Federal Child Protection Measures

Federal Indicators Overview

Federal regulations set forth the requirements for the child and family service reviews, including the establishment of national standards for certain statewide indicators that will be used, in part, to determine a state's substantial conformity under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act.

Recurrence of Maltreatment

Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the period under review.

Incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

Measure 2.1: Of all children in foster care during the period under review, the percentage of children who were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff.

Permanency

Measure 3.1: For all children who existed foster care during the reporting period, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.2: For children who exited foster care and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship.

Measure 3.3: For children who exited foster care and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?
Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into foster care?

Measure 3.5: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

**Length of time to achieve reunification**

Measure 4.1: Of all children who were reunified with their parent or caretakers at time of discharge from foster care, what % were reunified in less than twelve months from the time of the latest removal from home.

**Foster care re-entries**

Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the year under review, what % of those children re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode.

**Length of time to achieve adoption**

Measure 5.1: Of all children who exited foster care during the year under review to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home.

**Stability of foster care placements**

Measure 6.1: Of all children who have been in foster care less than twelve months from the time of the latest removal, what percentage had no more than two placement settings.

**Age-Appropriate Placements for Children**

Measure 7.1: For all children who entered care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage were placed in a group home or institution?