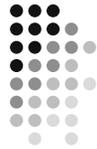


Caseworker Visits with Children in Foster Care

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Every Child. Every Month.



Why Every Child Every Month?

- CFSR 2001 – 2004 key findings and analysis of performance
- Caseworker visits with children tied to achieving safety, permanency and well-being outcomes



Current Requirements



Federal Requirement

- The *Child and Family Services Improvement Act* (PL109-288) passed by Congress in late 2006 includes the following mandate for states: by October 2011, 90 percent of all children in foster care will be receiving monthly face-to-face visits with the caseworker, and a majority of those visits will take place in the child's residence

State Requirement



- M.S. 260C.212, Subd. 4a added in 2008
 - Requires that every child in foster care or on a trial home visit be visited (face-to-face) by their caseworker on a monthly basis
 - Majority of visits occur in the child's residence
 - Visits must be of sufficient substance and duration to address issues pertinent to case planning and service delivery to ensure safety, permanency and well-being of the child



Monitoring Performance at the State Level



- CFSR
- MnCFSR
- Federal Report
 - County Survey



CFSR & MnCFSR



Well-being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity

- Item 17: Needs & services
- Item 18: Case planning
- **Item 19: Worker visits with child**
- Item 20: Worker visits with parents

CFSR & MnCFSR cont.



● Item 19: Worker visits with child

- Frequency of visits
- Quality of Visits



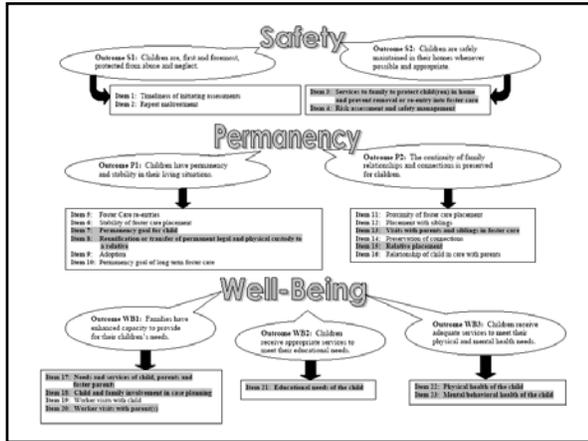


- Frequency
 - Consistent with meeting the needs of the child
- Quality
 - Length of visit
 - Location of visit
 - Individual time with child
 - Addressed issues pertaining to child's needs, services and case goals

CFSR & MnCFSR Performance



	% Strength	N=
CFSR 2001 (In-home & placement cases)	81.63%	49
CFSR 2007 (Placement cases only)	85%	40
MnCFSR Round 1 (2003 – 2007) (In-home & placement cases)	69.49%	790
MnCFSR Round 2 (2008 – March '09) (Placement cases only)	83%	116



Safety

Outcome S1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

Outcome S2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

Item 1: Timeliness of initiating assessments
Item 2: Repeat maltreatment

Item 3: Services to family to protect child(ren) in home and prevent removal or re-entry into foster care
Item 4: Risk assessment and safety management

Permanency

Outcome P1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

Outcome P2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

Item 5: Foster Care re-entries
Item 6: Stability of foster care placement
Item 7: Permanency goal for child
Item 8: Reunification or transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative
Item 9: Adoption
Item 10: Permanency goal of long term foster care

Item 11: Proximity of foster care placement
Item 12: Placement with siblings
Item 13: Visits with parents and siblings in foster care
Item 14: Preservation of connections
Item 15: Relative placement
Item 16: Relationship of child in care with parents

Well-Being

Outcome WB1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Outcome WB2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Outcome WB3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

Item 17: Needs and services of child, parents and foster parents
Item 18: Child and family involvement in case planning
Item 19: Worker visits with child
Item 20: Worker visits with parent(s)

Item 21: Educational needs of the child

Item 22: Physical health of the child
Item 23: Mental/behavioral health of the child