



2021-22 NCDHHS/COUNTY MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES AT-A-GLANCE

***These Performance Measures are not subject to corrective action under 108A-74 for MOU 2021-2022*

ATTACHMENT II

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The federal Children's Bureau (CB) is planning to conduct a fourth round of reviews under the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) regulations, beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 (October 1, 2021). The purpose of these reviews is to determine compliance with Title IV-B and Title IV-E plan requirements, and in doing so, assess the extent to which federally funded child welfare programs function effectively to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families with whom they have contact.

The overall goals of the reviews are to:

- Ensure conformity with Title IV-B and Title IV-E child welfare requirements using a framework focused on safety, permanency and well-being through seven outcomes and seven systemic factors;
- Determine what is happening to children and families as they are engaged in child welfare services including the legal and judicial processes; and
- Assist state child welfare systems in helping children and families achieve positive outcomes.*

To this end, the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services is advising counties that since these measures will be included in the Data Review and performance for CFSR Round IV, counties need to continue monitoring and striving to achieve progress toward accomplishing these measures, to ensure that North Carolina can be determined to be in "substantial conformity." In an effort to assist counties in monitoring and achieving these progress measures, please find the following link to data provided by UNC-CH: <https://ssw.unc.edu/ma>.

**Child and Family Services Review Technical Bulletin #12 Announcement of the CFSR Round 4 reviews, August 2020, Section I. Context and Overview of Next Round of CFSR - Round 4, pp 1-3*

Standard Measure	County Performance Measure	Rationale and Authority	Report of Performance
1 The County will initiate 95% of all screened-in reports within required time frames	DHHS will work with the county to identify the County's performance measure for FY 21-22 based on the County's performance for the preceding state fiscal year	Ensure that allegations of abuse, neglect and dependency are initiated timely. The timeframes for initiating an investigation of child maltreatment are defined in state law as, immediately, within 24 hours, or within 72 hours depending on the nature and severity of the alleged maltreatment. NC General Statutes § 7B-302; 10A NCAC 70A .0105; NCDHHS Family Services Manual: Vol. 1, Chapter VIII: Child Protective Services, Section 1408 - Investigative & Family Assessments	
2 For all children who were victims of maltreatment during a 12-month period, no more than 9.1% received a subsequent finding of maltreatment	DHHS will work with the county to identify the County's performance measure for FY 21-22 based on the County's performance for the preceding state fiscal year	Ensure that children who have been substantiated as abused, neglected or dependent are protected from further harm. National Standards for State Performance on Statewide Data Indicators established by the Children's Bureau to determine conformity with Title IV-B and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and the Child and Family Services Review.	

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3 The County will provide leadership for ensuring that 40.5% of children who enter foster care in a 12-month period are discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care.	DHHS will work with the county to identify the County's performance measure for FY 21-22 based on the County's performance for the preceding state fiscal year	Ensure that children in out-of-home placements are able to obtain safe and permanent homes as soon as possible after removal from their home. National Standards for State Performance on Statewide Data Indicators established by the Children's Bureau to determine conformity with Title IV-B and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and the Child and Family Services Review.	
4 The County will provide leadership for ensuring that, of children who enter foster care in a 12-month period who were discharged within 12 months to reunification, kinship care, or guardianship, no more than 8.3% re-enter foster care within 12 months of their discharge.	DHHS will work with the county to identify the County's performance measure for FY 21-22 based on the County's performance for the preceding state fiscal year	Ensure that children exiting foster care are in stable homes so that they do not re-enter foster care. CFSR: Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect. National Standards for State Performance on Statewide Data Indicators established by the Children's Bureau to determine conformity with Title IV-B and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and the Child and Family Services Review.	
5 The County will provide leadership for ensuring that, of all children who enter foster care in a 12-month period in the county, the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days of foster care will not exceed 4.1%.	DHHS will work with the county to identify the County's performance measure for FY 21-22 based on the County's performance for the preceding state fiscal year	Ensure that children who are removed from their homes experience stability while they are in foster care. CFSR: Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations. National Standards for State Performance on Statewide Data Indicators established by the Children's Bureau to determine conformity with Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act and the Child and Family Services Review.	

