

Child Welfare Services Outcome and Accountability Quarterly Data Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Report provides a quarterly update on Santa Clara County's (SCC) progress toward continuous child welfare improvements. To reflect the new Federal accountability standards and goals, which were developed in round two of the Child and Family Services Review, data on the new indicators are presented and are the main focus of analysis. Tracking the County's performance on these Federal indicators is important as the State faces potential financial sanctions for failure to demonstrate improvement.¹ There are two important changes that impact the child safety and permanency and stability indicators:

First, methodological adjustments were made to all the new Federal indicators based on State performance in 2004 at the 75 percentile, challenging all counties to meet or exceed the new national standards for the two child safety indicators and the four permanency and stability composites, which are made up of 15 indicators.

Second, the area on permanency and stability has been expanded to provide a more comprehensive review of children's experiences in the child welfare system. Four composites tapping different aspects of permanency and stability were developed from 15 indicators. Each indicator has a corresponding national goal to direct programmatic efforts at the local level. DFCS, Information Systems, and the Office of Evaluation and Planning have begun discussion to review and formulate priorities based on performance across the new Federal indicators.

In parallel, the California Department of Social Services, UC Berkeley, and several counties formed a workgroup to revise the methodology for State-specific measures, for example, the timely response to referrals (immediate and 10-day) and timely social worker visits. The present report, then, provides a fresh look across all Federal and State indicators important to evaluating child welfare improvement efforts.

The Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) is meeting 4 of the 17 new or revised Federal indicators with standards or goals. This level of compliance (i.e., 4 to 5 out of 17 federal indicators) is in par with other bay area counties that substantiate similar levels of referrals (i.e., substantiations for CY 2006 were as follows: Alameda had 2,000, Contra Costa had 2,178, San Francisco had 1,118, and Santa Clara had 3,377).² However, SCC shows significant improvement across 12 of 17 Federal indicators compared to last year's performance (see p. 4). Notable improvements and challenges are highlighted below.

IMPROVEMENT FINDINGS

Child Safety: "Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect."

- Children experience non-recurrence of maltreatment that is only 1.5 percent shy of meeting the National standard of 94.6 percent. However, Asian and Pacific Islander children exceed this standard at 98.9 percent.³ Children from other ethnic groups experience a high rate of non-recurrence of maltreatment, ranging between 91.7 and 100 percent (see p. 7).
- Social workers continue to respond in a timely manner to immediate and 10-day referrals. Timeliness to immediate response referrals has historically been strong and has increased by 2.6 percent from the revised baseline to the present rate of 93.6 percent. Timeliness to

¹ See ACL 00-25, which references: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (2000). 45 CFR Parts 1355, 1356 and 1357. *Federal Register*, 65(16), 4020-4093.

² Data extracted for Calendar Year 2006. Center for Social Services Research, UC Berkeley. Website: <http://cssr.berkeley.edu>.

³ Native American children also exceeded this standard but the sample size was too small to determine meaningful. Therefore, Native American children are excluded from the discussion, but are included in the data tables.

10-day referrals has increased by 8.3 percent from the revised baseline to the present rate of 89.5 percent (see p. 8).

- Children continue to receive timely home visits from their social workers that is 7.2 percent higher from baseline to the present rate of 80.1 percent (see p. 8). However, there has been a marked decline in the last two quarters. This appears to be a direct result of revisions to the logic. cursory review of the logic points to data entry procedures rather than missed home visits. DFCS is working with Information Systems and other State workgroup participants to review the logic in order to formulate improvement recommendations.

Permanency and Stability: “Children have permanency and stability in their living situations without increasing entry into foster care.”

Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification

- Children experience timely reunifications. Children who are studied at point of entry into the foster care system are reunified with their families within 12 months 49.0 percent of the time, which exceeds the national goal of 48.4 percent.
- Asian and Pacific Islander, African American, and Caucasian children experience timely and/or permanency in family reunifications. This effect is particularly prominent for Asian/Pacific Islander and to a lesser extent for African American children (see ethnicity table, pp. 9-10). The Agency continues to devote extensive resources to better understand and improve the experiences of children of color in the child welfare system.

Timeliness to Adoption

- Children experience timely adoptions. Children who are studied at point of exit are adopted within 24 months from their last removal from home (41.4 percent) and experience timely finalized adoptions (25.5 months), which exceed the national goals of 36.6 percent and 27.3 months, respectively (see p. 11). DFCS is strong at finalizing adoptions once a child is legally free for adoption and expands outreach efforts beyond the County and State to find loving adoptive homes for children in care.
- Caucasian, Hispanic, and Asian/ Pacific Islander children experience timely adoptions and exceed 1 to 3 of the 5 indicators on adoption (see pp. 11-12).

Child and Family Well-being: “The family relationships and connections of children will be preserved, as appropriate.”

- At any point-in-time, approximately 80 percent of all children and youths in foster care experience family placements such as with relatives and foster parents (including Foster Family Agency homes). Children and youths in SCC experience more family placements than the average foster youth in California who experiences family placements at a rate of 72 percent. More importantly, 45 percent of children and youths in SCC experience placements with relatives. Comparatively, 36 percent of children and youths in California experience placements with relatives (see p. 18).
- Hispanic (48.5 percent), African American (43.1 percent), and to a lesser extent Caucasian (39.7 percent) children and youths are more likely to experience placements with relatives than their Asian/ Pacific Islander (29.4 percent) counterparts (see table, p. 18).

CHALLENGES

- The timeliness and permanency of family reunifications continue to be a challenge. Children who are studied at point of exit are reunified within 12 months at a rate of 68.8 percent, spend a median time of 7.1 months in care, and 12.1 percent experience re-entry, none of

which meet their respective national goals (see pp. 9-10). DFCS is developing recommendations to strengthen supports to parents across parenting orientation and education, and supervised parent-child visitation. Recommendations will center on practices that result in change in parenting behavior to support family reunification and permanency.

- While two indicators on the timeliness to adoption exceed national goals, SCC is challenged to improve on three additional indicators. DFCS is challenged to develop and implement strategic improvement practices to increase the rate of adoptions for children in long-term care (see both charts on p. 12) and finalized adoptions within 12 months after becoming legally free for adoption (see top chart on p. 13) while remaining committed to providing birth families with ample opportunities to reunify with their children. Presently, DFCS is developing improvement recommendations to strengthen concurrent planning and to be more strategic about the first placement children experience.
- The permanency of children in long-term care needs to be strengthened. Only 16.7 percent of children and youths in foster care for 24 months or longer are exiting into permanent homes such as family reunifications, adoptions, or guardianships. In addition, 59.3 percent of youths who emancipate experienced three or more years in the foster care system. As part of the California Connected by 25 Initiative, DFCS and partners are working to improve family finding efforts to achieve the goal of linking and strengthening connections to significant adults for all youths before emancipation. New training for social workers is being planned that will continue to emphasize and create dialogue on the importance of permanency and concurrent planning.
- The placement stability of children in care needs to be strengthened. Not enough children and youths experience placement stability, which is defined as no more than two placements in the life of a case. DFCS and partners are successfully finding children and youths' relatives and other significant adults who could potentially provide them with a home. Presently, a plan is being developed to successfully and viably bridge the relationships between youths and their relatives or other significant adults. An underlying goal is to place children and youths with relatives or non-relative extended family members with the appropriate supports to increase their foster home stability.

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INTRODUCTION

The Child Welfare Outcomes and Accountability Report provides a quarterly update on SCC's progress toward continuous child welfare improvements.^{4 5} The Outcomes and Accountability Report is also a tool for the DFCS and Agency to help guide management actions. Through dialogue with DFCS and other Agency stakeholders, the report may help elicit analytic questions to better understand and continue to improve outcomes and performance, as appropriate.

SCC CHILD WELFARE IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

There are several strategic efforts taking place across DFCS to improve child and family outcomes. Eight SIP workgroups were initially formed to develop and implement improvement plans. Key improvement objectives follow (*target measures follow each area of improvement*):

- **Reduce first entry into foster care with a focus on children of color.** Reducing disproportionality remains a top priority and major concern for SCC. The *Unified Children of Color Taskforce* has engaged in several analytic efforts to better understand the disproportionality of children of color in the child welfare system. Presently, a contract with the SPHERE Institute is set to investigate the referral process and child welfare entry, and whether there are ethnic variations.

Culturally competent assessments and services, joint decision making, early strength-based interventions, and preventative community-based services are among the skills and resources used by social workers and community partners to keep children with their families whenever appropriate. Specific tools and programs include the risk and safety assessment tool implemented in early 2007, which includes cultural-specific assessment questions; Team Decision Making (TDM); Early Intervention Services to divert children in temporary custody at the Shelter; and Differential Response to connect families at risk of entering the child welfare system with community-based services. These best practice strategies are aimed at providing families and children with appropriate, culturally competent, and equitable services.

- First entry into care (see p. 6)
- **Improve timely response and visits.** The *Timely Visits and Response* and *Quality Assurance Workgroups* have implemented successful data entry and timely response trainings for DFCS staff.
 - Timely response: Immediate and 10-day referrals (see p. 8)
 - Timely social worker visits with child (see p. 8)
- **Increase the permanency of family reunifications and placement stability.** DFCS staff is committed to convening joint decision making meetings to inform children's case plans. Specifically, TDM meetings, a Family-to-Family best practice, bring together child welfare staff, family supports, community partners, and other stakeholders to the table to inform placement plans. In addition, the *SIP Data Team* investigated multiple placements in order to improve stability and family reunification outcomes. As a result, two support teams, composed of former and current resource families, were formed;

⁴ State Accountability Act, Assembly Bill (AB) 636, California-Children & Family Services Review, 2001.

⁵ Administration for Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services (2006). The data measures, data composites and National standards to be used in the Child and Family Services Reviews. Federal Register (71)109, 32969-32987.

improvements have been made to social workers' response to resource families' needs; and stronger links have been made between resource families' needs and community resources. In addition, the Continuum of Care Committee, a multidisciplinary team of professionals and stakeholders, meet regularly to identify opportunities to expand family placements in children's communities that will lead to increased placement stability. For example, the collaborative nature among committee members has led to a reduction in the shelter population and has informed implementation of targeted training to foster parents to better meet the needs of children with acute behavioral challenges.

Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency Reunification

- Reunification within 12 months, entry cohort (see p. 11)
- Re-entry within 12 months of reunification (see p. 11)

Composite 4: Placement Stability

- No more than two placements in 12 months (see p. 15)

- **Improve connections to family.** The *Family Finding* and *Joint Decision Making Workgroups* have improved the approval process for relative placements, developed permanency and resiliency training for staff, and developed and implemented Emancipation Conferences for youths exiting the child welfare system in order to support family connections, educational goals and job-skills, and to offer other supports and services.

- Children placed with some or all siblings (see p. 17)
- Relative placement, point-in-time (see p. 18)

STRUCTURE AND METHODOLOGY

To report on child welfare outcomes and performance, the report is divided into two sections:

Section I presents Child Welfare Outcomes at a Glance; these are outcome summaries for SCC's five SIP priority measures, federal indicators, and State indicators on child well-being.

Section II presents historical charts and ethnicity tables for all the federal indicators and important State indicators (some may not have ethnic breakdown tables).

Three main methods are used to report on child welfare outcomes and performance. First, entry cohort indicators assess *all* children's experiences longitudinally. This method provides a more comprehensive understanding of children's experiences in the child welfare system. Second, exit cohort indicators assess children's experiences as they exit the child welfare system. Third, median time is used to assess the time that it takes to reunification or adoption.

To evaluate performance:

- All Federal indicators are compared against the set national standards or goals.
- Present performance is also compared to last year's performance.
- Charts for the previous Federal and SIP priority indicators compare SCC against Statewide performance.⁶

Data used in the present report was provided by the Center for Social Sciences Research, UC Berkeley.⁷

⁶ Caution is advised for measures or descriptive categories (e.g., maltreatment in foster care, Native Americans receiving child welfare services) with statistically small numbers.

⁷ To learn more about California child welfare performance data, visit <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports>.

CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES AT A GLANCE

Santa Clara County Five SIP Priority Area Indicators

SIP Indicators		Baseline		Last Year			Current Period		
		Period	Rate	Period	Rate	Improve (✓) or Decline (X) from SCC Baseline	Period	Rate	Improve (✓) or Decline (X) from SCC Baseline
Participation Rates *									
	All Entries (incidence per 1,000 children)	2002	4.3	2005	3.3	✓	2006	3.4	✓
Child Safety									
2B	Timely Response Immediate Response Referral	Apr03-Jun03	91.0%	Jan06-Mar06	94.2%	✓	Jan07-Mar07	93.6%	✓
	10-day Response Referral	Apr03-Jun03	81.2%	Jan06-Mar06	96.0%	✓	Jan07-Mar07	89.5%	✓
2C	Timely SW Visits with Child	Apr03-Jun03	72.9%	Jan06-Mar06	92.8%	✓	Jan07-Mar07	80.1%	✓
Permanency (Federal Indicators)									
C4.1	Placement Stability (8 Days to 12 Months in Care, exit cohort)	Jul02-Jun03	69.8%	Apr05-Mar06	68.4%	X	Apr06-Mar07	72.5%	✓
C1.4	Reentry Following Reunification (Exit Cohort) **	Jul01-Jun02	11.2%	Apr04-Mar05	14.1%	X	Apr05-Mar06	12.1%	X
Improvement from SCC Baseline :				4 of 6			5 of 6		

Performance on State Indicators Using Previous Logic.
(These indicators are obsolete and are only provided for comparison purposes.)

Permanency (Old State Indicators)									
3C	1-2 Placements in 12 Months (Entry Cohort)	Jul01-Jun02	40.8%	Oct03-Sep04	46.7%	✓	Oct04-Sep05	52.9%	✓
3G	Reentry within 12 Months of Reunification (Entry Cohort)	Jul00-Jun01	14.1%	Oct02-Sep03	15.2%	X	Oct03-Sep04	13.9%	✓

Notes:

*The SCC SIP Priority is to measure and analyze ethnic/racial disproportionality for children entering the foster care system for the first time. Only overall participation rates for First Entries are provided in the summary table. For ethnic/racial disproportionality data for first entry into foster care, please review Section III of the report.

**The Apr04-Mar05 rate is based on the old logic; whereas the Apr05-Mar06 rate is based on the revised logic.

New Federal Indicators

Indicator	Standard/ National Goal	Two-Year Comparison (rolling-year)		Current Period	
		Last Year	Current Period	National Goal Met (✓) or Not Met (X)	Improve/ Goal Met (✓) or Decline (X) from Last Year
CHILD SAFETY					
		Apr05- Mar06	Apr06- Mar07		
S1- No Recurrence of Maltreatment	≥ 94.6%	92.0%	93.1%	X	✓
S2- No Maltreatment in Foster Care	≥ 99.68%	100.0%	99.97%	✓	✓
PERMANENCY & STABILITY					
COMPOSITE 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification					
		Apr05- Mar06	Apr06- Mar07		
C1.1- Reunification within 12 Months (Exit Cohort)	≥ 75.2%	66.0%	68.8%	X	✓
C1.2- Median Time to Reunification (Exit Cohort)	≤ 5.4 mos	6.6 mos	7.1 mos	X	X
		Oct04- Mar05	Oct05- Mar06		
C1.3- Reunification within 12 Months (Entry Cohort)	≥ 48.4%	44.9%	49.0%	✓	✓
		Apr04- Mar05	Apr05- Mar06		
C1.4- Reentry Following Reunification (Exit Cohort)	≤ 9.9%	14.1%	12.1%	X	✓
COMPOSITE 2: Timeliness to Adoption					
		Apr05- Mar06	Apr06- Mar07		
C2.1- Adoption within 24 Months (Exit Cohort)	≥ 36.6%	30.5%	41.4%	✓	✓
C2.2- Median Time to Adoption (Exit Cohort)	≤ 27.3 mos	30.4 mos.	25.5 mos.	✓	✓
C2.3- Adoption within 12 Months (17 Months in Care)	≥ 22.7%	17.1%	14.8%	X	X
		Apr05- Sep05	Apr06-Sep06		
C2.4- Legally Free within 6 Months (17 Months in Care)	≥ 10.9%	6.2%	7.0%	X	✓
		Apr04- Mar05	Apr05- Mar06		
C2.5- Adoption within 12 Months (Legally Free)	≥ 53.7%	50.0%	51.1%	X	✓
COMPOSITE 3: Permanency for Children in Long-term Care					
		Apr05- Mar06	Apr06- Mar07		
C3.1- Exits To Permanency (24 Months in Care)	≥ 29.1%	19.1%	16.7%	X	X
C3.2- Exits To Permanency (Legally Free for Adoption at Exit)	≥ 98.0%	95.2%	96.9%	X	✓
C3.3- In Care 3 Years Or Longer (emancipated or Age 18)	≤ 37.5%	63.3%	59.3%	X	✓
COMPOSITE 4: Placement Stability					
		Apr05- Mar06	Apr06- Mar07		
C4.1- Children with ≤ 2 placements (8 days to 12 months in care)	≥ 86.0%	68.4%	72.5%	X	✓
C4.2- Children with ≤ 2 placements (12 to 24 months in care)	≥ 65.4%	45.8%	42.3%	X	X
C4.3- Children with ≤ 2 placements (at least 24 months in care)	≥ 41.8%	21.2%	19.3%	X	X

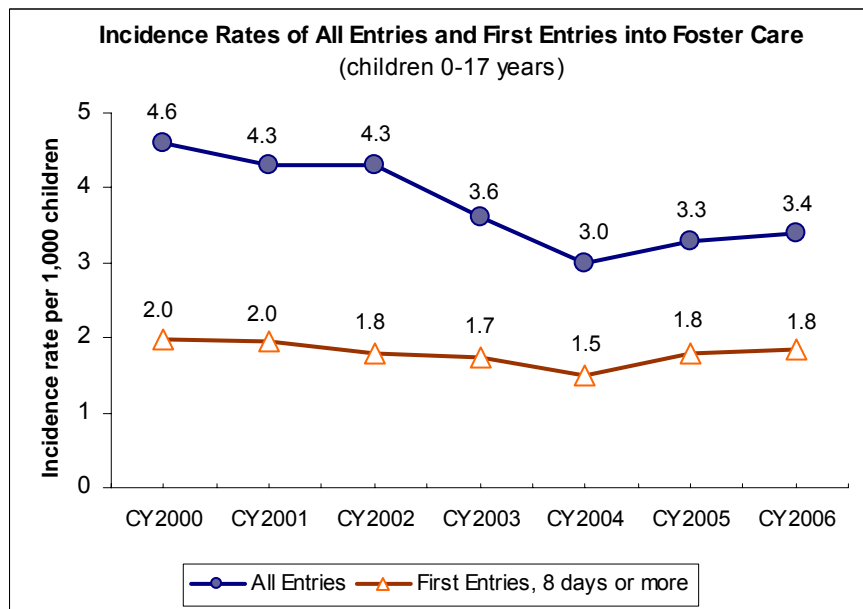
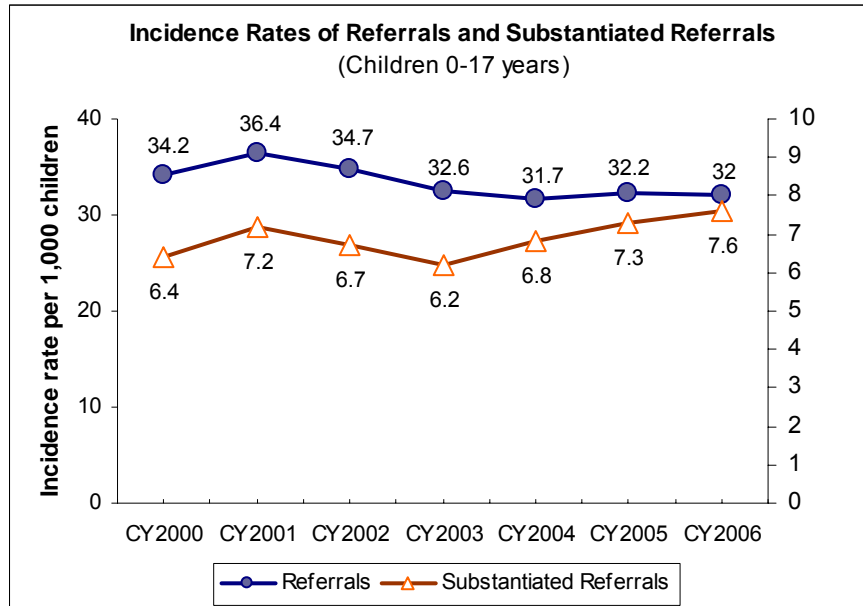
State Well-being Indicators

Indicator	Baseline	Two-Year Comparison (rolling-year)		Current Period
		Last Year	Current Period	Improvement (✓) or Decline (✗) from SCC Baseline
4A- Sibling Placement	Jul-03	Apr-06	Apr-07	
All siblings	43.2%	47.8%	50.0%	✓
Some or all siblings	67.4%	68.9%	69.7%	✓
4B- Least Restrictive Placement FIRST PLACEMENT (8 days or more in care)	Jul02-Jun03	Apr05- Mar06	Apr06- Mar07	
Relative	5.4%	10.4%	8.6%	✓
Foster home	8.3%	16.7%	20.1%	✓
Foster Family Agency	2.0%	2.6%	6.5%	na
Shelter	62.6%	61.4%	55.0%	✓
Group	6.9%	8.0%	8.4%	✗
Other	14.8%	0.9%	1.5%	na
4B- Least Restrictive Placement POINT-IN-TIME PLACEMENT (8 days or more in care)	Jul-03	Apr-06	Apr-07	
Relative	42.1%	42.6%	44.8%	✓
Foster home	16.3%	17.2%	16.7%	✓
Foster Family Agency	23.0%	21.4%	17.7%	na
Shelter	1.7%	1.7%	1.8%	negligible
Group	8.4%	9.1%	10.3%	✗
Other	8.5%	7.9%	8.8%	na

Note: NA is used for placement types with no directional goal. These placements are used as appropriate.

DATA CHARTS AND ETHNICITY TABLES

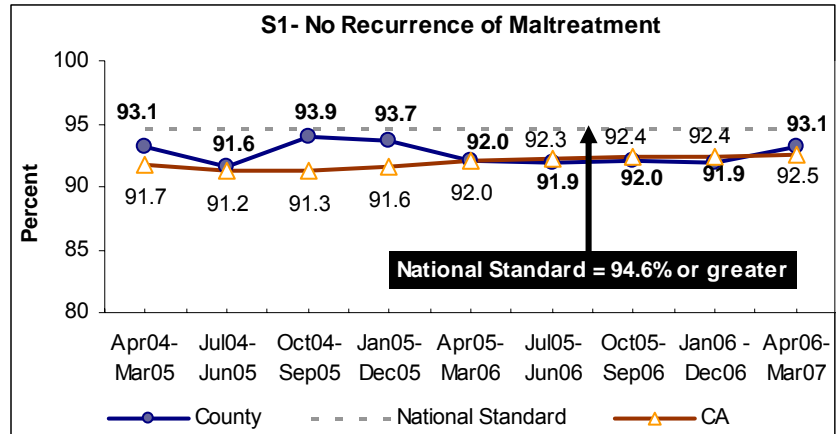
Participation Rates



Incidence Rate for Referrals, Substantiations, Foster Care Entries, and Children in Care per 1,000 Children (CY 2006)			
Ethnicity	Referral	Substantiated Referrals	Entries
Black	111.7	29	16.4
White	21.6	4.4	2.3
Hispanic	52.3	13.9	5.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	14.3	2.5	1.1
Native American	41.1	13.7	9.7
Total	32	7.6	3.4

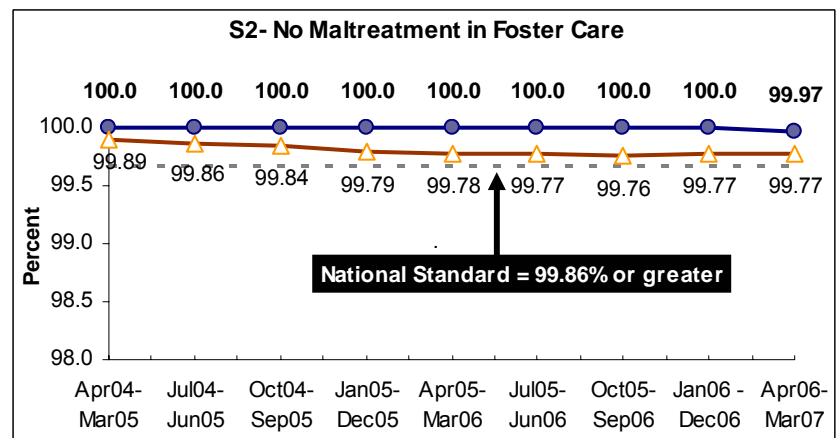
Child Safety

S1- Of all children who were victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation during the first 6 months of a year, what percent were not victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment allegation within the next 6-month period?



S1	National Standard	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 94.6%	90.5%	✗	93.6%	✗
White	≥ 94.6%	90.6%	✗	91.7%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 94.6%	92.4%	✗	92.5%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 94.6%	93.8%	✗	98.9%	✓
Native American	≥ 94.6%	100.0%	✓	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 94.6%	92.0%	✗	93.1%	✗

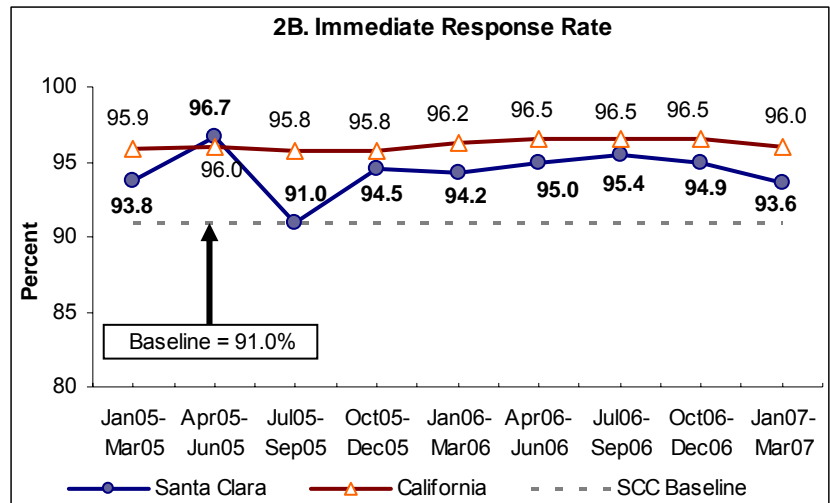
S2- Of all children served in foster care during the year, what percent were not victims of a substantiated maltreatment allegation by a



S2	National Standard	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
White	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	99.95%	✓
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
Native American	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
Total	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	99.97%	✓

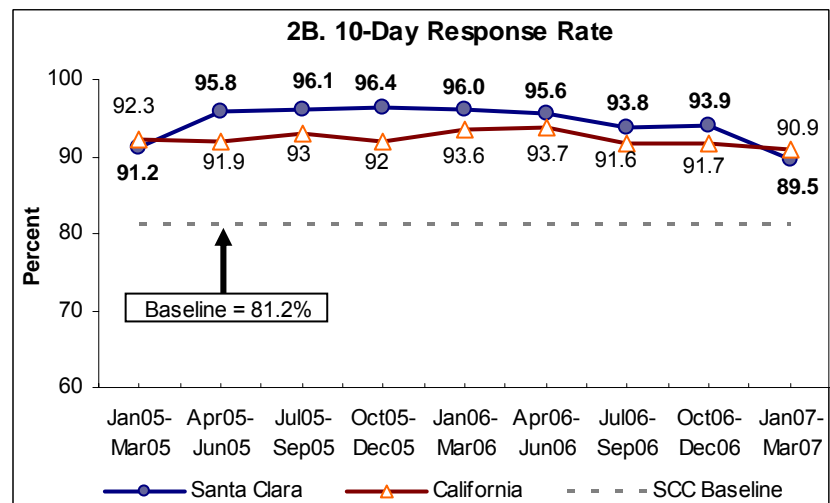
2B. State Outcome measure:

Percent of child abuse/neglect referrals with a timely response (Immediate Response Compliance)



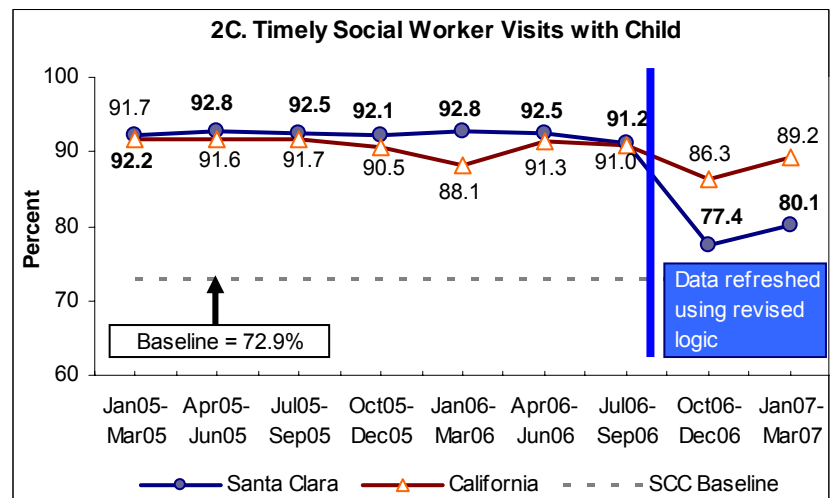
2B. State Outcome measure:

Percent of child abuse/neglect referrals with a timely response (10-Day) Response Compliance)



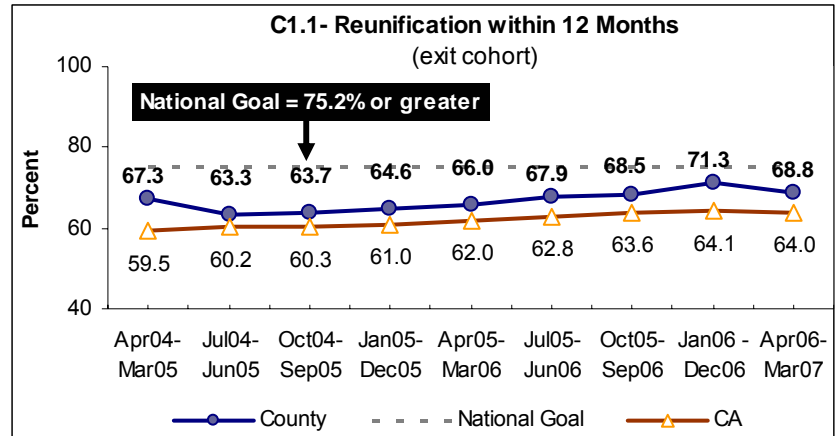
2B. State Outcome measure:

Percent of timely social worker visits with child



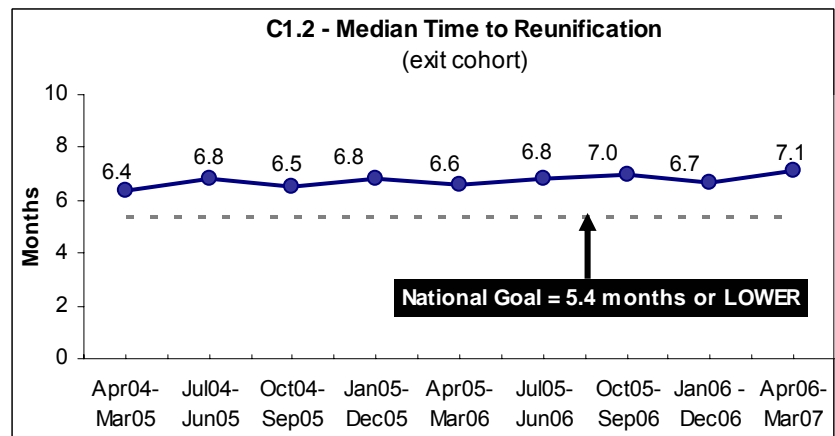
Timeliness and Permanency Reunification

C1.1- Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the year who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



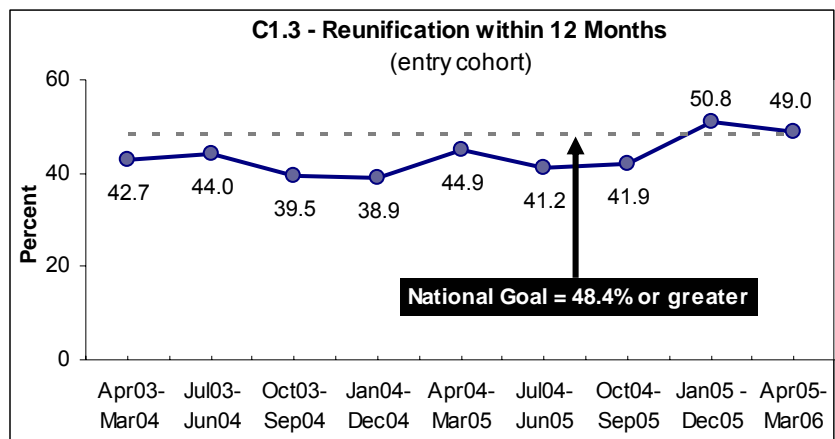
C1.1	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 75.2%	60.0%	✗	76.8%	✓
White	≥ 75.2%	71.0%	✗	66.4%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 75.2%	62.8%	✗	67.4%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 75.2%	78.4%	✓	82.4%	✓
Native American	≥ 75.2%	33.3%	✗	37.5%	✗
Total	≥ 75.2%	66.0%	✗	68.8%	✗

C1.2- Of all children in foster care for 8 days or longer discharged to reunification during the year, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of latest removal from home until the date of discharge to reunification?



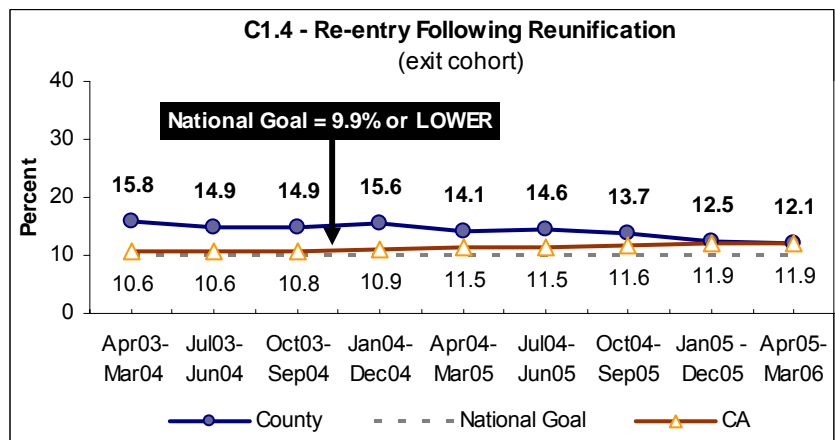
C1.2	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Month	Month	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Month	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 5.4	4.4	✓	7.3	✗
White	≤ 5.4	6.7	✗	6.9	✗
Hispanic	≤ 5.4	7.3	✗	7.2	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 5.4	1.3	✓	2.2	✓
Native American	≤ 5.4	17.4	✗	15.6	✗
Total	≤ 5.4	6.6	✗	7.1	✗

C1.3- Of all children entering foster care for the first time in a 6-month period, and who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of latest removal from home?



C1.3	National Goal	Last year (Oct04-Mar05)		Current Period (Oct05-Mar06)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 48.4%	37.5%	✗	61.8%	✓
White	≥ 48.4%	46.2%	✗	48.9%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 48.4%	47.7%	✗	45.2%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 48.4%	41.7%	✗	71.4%	✓
Native American	≥ 48.4%	0.0%	✗	33.3%	✗
Total	≥ 48.4%	44.9%	✗	49.0%	✓

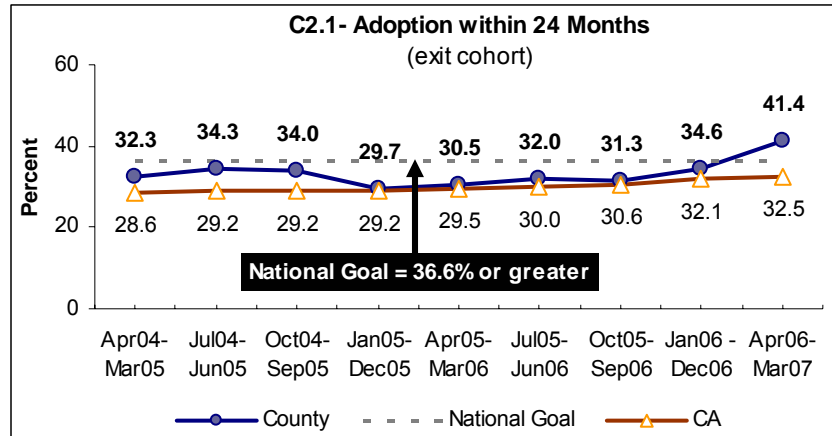
C1.4- Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification during the year, what percent reentered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?



C1.4	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 9.9%	11.0%	✗	17.4%	✗
White	≤ 9.9%	12.9%	✗	11.8%	✗
Hispanic	≤ 9.9%	17.2%	✗	12.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 9.9%	4.8%	✓	8.5%	✓
Native American	≤ 9.9%	0.0%	✓	0.0%	✓
Total	≤ 9.9%	14.1%	✗	12.1%	✗

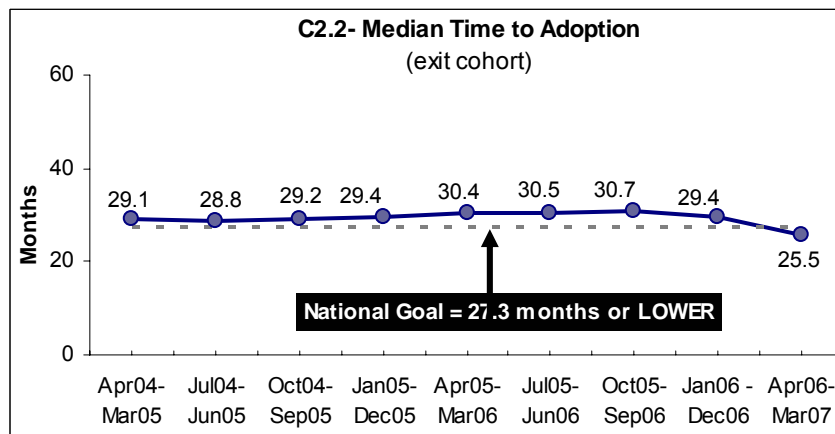
Timeliness to Adoption

C2.1- Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during a year, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



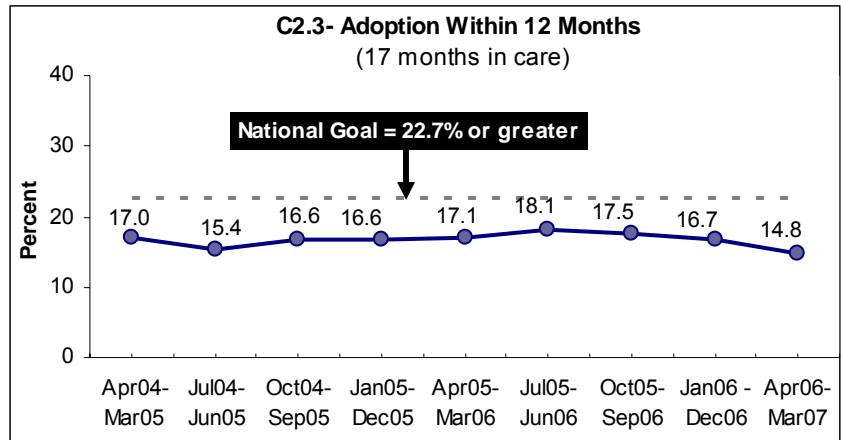
C2.1	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 36.6%	5.6%	✗	18.2%	✗
White	≥ 36.6%	39.7%	✓	54.5%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 36.6%	28.7%	✗	38.5%	✓
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 36.6%	41.7%	✓	25.0%	✗
Native American	≥ 36.6%	NA	NA	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 36.6%	30.5%	✗	41.4%	✓

C2.2- Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during the year, what was the median length of stay in foster care in months from the date of latest removal from home to the date of discharge to adoption?



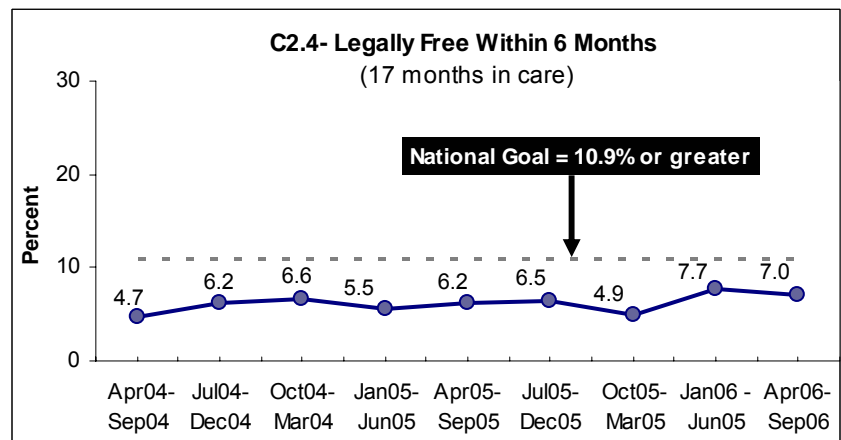
C2.2	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Month	Month	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Month	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 27.3	32.9	✗	43.7	✗
White	≤ 27.3	26.4	✓	23.8	✓
Hispanic	≤ 27.3	30.2	✗	26.2	✓
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 27.3	25.6	✓	33.5	✗
Native American	≤ 27.3	NA	NA	17.1	✓
Total	≤ 27.3	30.4	✗	25.5	✓

C2.3- Of all children in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer on the first day of the year, what percent were discharged to a finalized adoption by the last day of the year?



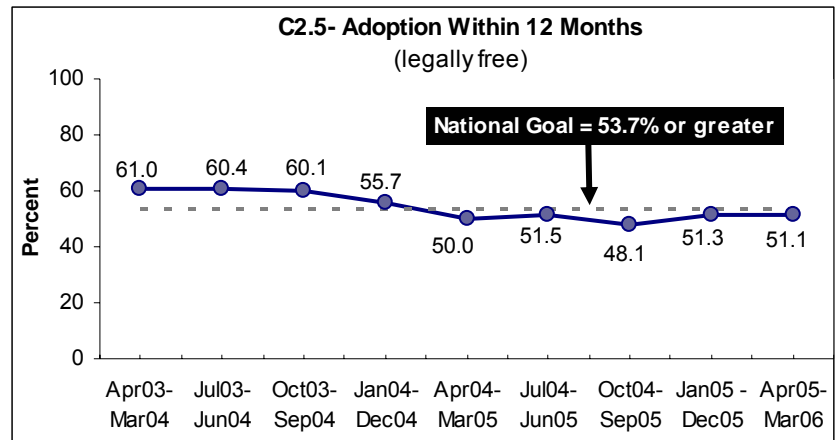
C2.3	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 22.7%	10.6%	✗	5.9%	✗
White	≥ 22.7%	18.3%	✗	15.1%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 22.7%	18.5%	✗	17.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 22.7%	16.7%	✗	14.6%	✗
Native American	≥ 22.7%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 22.7%	17.1%	✗	14.8%	✗

C2.4- Of all children in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer and not legally free for adoption on the first day of the year, what percent became legally free within the next 6 months?



C2.4	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Sep05)		Current Period (Apr06-Sep06)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 10.9%	4.0%	✗	4.0%	✗
White	≥ 10.9%	3.6%	✗	3.2%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 10.9%	8.3%	✗	9.9%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 10.9%	2.5%	✗	6.1%	✗
Native American	≥ 10.9%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 10.9%	6.2%	✗	7.0%	✗

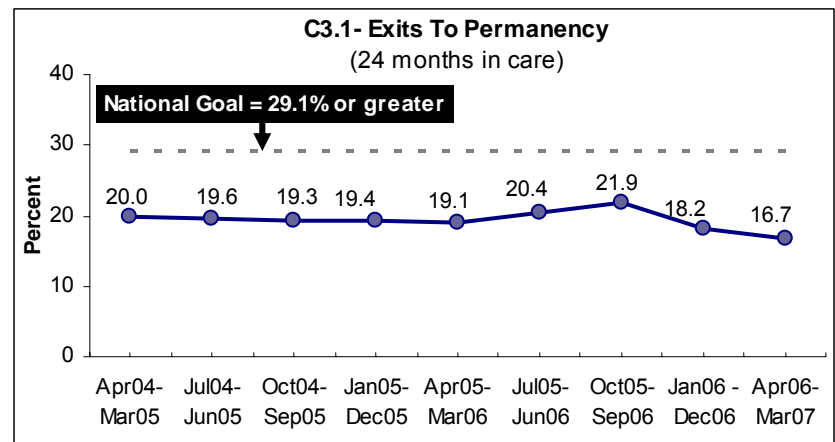
C2.5- Of all children in foster care who became legally free for adoption during the year, what percent were then discharged to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months?



C2.5	National Goal	Last year (Apr04-Mar05)		Current Period (Apr05-Mar06)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 53.7%	22.2%	✗	13.6%	✗
White	≥ 53.7%	75.0%	✓	60.0%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 53.7%	44.6%	✗	50.9%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 53.7%	73.7%	✓	66.7%	✓
Native American	≥ 53.7%	NA	NA	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 53.7%	50.0%	✗	51.1%	✗

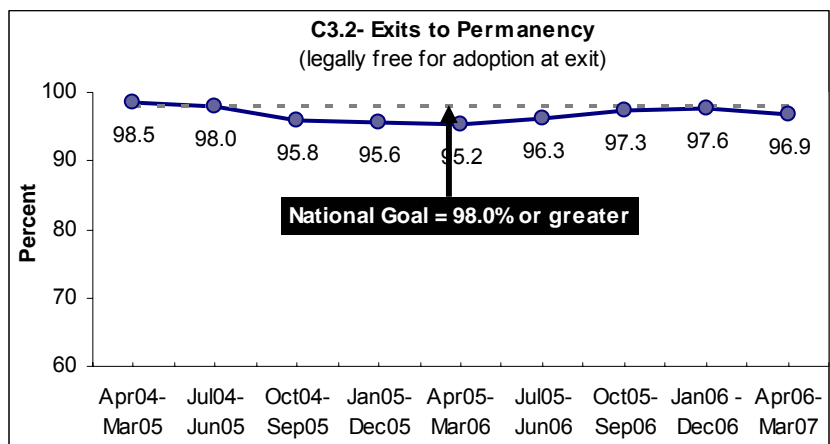
Permanency for Children in Long-term Care

C3.1- Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percent were discharged to a permanent home by the end of the year and prior to turning 18?



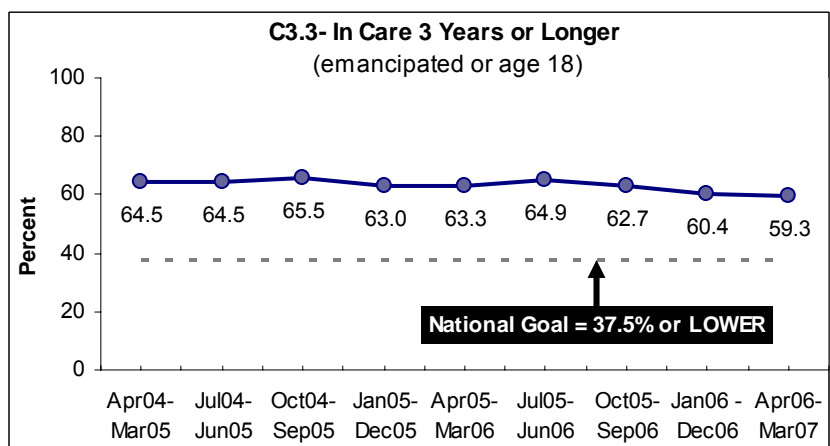
C3.1	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 29.1%	10.7%	✗	11.4%	✗
White	≥ 29.1%	18.6%	✗	10.3%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 29.1%	21.6%	✗	20.2%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 29.1%	20.4%	✗	23.8%	✗
Native American	≥ 29.1%	NA	NA	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 29.1%	19.1%	✗	16.7%	✗

C3.2- Of all children discharged from foster care during the year who were legally free for adoption, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to turning 18?



C3.2	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 98.0%	95.7%	✗	92.9%	✗
White	≥ 98.0%	91.3%	✗	98.1%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 98.0%	96.6%	✗	97.3%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 98.0%	100.0%	✓	88.9%	✗
Native American	≥ 98.0%	NA	NA	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 98.0%	95.2%	✗	96.9%	✗

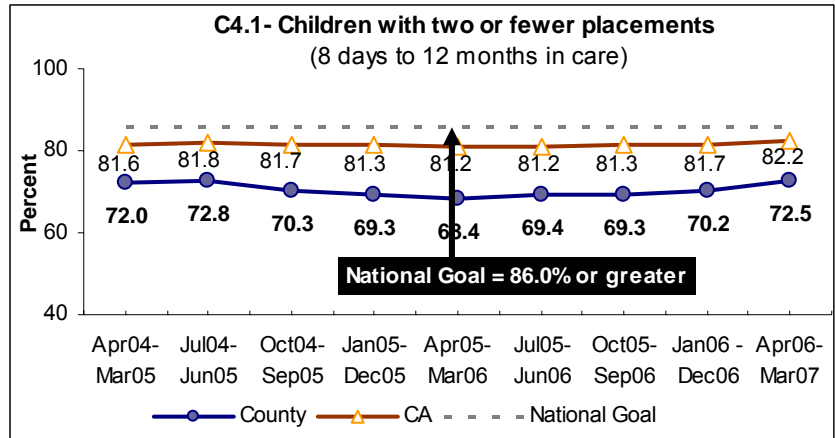
C3.3- Of all children in foster care during the year who were either discharged to emancipation or turned 18 while still in care, what percent had been in foster care for 3 years or longer?



C3.3	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 37.5%	70.0%	✗	57.9%	✗
White	≤ 37.5%	59.5%	✗	54.8%	✗
Hispanic	≤ 37.5%	62.7%	✗	62.5%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≤ 37.5%	66.7%	✗	60.0%	✗
Native American	≤ 37.5%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total	≤ 37.5%	63.3%	✗	59.3%	✗

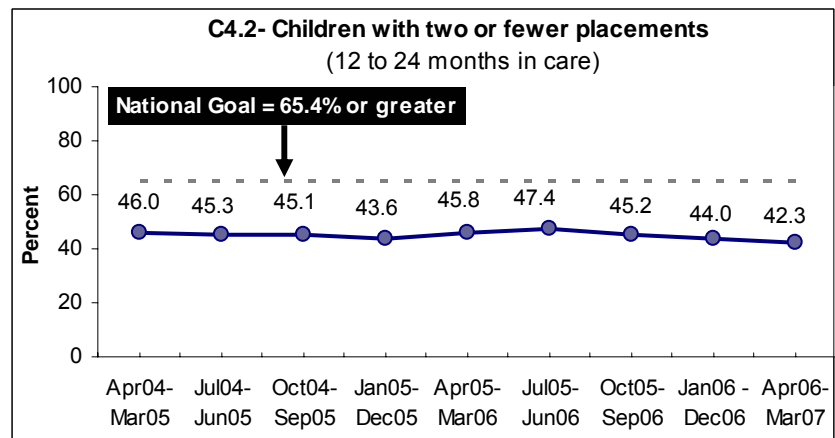
Placement Stability

C4.1- Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



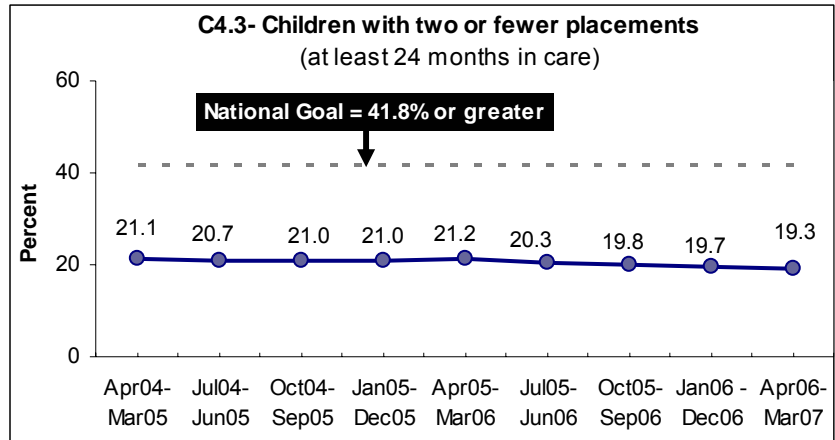
C4.1	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 86.0%	70.1%	✗	61.3%	✗
White	≥ 86.0%	72.0%	✗	73.7%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 86.0%	64.9%	✗	73.4%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 86.0%	85.5%	✗	78.4%	✗
Native American	≥ 86.0%	75.0%	✗	63.6%	✗
Total	≥ 86.0%	68.4%	✗	72.5%	✗

C4.2- Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



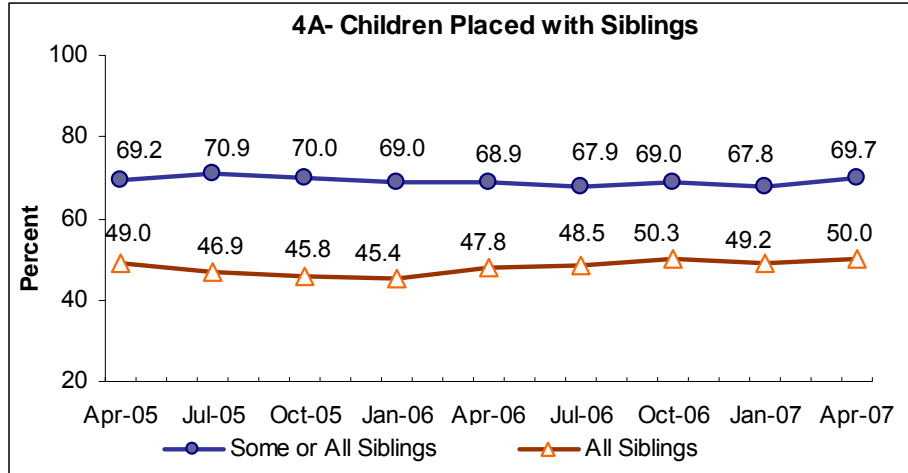
C4.2	National Goal	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 65.4%	36.5%	✗	31.3%	✗
White	≥ 65.4%	49.0%	✗	49.1%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 65.4%	46.8%	✗	41.7%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 65.4%	38.5%	✗	33.3%	✗
Native American	≥ 65.4%	50.0%	✗	50.0%	✗
Total	≥ 65.4%	45.8%	✗	42.3%	✗

C4.3- Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



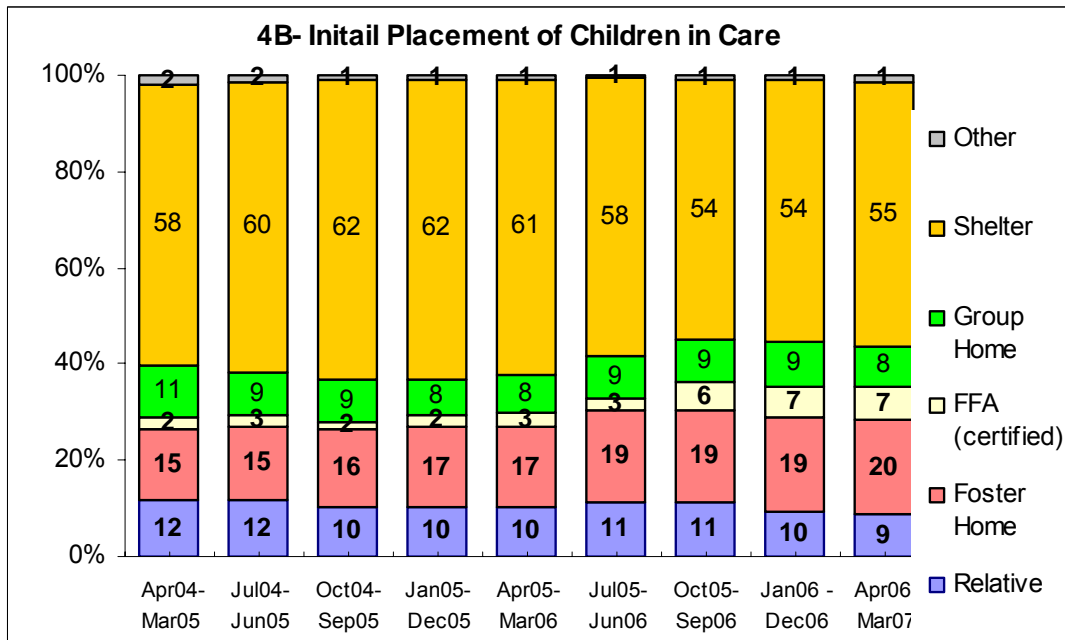
C4.3 Ethnicity	National Goal Rate	Last year (Apr05-Mar06)		Current Period (Apr06-Mar07)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 41.8%	26.6%	✗	25.0%	✗
White	≥ 41.8%	21.1%	✗	16.5%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 41.8%	19.1%	✗	18.2%	✗
Asian/Pacific Islander	≥ 41.8%	28.1%	✗	23.1%	✗
Native American	≥ 41.8%	50.0%	✓	40.0%	✗
Total	≥ 41.8%	21.2%	✗	19.3%	✗

Child Well-being



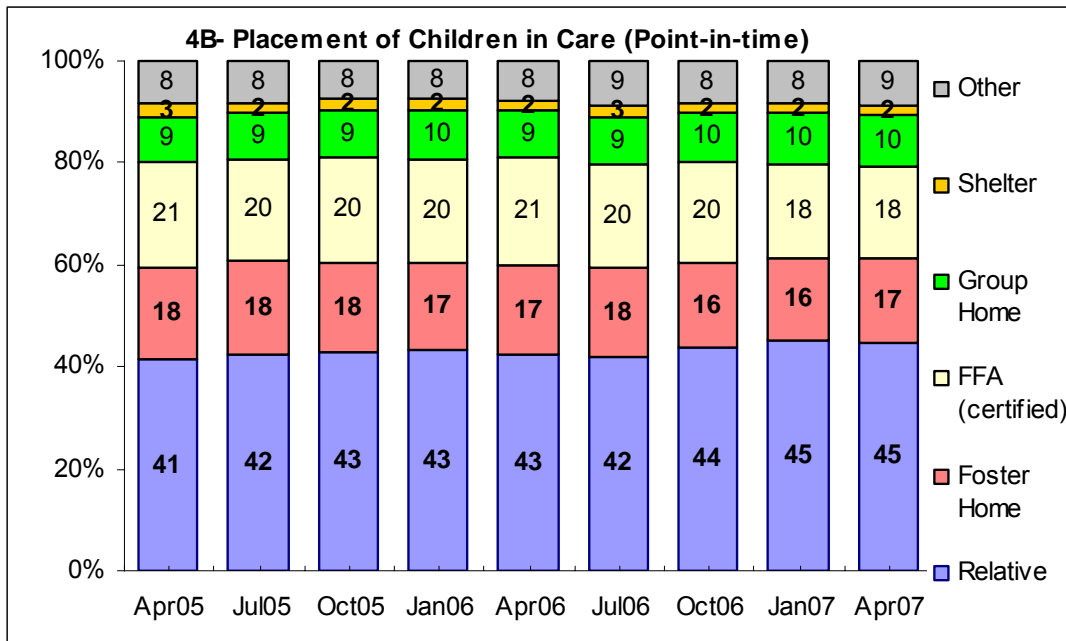
4A- Children Placed with Some or All Siblings

Ethnicity	Rate (Apr 1, 2007)	
	All Siblings	Some or All Siblings
Black	48.0	66.5
White	44.6	59.8
Hispanic	52.1	73.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	51.9	72.2
Native American	22.2	55.6
Total	50.0	69.7



Data Charts and Ethnicity Tables

First Placement Type	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Kin	3.1%	9.7%	10.2%	2.4%	0.0%	8.6%
Foster Home	17.1%	18.5%	21.5%	15.5%	40.0%	20.0%
FFA (certified)	5.4%	6.3%	5.8%	13.1%	10.0%	6.5%
Group Home	12.4%	11.8%	6.1%	11.9%	0.0%	8.4%
Shelter	61.2%	51.7%	55.4%	56.0%	30.0%	55.0%
Other	0.8%	2.1%	1.0%	1.2%	20.0%	1.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



Placement Type	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Kin	43.1%	39.7%	48.5%	29.4%	18.8%	44.8%
Foster Home	13.1%	11.5%	18.5%	26.5%	18.8%	16.7%
FFA (certified)	19.1%	22.0%	15.3%	20.6%	37.5%	17.7%
Group Home	9.9%	15.4%	8.1%	15.7%	18.8%	10.3%
Shelter	4.2%	1.1%	1.6%	1.0%	0.0%	1.8%
Other	10.8%	10.2%	8.0%	7.0%	6.3%	8.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%