

Child Welfare Services Outcome and Accountability Quarterly Data Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Child Welfare Outcome and Accountability Report provides a quarterly update on progress toward continuous child welfare improvements for the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services (SCC DFCS). The report presents both Federal and State indicators. Tracking the County's performance on these indicators is important as the State faces potential financial sanctions for failure to demonstrate improvement.¹ The standards for the federal indicators were set according to states' performance in 2004 at the 75 percentile, challenging states to meet or exceed these national standards. In addition to the federal indicators, the California Department of Social Services, UC Berkeley, and State counties continue to revise the methodology for State-specific indicators and continue to add more robust indicators (e.g., placement stability using entry cohorts). The Center for Social Services Research, UCB, which manages the data, is speeding up the reporting, which will allow for more timely data on progress. However, the reader should be aware that some indicators require a longer window of review (e.g., entry cohort indicators).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The present report finds both important improvements as well as challenges across child outcome and social work performance measures. In addition, there are changes in child welfare participation, some of which vary by children's race or ethnicity. While the referral, substantiation, and entry rates continue to decline each year, differences emerge across the groups. A post hoc analysis finds that African Ancestry children have a markedly higher referral rate than other children. However, the substantiation rate per 1,000 African Ancestry children is beginning to converge with the group average. The incidence rate for entries into care have also markedly declined for African Ancestry children but still remains noticeably higher than the group average of 1.5 per 1,000 children at 7.9 per 1,000 children. For Latino children, their referral rate has not changed much, but remains high; however, incidence rates for both substantiated referrals and entry into care continue to decline.

Placement stability for children in foster care up to 12 months and between 12 and 24 months continue to exceed their respective national goals. Additionally, some measures for timely family reunification meet national goals. Timely adoptions for legally freed children continue to improve and meet the national goal. Social workers continue to respond in a timely manner to immediate response referrals and have timely visits with children. In summary, 12 of 22 indicators with goals either met the goal or show improvement compared to the same period a year prior. Of the Federal indicators, five indicators were met across the following composites: timeliness of reunification, timely adoptions, and placement stability. Two of the five State indicators were met (i.e., *timely response to immediate referrals*, and *timely social worker visits*). SCC's System Improvement Plan (SIP) uses several State and Federal indicators to track progress on its five overarching goals.

Notable improvements and challenges are highlighted below.

IMPROVEMENT FINDINGS

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

Social workers continue to respond in a timely manner to immediate response referrals. Performance for this indicator has historically been strong and continues to exceed the County goal of 95 percent at 96.0 percent. The State goal is set at 90 percent.

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.

Children receive timely visits from their social workers. The timeliness of social worker visits continues to exceed the State goal of 90 percent at 93.3 percent. Note that the County goal of 95 percent was not met.

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. The median time to reunification continues to go down and has met or exceeded the goal standard for almost two years. All children of color also experienced shorter median times to reunification; however, this standard was not met for Caucasian children. Also, for the first time, the national goal standard was met for children who at exit from foster care show that they reunified within 12 months. However, the more robust indicator, C1.3, reunification within 12 months for an entry cohort, was not met for the first time in a long stretch of compliance.

Timeliness to Adoption

Children legally free for adoption experience timely adoptions. Santa Clara County continues to show improvement that exceeds the national goal of 53.7 percent for children that are adopted within 12 months of being legally free for adoption at 65.2 percent. More importantly, timely adoptions are experienced by all children regardless of race or ethnicity! Historically, Latino and African Ancestry children have experienced lower rates for timely adoptions. However, steady improvements have continued for these two groups across the past 2-3 years. Also, previous *post hoc* analyses showed that placement with a relative caregiver delayed finalization of adoptions for African Ancestry and Latino children for this measure (see July 2011 *CW Quarterly Report*), but that children placed with non-relatives achieved timely finalization of adoption regardless of their race or ethnicity (presumably the child is placed with the adoptive parent prior to exiting foster care). At present, this effect only persists for African Ancestry children placed with relatives; for African Ancestry children placed with relatives, timely adoption finalizations is experienced for 51.3 percent.

Placement Stability

Children experience more stability in foster care for longer periods of time. Santa Clara County continues to exceed the standard for placement stability (C4.1) of 86 percent or greater for children with 1-2 placements in the first 12 months in foster care. Of children in foster care between 8 days through 12 months, 89.8 percent experienced no more than two placements. This significant upward trend in placement stability in the first year of foster care is having a positive effect on placement stability during the second year in care. For the third consecutive quarter period, placement stability between 12 months and 24 months (C4.2) exceeds the national goal of 65.4 percent at 68.5 percent. Moreover, African Ancestry children, who have trended low, continue to exceed the goal for the second consecutive period and are on par with other children. As mentioned in previous reports, the impact of closing the Children’s Shelter and the subsequent opening of the Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center (RAIC, October 1, 2009), appears to have had a positive impact on children’s stability in foster care.

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

Most children are placed with some or all of their siblings. The majority of children in foster care are placed with some or all of their siblings (71.3%), preserving what are typically very strong family connections. Fifty-five percent of children with siblings are placed together.

CHALLENGES

Challenges reflected in this quarterly report include maltreatment in foster care, re-entry into foster care within 12 months of family reunification, adoption for all children in placement for 17 months or longer, permanency for children in long-term foster care, and placement with relatives.

This period shows that child maltreatment in foster care continues to be below the national goal of 99.68 percent or greater at 99.23 percent. The last two *CW Quarterly* reports showed that two sibling sets placed together and who experienced substantiated neglect or abuse brought the safety rate down for child maltreatment in foster care. In the most recent reported period, again, two children placed at the same group home experienced general neglect and both instances the allegations were substantiated (the children, however, were unrelated). Because the rates are based on running averages, it is likely that the rate will be out of compliance for the next three reporting periods.

Re-entry within 12 months of reunification is trending upward. The present rate of 13.5 percent exceeds the national goal of 9.9 percent or lower. However, as was noted in the July 2011 *CW Quarterly Report*, a post hoc analysis showed that over the past two years, the re-entry rate for African Ancestry children has markedly declined; from a peak of 36.5 percent in Jan-Dec 2008 to 11.4 percent in Jan09-Dec10. The effect of the upward trend, therefore, is mainly a function of Latino and Caucasian re-entry rates, which have been trending upward for approximately the past year.

Adoptions for children in care 17 months or longer experienced a notable downward trend in the last quarter period. For about two years, the adoption rate has hugged the goal line of 22.7 percent or greater and has twice been within compliance. The drop of 2.8 percent at 19.8 percent is therefore noteworthy. A review of trend lines for individual children by race/ethnicity shows that the steepest decline in adoptions occurs for Asian/ Pacific Islander children. African Ancestry and Caucasian children also show an overall decline in adoptions. Latino children, on the other hand, show an overall increase in exits to adoption.

Permanency for children in long-term foster care showed a drop after being on an upward trend. The trend line for exits due to emancipation or age of majority for children in foster care three years or longer remain stable at 60.5 percent and markedly away from the compliance standard of 37.5 percent or lower. It is expected that Santa Clara County's participation in California Partners for Permanency (CAPP), review of Peer Quality Case Review findings, and goal setting for the upcoming System Improvement Plan, as well as alignment of all this work into one cohesive Departmental vision, will have further positive impact in the lives of children in long-term foster care.

African Ancestry and Latino children are experiencing an overall downward trend in point-in-time placements with relatives compared to rates observed in 2008. This effect is particularly marked for African Ancestry children. Asian/Pacific Islander children also show a downward trend in placements with relatives but in the last reporting period, experienced a marked increase from a 22.2 percent to 34.8 percent. DFCS is in the process of aligning different efforts such as CAPP, Institutional Analysis, Peer Quality Case Review and Self Assessment to identify opportunities to further address these and other related trends and concerns.

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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.^{2 3} The Outcomes and Accountability Report is also a tool 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

The 2009 System Improvement Plan highlights several goals and strategies to improve child and family outcomes that reflect both internal and State priorities. Concrete and measurable actions will be used to allow supervisors, managers, and administrators to track implementation success and how these relate to children's safety, permanency and stability, and well-being. Five key SIP goals follow (*target indicators follow each priority area*):

1. Improve the safety of children. A three-pronged approach will be used to improve the safety of children coming into contact with child welfare. The first approach has managers reviewing all emotional abuse referrals. About a quarter of all referrals are for emotional abuse, a rate that increased after the disuse of the substantial risk allegation (which the Department now only uses to classify voluntary cases). Secondly, social workers will assess all families using the Comprehensive Assessment Tool (CAT) at each decision point in the life of a case and will use consistent documentation protocols for investigative narratives. In this manner, all families will be looked at through the same comprehensive lens in order to fully capture their individual needs. Thirdly, the Emergency Response and Dependency Intake functions will be redesigned to support the abovementioned approaches.

- S1 No recurrence of maltreatment (see p. 8)

2. Reduce the disproportionate representation of children of color in the foster care system, with a focus on children re-entering care. Reducing disproportionality remains a top priority and major concern for the Agency. Two intervention strategies will be implemented to reduce ethnic disproportionality. First, front end strategies will be expanded by contracting with service providers who will offer culturally-specific services in the facilitation of family team meetings and on-demand consultation for specific ethnic populations. Second, the Agency will continue to tailor and expand training for managers, supervisors, and staff that promotes cultural sensitivity relating to child protection and well-being. By providing culturally-focused services both internally (e.g., through social workers) and externally (e.g., through contractors), families may be more likely to engage in services thereby improving family reunification outcomes, as well as the sustainability of reunification efforts.

Other tools and resources used to reduce disproportionality include a report developed by the SPHERE Institute that tracks the proportion of children involved in the child welfare system by ethnicity/race at key child welfare decision points. Managers use this quarterly report to watch for significant variations that may relate to important changes in practice. Finally, the Unified Children of Color Task Force's annual plan has proven effective at addressing and uncovering areas that need further attention. The

² State Accountability Act, Assembly Bill (AB) 636, California-Children & Family Services Review, 2001.

³ Administration for Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services (2006). The data indicators, data composites and National standards to be used in the Child and Family Services Reviews. Federal Register (71)109, 32969-32987.

task force is presently operationalizing and implementing its 2009 plan, which will rely on SPHERE's tracking report to monitor and assess the impact of key program elements.

- First entry into care (see p. 7)
- C1.4 Re-entry following reunification (see p. 13)

3. Increase child and family involvement in case planning. Families and children who are engaged in developing their case plans are more likely to participate and complete services. Engagement in case planning may be a vehicle by which children experience greater stability while in care and are then successfully reunified with their families. To this end, DFCS will enhance training to include creative ways to engage children and their families in case planning and expand outreach efforts to have all key family members participate in case planning. All children over the age of 10 years, incarcerated parents, and less-involved fathers and mothers will be engaged to improve their participation in case planning.

- C1.3 Reunification, entry cohort (see p. 12)
- C4.1 Placement stability, 8 days to 12 months in care (see p. 19)

4. Increase timeliness of adoptions. Concurrent plans help identify the best placement option while children are in foster care. Later, if reunification is not possible, the concurrent home is more likely to turn into the child's permanent home, which would occur preferably through adoption or guardianship. In some instances, the concurrent caregiver may not be able to formally adopt or become the guardian but may nonetheless continue to be the permanent caregiver of the child. To increase the number of children placed in concurrent homes, social workers will develop the alternative placement plan required by concurrent planning for all children in out-of-home care within 30 days of their first placement. This will entail identifying potential caregivers who can serve as the permanent caregiver for the child when if reunification efforts are not successful.

- C2.3 Adoption within 12 months of being in care for 17 months or longer (see p. 15)
- C2.5 Adoption within 12 months of becoming legally free for adoption (see p. 16)

5. Ensure that all children have timely medical and dental services and, when needed, educational services and supports. The State in partnership with UC Berkeley tracks timely completion of medical and dental exams and children's need for individualized education plans (IEP). Santa Clara County conducts annual data clean up to ensure the accuracy of the education information. The Department, in partnership with CHDP nurses, is developing sustainable tracking mechanisms for medical and dental information and troubleshooting other service related challenges, such as securing providers and getting children and youths timely appointments.

- 5B Timely Medical Exams
- 5B Timely Dental Exams
- 6B Individualized Education Plan

Structure and Methodology

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

In the first section, the Santa Clara County Child Welfare Quarterly Dashboard presents trend performance data for Federal and State indicators with goals. To gauge performance over time, three presentations are made available. First, a trend chart depicts actual performance set against the goal. Secondly, actual performance is presented in a table format across time. Thirdly, relative performance to the goal is provided across time and is color coded to quickly assess distance from actual performance to the goal. When the goal is achieved or exceeded, the corresponding cell is shaded light green with a bright green circle in the center. When the goal is within 90 percent of the goal, the corresponding cell is shaded light yellow with an orange diamond in the center. Finally, when the percent achieved is less than 90 percent, the corresponding cell is shaded light gray with a bright red square in the center.

The second section shows trend charts that reviews SCC and California trend lines. A table shows improvement by race/ethnicity by comparison current performance against the same period, a year prior.

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/composites are compared against national standards or goals.
- Present performance is compared to last year's performance.
- Select charts compare SCC against Statewide performance.⁴

Data used in the present report was provided by the Center for Social Sciences Research, UC Berkeley.⁵

⁴ Caution is advised for indicators or descriptive categories with statistically small numbers (e.g., maltreatment in foster care, Native Americans receiving child welfare services).

⁵ To learn more about California child welfare performance data, visit <http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports>.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHILD WELFARE QUARTERLY DASHBOARD

Child Safety, Permanency and Stability Indicators with Standards

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Legend	abbreviations	EG = Equal or Greater than	EL = Equal or Less than	LT = Less than
	level achieved	● GOAL ACHIEVED	◆ Goal achieved EG 90 %	■ Goal achieved LT 90%

Child Safety

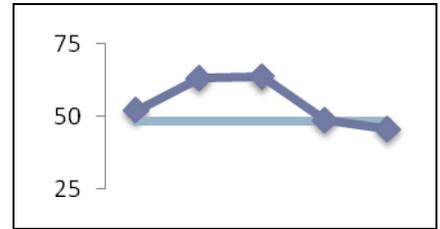
S1. Absence of recurrence of maltreatment Goal EG 94.6 / Performance Relative performance to goal	Jan10-Jun10 90.9 0.96 ◆	Apr10-Sep10 90.4 0.96 ◆	Jul10-Dec10 89.5 0.95 ◆	Oct10-Mar11 90.9 0.96 ◆	Jan11-Jun11 91.7 0.97 ◆	
S2. Absence of abuse in foster care Goal EG 99.7 / Performance Relative performance to goal	Jan10-Dec10 99.8 1.00 ●	Apr10-Mar11 99.8 1.00 ●	Jul10-Jun11 99.5 0.998 ◆	Oct10-Sep11 99.4 0.997 ◆	Jan11-Dec11 99.2 0.995 ◆	
2B. Timely response to immediate response referrals Goal EG 95.0 / Performance Relative performance to goal	Oct10-Dec10 98.2 1.03 ●	Jan11-Mar11 95.8 1.01 ●	Apr11-Jun11 97.9 1.03 ●	Jul11-Sep11 97.6 1.03 ●	Oct11-Dec11 96 1.01 ●	
2B. Timely response to 10-day referrals Goal EG 95.0 / Performance Relative performance to goal	Oct10-Dec10 90.7 0.95 ◆	Jan11-Mar11 89.5 0.94 ◆	Apr11-Jun11 91.6 0.96 ◆	Jul11-Sep11 91.5 0.96 ◆	Oct11-Dec11 88.8 0.93 ◆	
2C. Timely social worker visits Goal EG 90.0 / Performance Relative performance to goal	Oct10-Dec10 96.2 1.07 ●	Jan11-Mar11 96.1 1.07 ●	Apr11-Jun11 94.3 1.05 ●	Jul11-Sep11 94.7 1.05 ●	Oct11-Dec11 93.3 1.04 ●	

Timeliness of Family Reunification and Permanency of Reunification

C1.1. Reunification within 12 months for children exiting care Goal EG 75.2 / Performance Relative performance to goal	Jan10-Dec10 70.8 0.94 ◆	Apr10-Mar11 71.0 0.94 ◆	Jul10-Jun11 72.1 0.96 ◆	Oct10-Sep11 73.7 0.98 ◆	Jan11-Dec11 78.7 1.05 ●	
C1.2. Median time to reunification Goal EL 5.4 months/ Performance Relative performance to goal	Jan10-Dec10 4.9 1.10 ●	Apr10-Mar11 4.8 1.13 ●	Jul10-Jun11 4.7 1.15 ●	Oct10-Sep11 4.3 1.26 ●	Jan11-Dec11 2.9 1.86 ●	

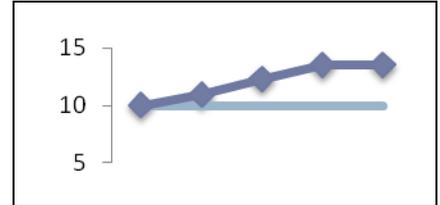
C1.3. Reunification within 12 months for a cohort of children entering care
 Goal EG 48.4 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jul09-Dec09	Oct09-Mar10	Jan10-Jun10	Apr10-Sep10	Jul10-Dec10
52.0	63.1	63.6	48.6	45.5
1.07	1.30	1.31	1.00	0.94
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C1.4. Re-entry into foster care within 12 months from reunification
 Goal EL 9.9 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

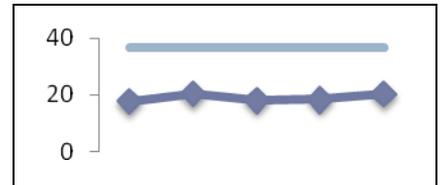
Jan09-Dec09	Apr09-Mar10	Jul09-Jun10	Oct09-Sep10	Jan10-Dec10
10.0	10.9	12.3	13.5	13.5
0.99	0.91	0.80	0.73	0.73
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Timeliness to Adoption

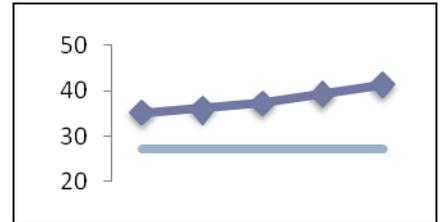
C2.1. Adoption within 24 months for children exiting to adoption
 Goal EG 36.6 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
17.7	20.4	18.2	18.4	20.2
0.48	0.56	0.50	0.50	0.55
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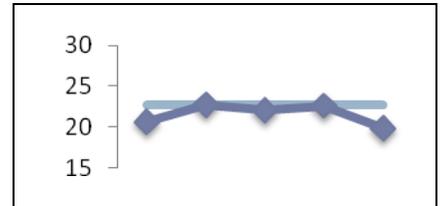
C2.2. Median time to adoption
 Goal EL 27.3 months / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
35.2	36.1	37.3	39.3	41.4
0.78	0.76	0.73	0.69	0.66
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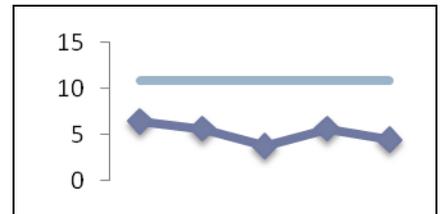
C2.3. Adoption within 12 months for children in care 17 months or longer
 Goal EG 22.7 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
20.6	22.7	22.0	22.6	19.8
0.91	1.00	0.97	0.996	0.87
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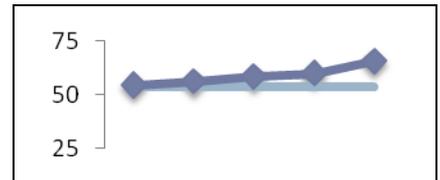
C2.4. Legally free within 6 months for children in care 17 months or longer
 Goal EG 10.9 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Jun10	Apr10-Sep10	Jul10-Dec10	Oct10-Mar11	Jan11-Jun11
6.4	5.6	3.7	5.6	4.4
0.59	0.51	0.34	0.51	0.40
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C2.5. Adoption within 12 months after being legally freed
 Goal EG 53.7 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

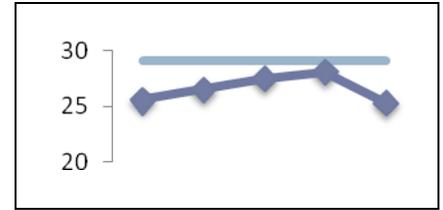
Jan09-Dec09	Apr09-Mar10	Jul09-Jun10	Oct09-Sep10	Jan10-Dec10
54.3	55.9	58.0	59.6	65.2
1.01	1.04	1.08	1.11	1.21
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Permanency for Children in Long-term Care

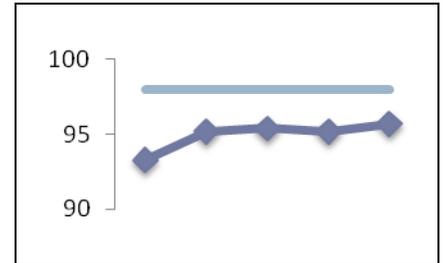
C3.1. Exits to permanency for children in care 24 months or longer
 Goal EG 29.1 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
25.6	26.5	27.5	28.1	25.3
0.88	0.91	0.95	0.97	0.87
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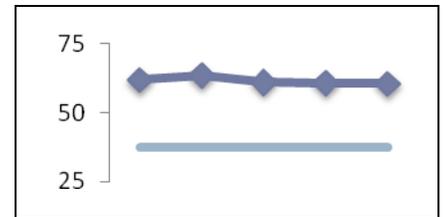
C3.2. Exits to permanency for children exiting foster care and who were legally free for adoption
 Goal EG 98.0 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
93.3	95.2	95.4	95.2	95.7
0.95	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.98
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C3.3. Exits due to emancipation or age of majority and in care 3 years or longer
 Goal EL 37.5 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

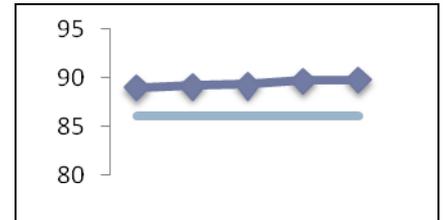
Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
61.9	63.6	61.1	60.8	60.5
0.61	0.59	0.61	0.62	0.62
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Placement Stability

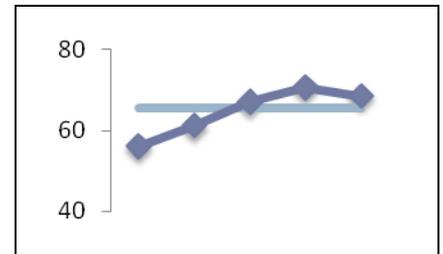
C4.1. Children with two or fewer placements, in care between 8 days and 12 months
 Goal EG 86.0 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
89.0	89.2	89.3	89.7	89.8
1.03	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04
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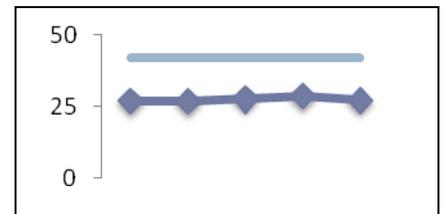
C4.2. Children with two or fewer placements in the life of their case, in care between 12 months and 24 months
 Goal EG 65.4 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
56.1	61.2	67.0	70.6	68.5
0.86	0.94	1.02	1.08	1.05
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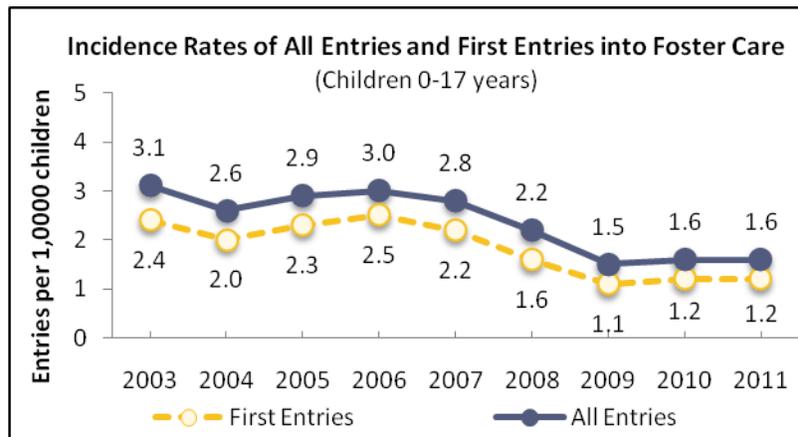
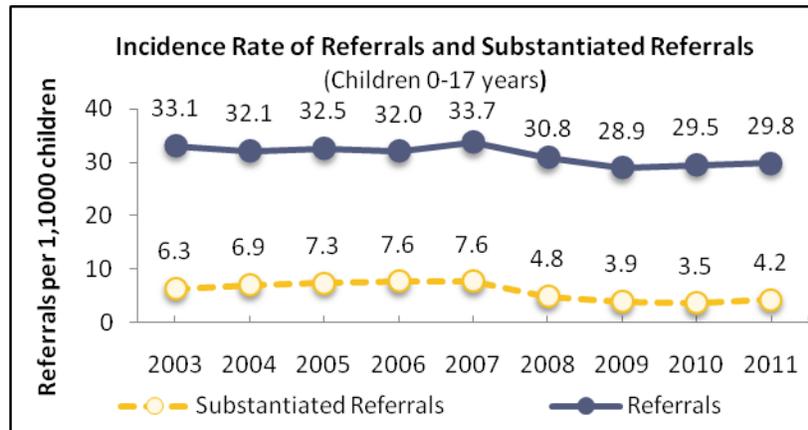
C4.3. Children with two or fewer placements in the life of their case, in care at least 24 months
 Goal EG 41.8 / Performance
 Relative performance to goal

Jan10-Dec10	Apr10-Mar11	Jul10-Jun11	Oct10-Sep11	Jan11-Dec11
27.0	26.8	27.9	28.7	27.3
0.65	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.65
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HISTORICAL DATA CHARTS AND RACE/ETHNICITY TABLES

Participation Rates

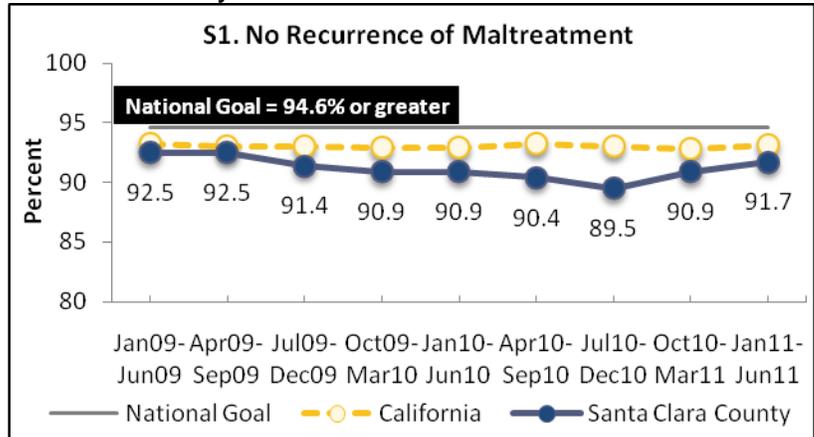


Incidence Rate for Referrals, Substantiations and Foster Care Entries per 1,000 Children (CY 2011)

Ethnicity	Referrals	Substantiated Referrals	All Entries
Black	121.9	13.3	9.7
White	23.3	2.9	1.1
Hispanic	47.9	7.7	2.9
Asian/ Pacific Islander	11.3	1.3	0.3
Native American	35.6	8.6	3.2
Total	29.8	4.2	1.6

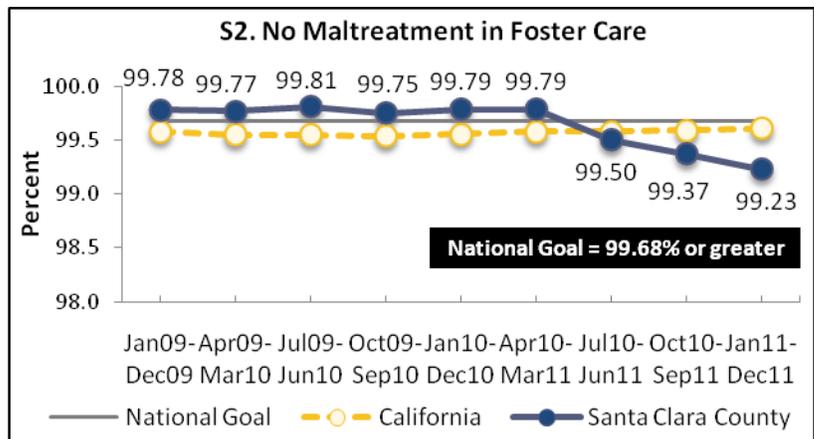
Child Safety

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 (Jan10 - Jun10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Jun11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 94.6%	87.9%	✗	88.9%	✗
White	≥ 94.6%	93.9%	✗	91.4%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 94.6%	89.7%	✗	91.4%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 94.6%	97.0%	✓	98.6%	✓
Native American	≥ 94.6%	66.7%	✗	75.0%	✗
Total	≥ 94.6%	90.9%	✗	91.7%	✗

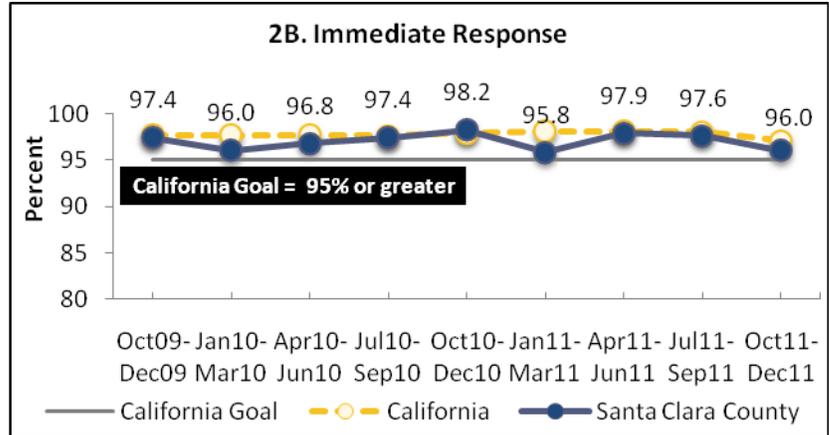
S2. Of all children served in foster care during the year, what percent were not victims of a substantiated maltreatment allegation by a foster parent or facility staff member?



S2	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	97.58%	✗
White	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	99.34%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 99.68%	99.67%	✗	99.45%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
Native American	≥ 99.68%	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
Total	≥ 99.68%	99.79%	✓	99.23%	✗

2B. State Outcome indicator:

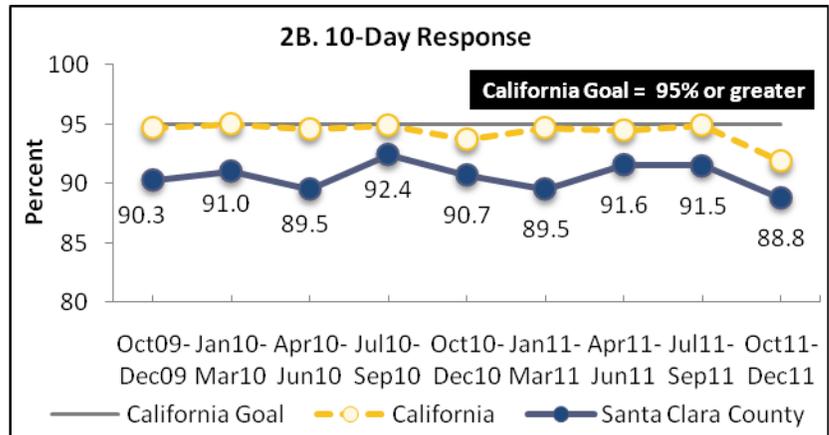
Percent of immediate response referrals with a timely response



2B. Immediate Response	California Goal	Last Year (Oct10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Oct11 - Dec11)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 95%	78.4%	✗	81.3%	✗
White	≥ 95%	78.0%	✗	65.5%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 95%	66.8%	✗	81.3%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 95%	78.4%	✗	77.8%	✗
Native American	≥ 95%	25.0%	✗	NA	NA
Total	≥ 95%	70.8%	✗	78.7%	✗

2B. State Outcome indicator:

Percent of 10-day referrals with a timely response

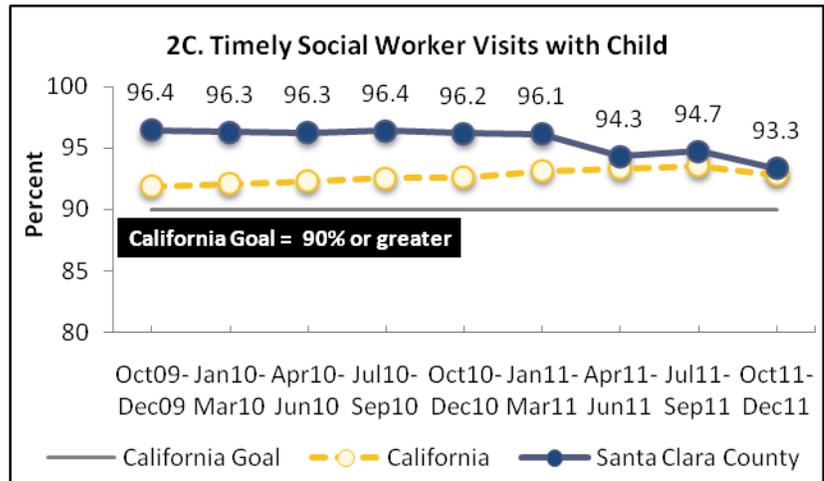


2B. 10-Day Response	California Goal	Last Year (Oct10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Oct11 - Dec11)	
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 95%	80.0%	✗	77.1%	✗
White	≥ 95%	89.5%	✗	90.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 95%	92.2%	✗	89.0%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 95%	93.5%	✗	94.3%	✗
Native American	≥ 95%	83.3%	✗	100.0%	✓

Total	≥ 95%	90.7%	✗	88.8%	✗
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2C. State Outcome indicator:

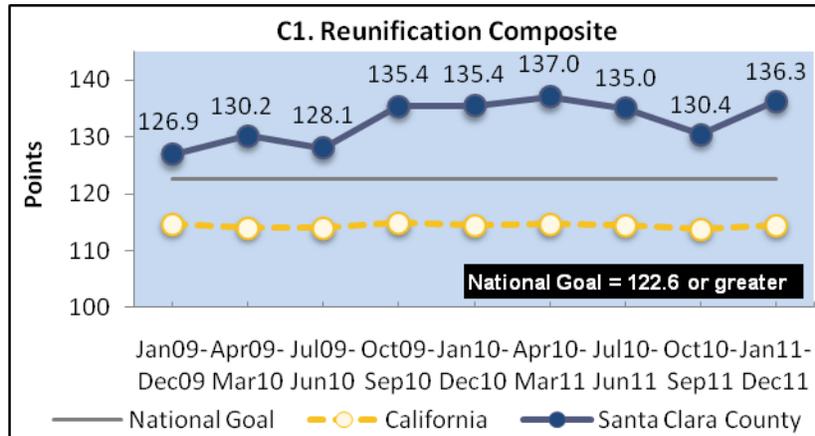
Percent of timely social worker visits with child.



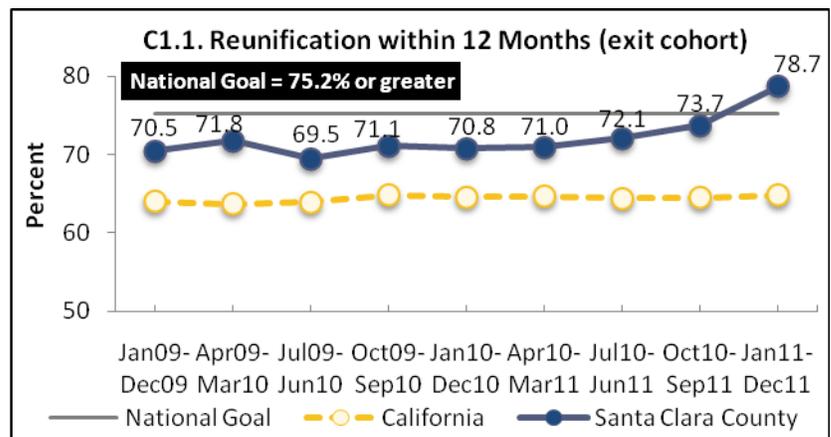
2C	California Goal	Last Year (Oct10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Oct11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 90%	98.4%	✓	95.9%	✓
White	≥ 90%	95.2%	✓	93.0%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 90%	95.5%	✓	92.9%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 90%	98.3%	✓	92.7%	✓
Native American	≥ 90%	100.0%	✓	87.9%	✗
Total	≥ 90%	96.0%	✓	93.2%	✓

(Note: Due to a small number of children with missing ethnicity coding, the result of the ethnicity table is slightly different from the trend data in the chart above.)

Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification

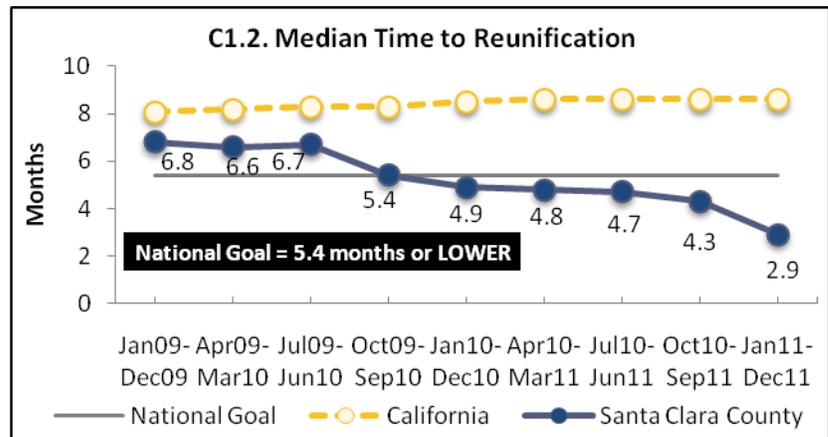


C1.1. Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the year who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



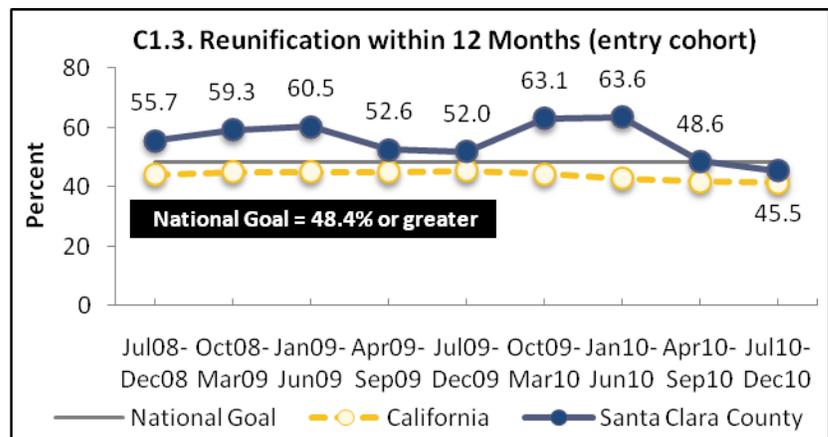
C1.1	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 75.2%	78.4%	✓	81.3%	✓
White	≥ 75.2%	78.0%	✓	65.5%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 75.2%	66.8%	✗	81.3%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 75.2%	78.4%	✓	77.8%	✓
Native American	≥ 75.2%	25.0%	✗	NA	NA
Total	≥ 75.2%	70.8%	✗	78.7%	✓

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?



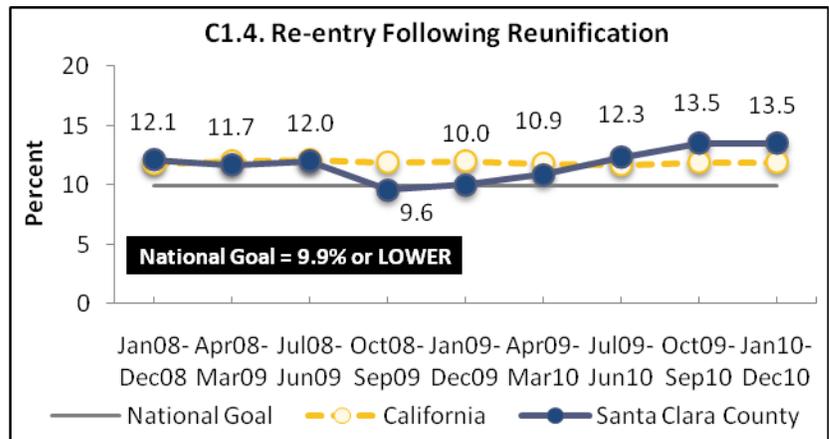
C1.2	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Median Months	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Median Months	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Month				
Black	≤ 5.4	5.8	✗	3.9	✓
White	≤ 5.4	1.8	✓	6.4	✗
Hispanic	≤ 5.4	5.6	✗	2.3	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≤ 5.4	6.8	✗	1.3	✓
Native American	≤ 5.4	21.9	✗	NA	NA
Total	≤ 5.4	4.9	✓	2.9	✓

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?



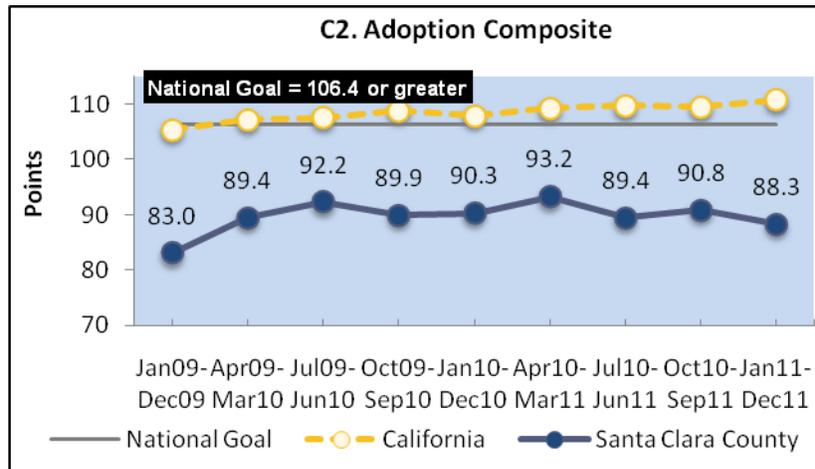
C1.3	National Standard	Last Year (Jul09 - Dec09)		Current Period (Jul10 - Dec10)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate				
Black	≥ 48.4%	43.8%	✗	36.4%	✗
White	≥ 48.4%	58.6%	✓	46.2%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 48.4%	52.2%	✓	45.7%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 48.4%	50.0%	✓	66.7%	✓
Native American	≥ 48.4%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 48.4%	52.0%	✓	45.5%	✗

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?

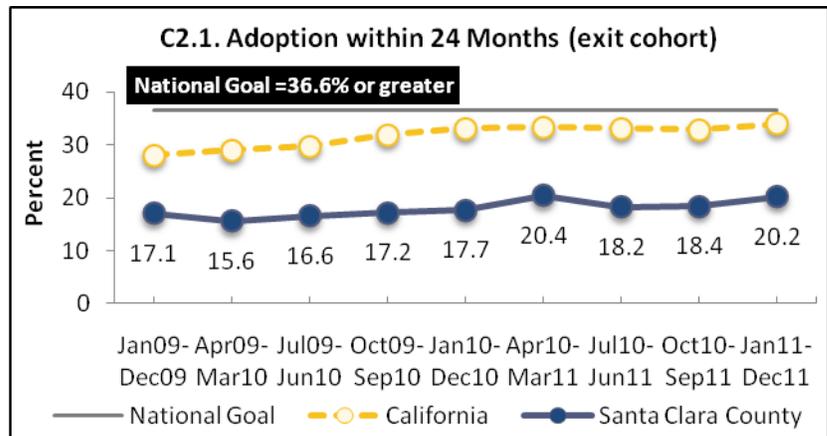


C1.4	National Standard	Last Year (Jan09 - Dec09)		Current Period (Jan10 - Dec10)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 9.9%	11.6%	✗	11.4%	✗
White	≤ 9.9%	10.6%	✗	18.4%	✗
Hispanic	≤ 9.9%	10.0%	✗	14.2%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≤ 9.9%	6.3%	✓	0.0%	✓
Native American	≤ 9.9%	NA	NA	25.0%	✗
Total	≤ 9.9%	10.0%	✗	13.5%	✗

Timeliness to Adoption

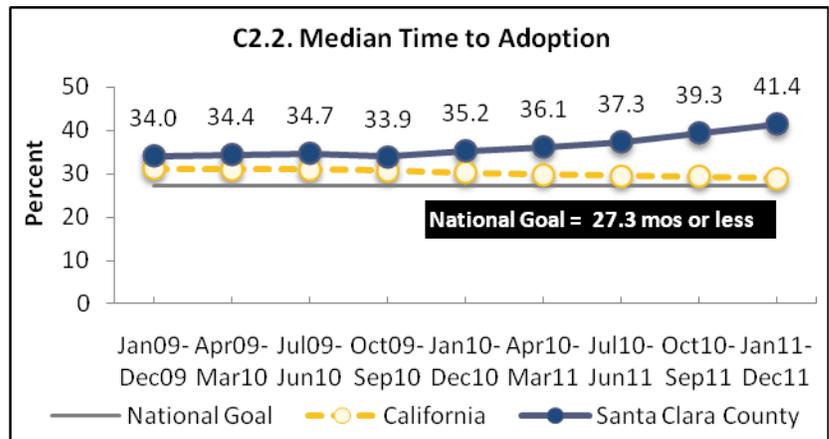


C2.1. Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption during a year, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



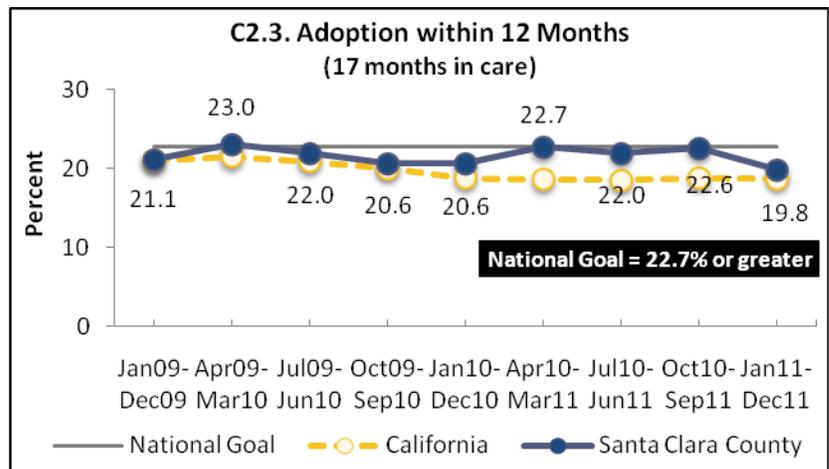
C2.1	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 36.6%	19.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
White	≥ 36.6%	24.1%	✗	40.0%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 36.6%	14.7%	✗	13.8%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 36.6%	40.0%	✓	100.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 36.6%	NA	NA	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 36.6%	17.7%	✗	20.2%	✗

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?



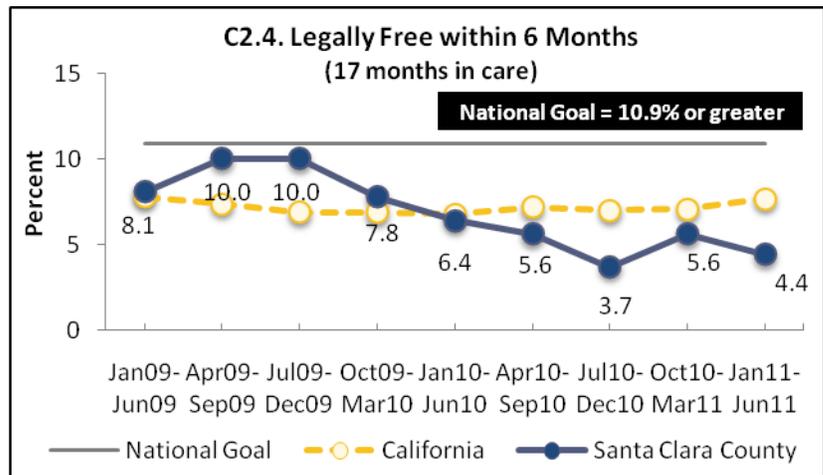
C2.2	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Ethnicity	Month	Median Months	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 27.3	33.7	✗	43.2	✗
White	≤ 27.3	35.0	✗	31.3	✗
Hispanic	≤ 27.3	35.2	✗	43.5	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≤ 27.3	25.3	✓	15.8	✓
Native American	≤ 27.3	NA	NA	12.2	✓
Total	≤ 27.3	35.2	✗	41.4	✗

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?



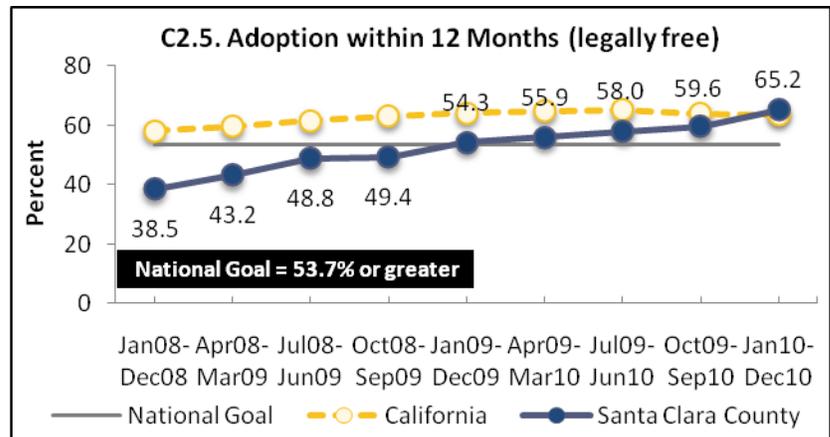
C2.3	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 22.7%	20.5%	✗	13.0%	✗
White	≥ 22.7%	19.3%	✗	16.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 22.7%	22.1%	✗	23.8%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 22.7%	10.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Native American	≥ 22.7%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 22.7%	20.6%	✗	19.8%	✗

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?



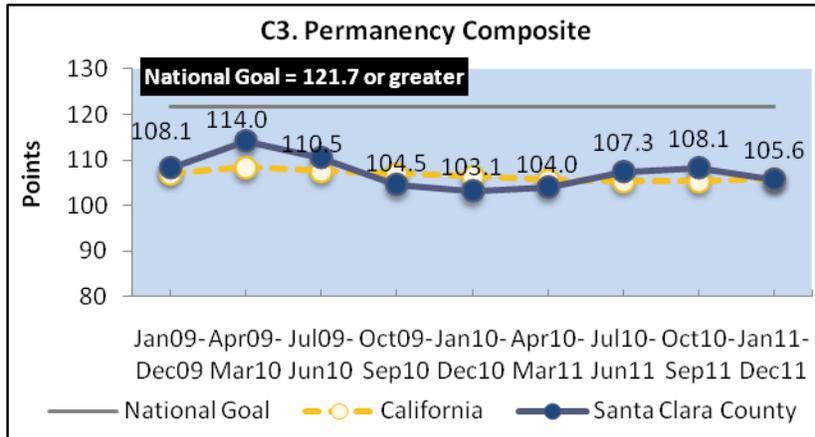
C2.4	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Jun10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Jun11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 10.9%	3.4%	✗	6.7%	✗
White	≥ 10.9%	6.3%	✗	7.6%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 10.9%	7.9%	✗	2.4%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 10.9%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Native American	≥ 10.9%	0.0%	✗	33.3%	✓
Total	≥ 10.9%	6.4%	✗	4.4%	✗

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?

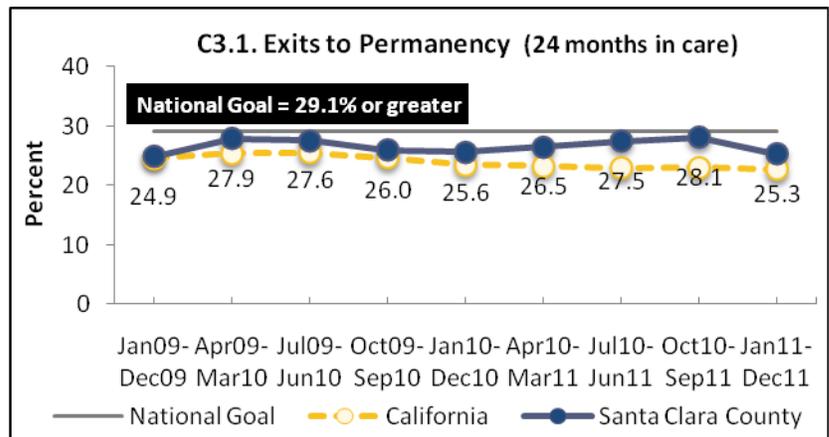


C2.5	National Standard	Last Year (Jan09 - Dec09)		Current Period (Jan10 - Dec10)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 53.7%	50.0%	✗	60.0%	✓
White	≥ 53.7%	73.1%	✓	75.0%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 53.7%	50.0%	✗	60.0%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 53.7%	75.0%	✓	100.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 53.7%	0.0%	✗	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 53.7%	54.3%	✓	65.2%	✓

Permanency for Children in Long-term Care

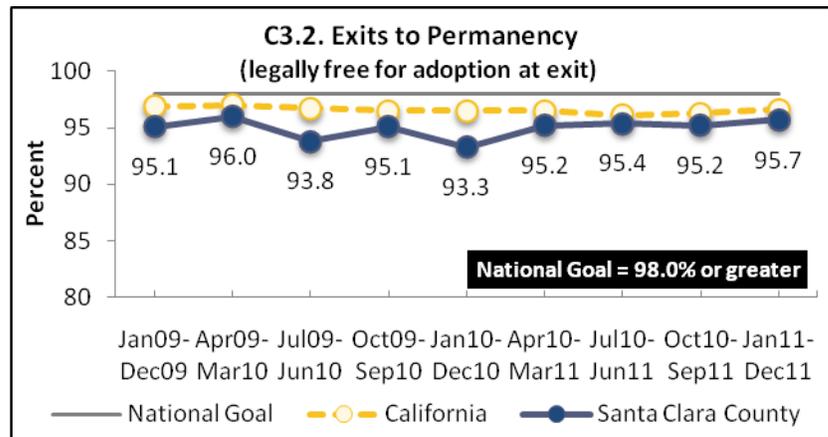


C3.1. Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the year, what percent were discharged to a permanent home by the end of the year and prior to turning 18?



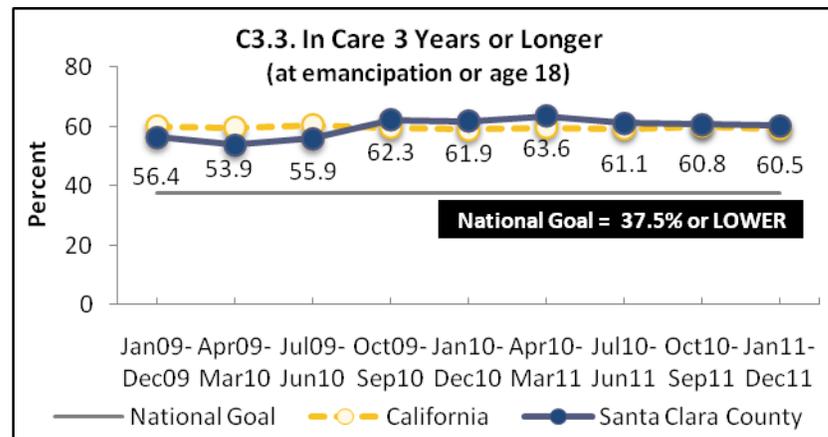
C3.1	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 29.1%	27.6%	✗	18.0%	✗
White	≥ 29.1%	22.0%	✗	19.5%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 29.1%	27.2%	✗	30.2%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 29.1%	15.3%	✗	8.3%	✗
Native American	≥ 29.1%	0.0%	✗	0.0%	✗
Total	≥ 29.1%	25.6%	✗	25.3%	✗

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?



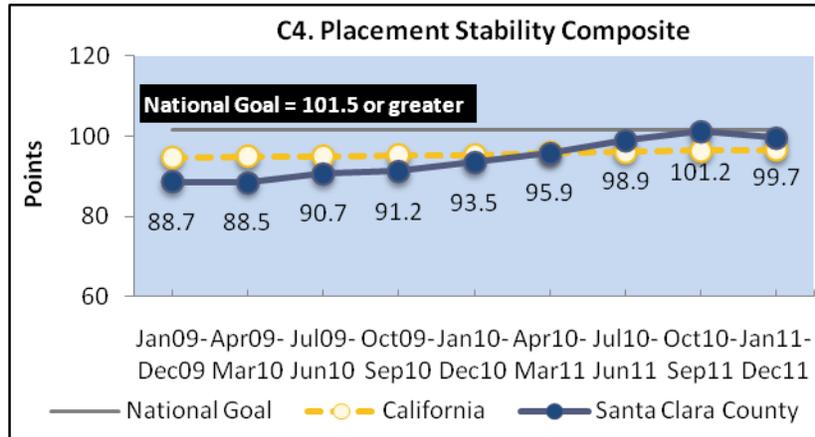
C3.2	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 98.0%	95.7%	✗	100.0%	✓
White	≥ 98.0%	93.3%	✗	92.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 98.0%	93.4%	✗	95.9%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 98.0%	83.3%	✗	100.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 98.0%	NA	NA	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 98.0%	93.3%	✗	95.7%	✗

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?

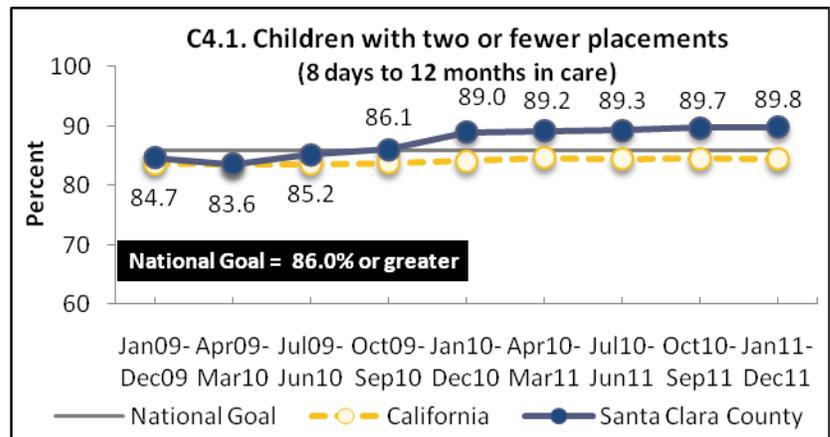


C3.3	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≤ 37.5%	56.5%	✗	47.4%	✗
White	≤ 37.5%	74.1%	✗	45.0%	✗
Hispanic	≤ 37.5%	62.1%	✗	68.1%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≤ 37.5%	33.3%	✓	60.0%	✗
Native American	≤ 37.5%	100.0%	✗	100.0%	✗
Total	≤ 37.5%	61.9%	✗	60.5%	✗

Placement Stability

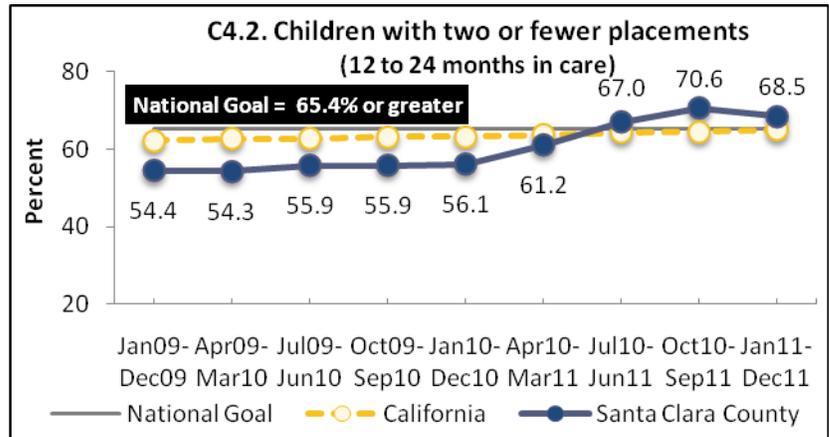


C4.1. Of all children served in foster care during a year who were in foster care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?



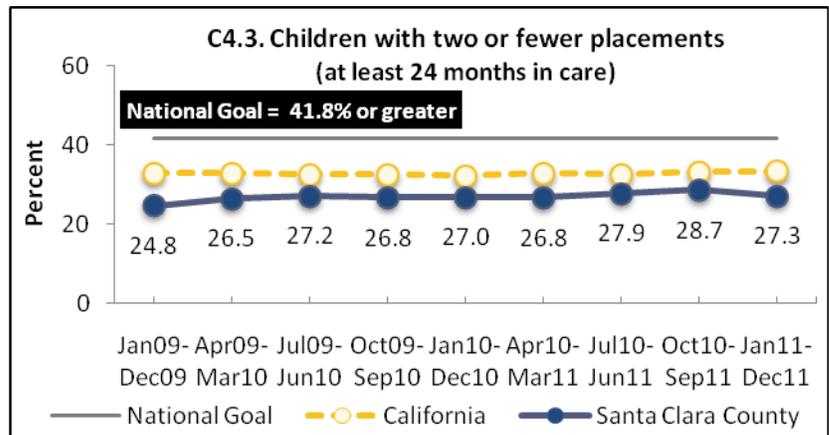
C4.1	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 86.0%	85.7%	✗	87.0%	✓
White	≥ 86.0%	92.7%	✓	83.9%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 86.0%	88.8%	✓	91.1%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 86.0%	87.0%	✓	100.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 86.0%	75.0%	✗	100.0%	✓
Total	≥ 86.0%	89.0%	✓	89.8%	✓

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?



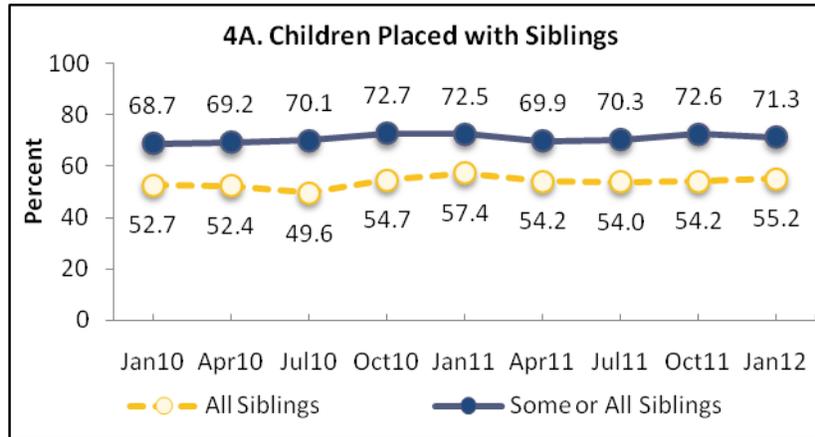
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		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 65.4%	48.5%	✗	67.7%	✓
White	≥ 65.4%	55.0%	✗	66.1%	✓
Hispanic	≥ 65.4%	56.2%	✗	69.3%	✓
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 65.4%	75.0%	✓	75.0%	✓
Native American	≥ 65.4%	33.3%	✗	33.3%	✗
Total	≥ 65.4%	56.1%	✗	68.5%	✓

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	National Standard	Last Year (Jan10 - Dec10)		Current Period (Jan11 - Dec11)	
		Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Ethnicity	Rate	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)	Rate	Goal met (✓) or not (✗)
Black	≥ 41.8%	22.6%	✗	27.2%	✗
White	≥ 41.8%	30.2%	✗	29.6%	✗
Hispanic	≥ 41.8%	27.2%	✗	27.5%	✗
Asian/ Pacific Islander	≥ 41.8%	28.6%	✗	19.2%	✗
Native American	≥ 41.8%	12.5%	✗	14.3%	✗
Total	≥ 41.8%	27.0%	✗	27.3%	✗

Child and Family Well-being

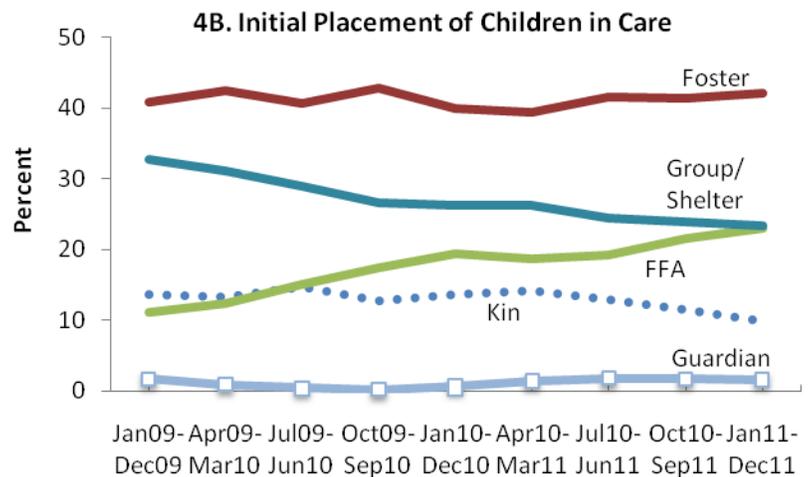


4A. Children Placed with Some or All Siblings, January 1, 2012

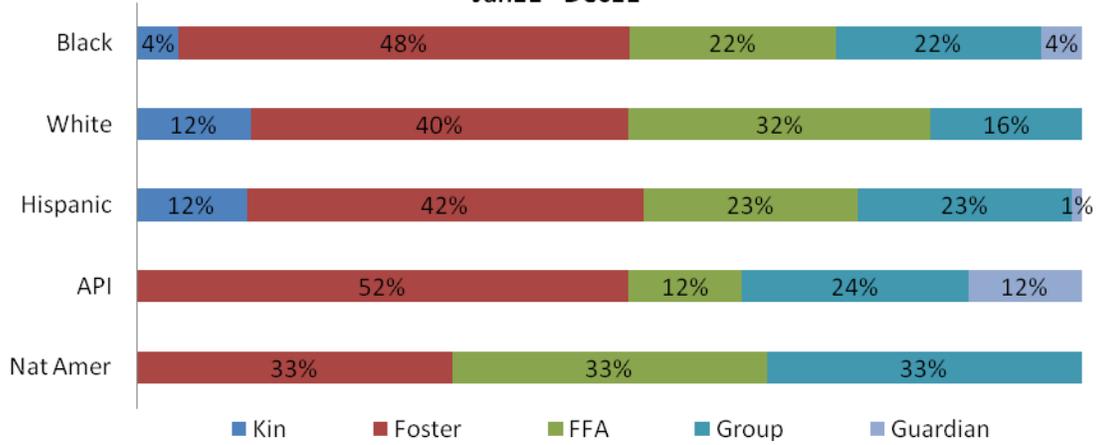
Ethnicity	All Siblings	Some or All Siblings
Black	52.5%	65.6%
White	60.7%	67.9%
Hispanic	54.3%	73.8%
Asian/ Pacific Islander	61.5%	61.5%
Native American	50.0%	50.0%
Total	55.2%	71.3%

4B. Initial Placement of Children in Care, Jan11 - Dec11

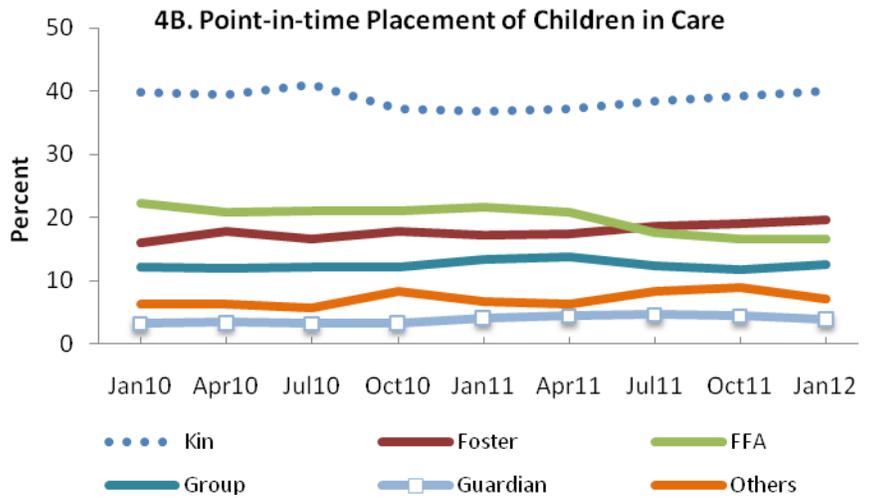
Placement Type	Rate
Kin	9.9%
Foster	42.2%
FFA	23.1%
Group/Shelter	23.2%
Guardian	1.6%



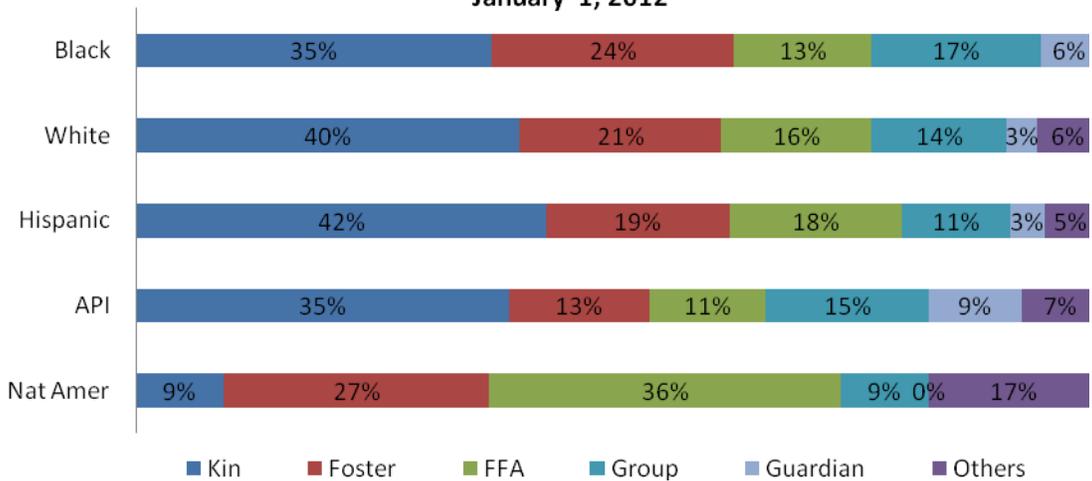
**4B. Initial Placement of Children in Care by Race/Ethnicity
Jan11 - Dec11**



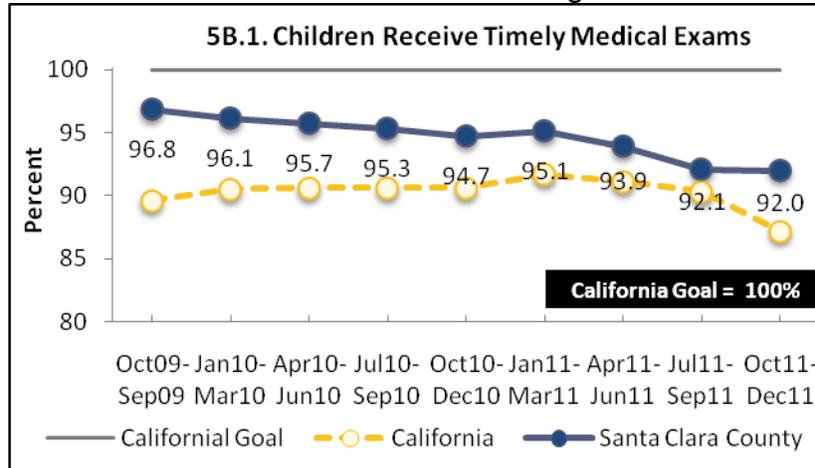
4B. Point-in-time Placement of Children in Care, January 1, 2012	
Placement Type	Rate
Kin	40.0%
Foster	19.7%
FFA	16.7%
Group	12.5%
Guardian	3.9%
Others	7.2%



**4B. Point-in-time Placement of Children by Race/Ethnicity
January 1, 2012**

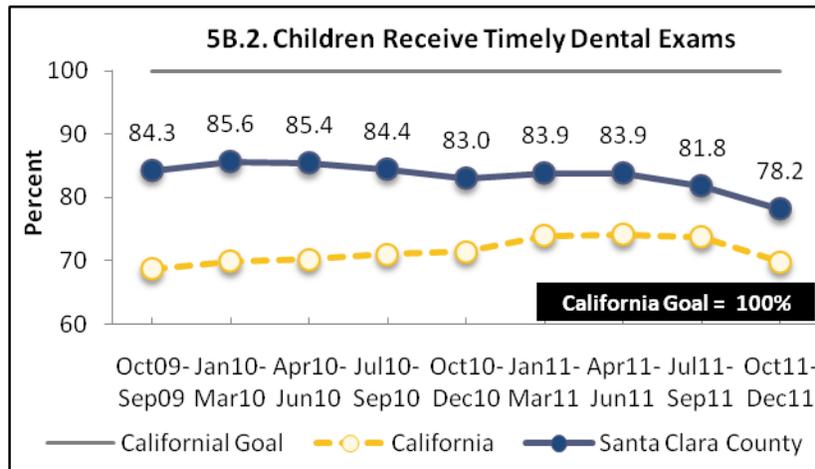


Child Health Well-being



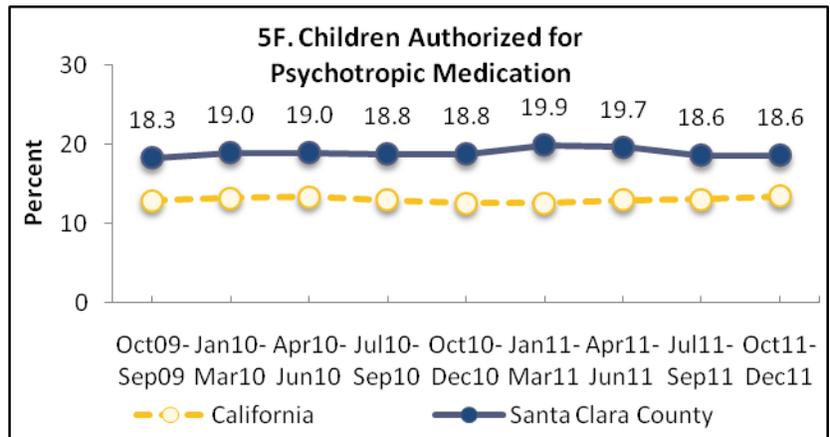
5B.1. Children Receive Timely Medical Exams, October 2011 - December 2011

Medical Exams	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Received a timely medical exam	91.6%	89.4%	93.1%	88.9%	100.0%	92.0%



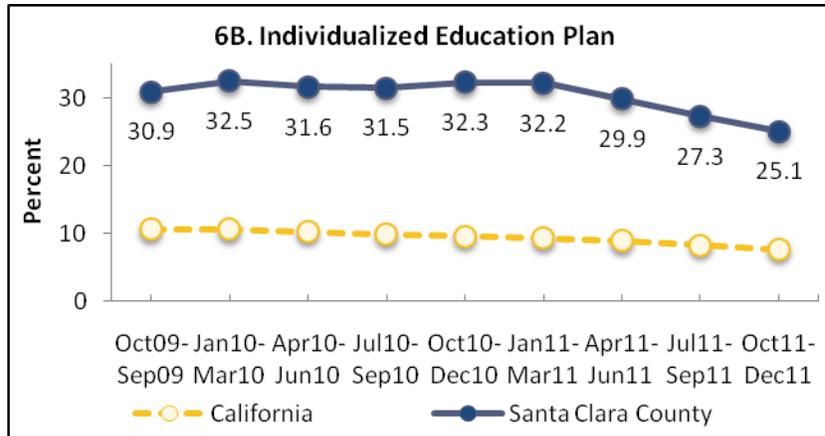
5B.2. Children Receive Timely Dental Exams, October 2011 - December 2011

Dental Exams	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Received a timely dental exam	76.9%	83.3%	76.5%	87.1%	71.4%	78.2%



5F. Children Authorized for Psychotropic Medication, October 2011 - December 2011

Psychotropic Medication	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Authorized for psychotropic medications	20.5%	24.6%	16.4%	20.0%	27.3%	18.6%



6B. Individualized Education Plan, October 2011 - December 2011

Individualized Education Plan	Black	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Total
Have had an IEP	34.1%	28.9%	22.1%	21.4%	54.5%	25.1%