and community-based organizations.

<http://nj.gov/dcf/prevention/>

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Provide educational services to students with severe cognitive disabilities, emotional and behavioral challenges, as well as pregnant and parenting teens and other “at-risk” youth in DCF Regional Schools or state operated / contracted facilities.

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/divisions/education/index.html>

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