

**“Safety, Permanency and Well-being Outcomes/Measures”
2007 Child and Family Service Review: Report on Findings**

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SA: Substantially Achieved – Outcomes for each case are rated substantially achieved or not achieved. Outcome ratings are based on performance item ratings. 95 percent of the outcomes of the cases reviewed must be rated substantially achieved to meet the standard.

S: Strength – Performance items for each case are rated strength (S) or area needing improvement (ANI). Federal review criteria are applied to performance items in the cases reviewed to arrive at a rating. Not all performance items are applied in each case. The state must meet the federal review criteria for each performance item in 90 percent of the cases that apply, to meet the standard.

Performance Item Ratings % S			Outcome Ratings % SA
Safety Outcome 1: Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.			57.9
58	Item 1: Timeliness of investigations	ANI - 8 out of 19 children did not have a face-to-face contact completed by the caseworker within state timeframes.	
94	Item 2: Prevent repeat maltreatment	S –1 child had an incident of repeat maltreatment within 6 months.	
Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible.			62.5
76	Item 3: Services to prevent removal	S - 31 children were not removed from their home due to delivery of services or their removal was considered necessary to provide for their safety. ANI - Delivery of services to prevent removal of children from their homes was inconsistent across cases.	
63	Item 4: Protect children from risk of harm	S –Children were protected from risk of harm by provision of services or placement in foster care. ANI – Assessment of risk of harm and delivery of services was inconsistent across cases.	
Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.			55.0
92	Item 5: Prevent foster care re-entry	S – One child had a re-entry into foster care within 12 months.	
75	Item 6: Maintain stable foster care placements	S –16 children experienced no moves, and 14 children moved to achieve their permanency goal. ANI – 11 children experienced three or more moves.	

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74	Item 7: Timely permanency goals	S – Most children had timely and appropriate permanency goals, but this was inconsistent across cases.	
74	Item 8: Timely reunification, TPLC	S – 14 of 19 children were reunified or placed permanently with relatives within a year of their placement. ANI – In some cases there were delays in legal process, delays caused by ICPC, or delivery of services didn't support the reunification goal.	
43	Item 9: Timely adoption	S – 6 out of 14 children were adopted within 24 months of their placement. ANI – Some children did not have timely adoptions and reasons for delays were varied.	
90	Item 10: Other planned living arrangement	S – 9 out of 10 children were in stable LTFC placements with ILS provided to support successful transitions out of foster care.	
Permanency Outcome 2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved.			72.5
97	Item 11: Proximity of foster care placement	S – 17 children were placed in the same community or county as their parent(s).	
88	Item 12: Placement with siblings	S – Children were placed with all or some of their siblings in 12 out of 17 cases.	
67	Item 13: Visiting with parents and siblings	S – 22 children had frequent and quality visits with their parents and other siblings in foster care. Typical visit pattern with mothers was weekly. ANI – The typical visit pattern with fathers was no visits, and once a month with siblings.	
87	Item 14: Preserving connections	S – 34 children maintained connections with their extended family, school, friends, community, religious and cultural heritage while they were in placement. ANI – In 5 cases some connections were not adequately maintained.	
68	Item 15: Relative placement	S – 10 children were placed with relatives, and diligent search, without finding relatives, was conducted for 5 children. ANI – Lack of diligent search, did not search both maternal and paternal relatives, did not make effort to place with relatives known to the agency.	
63	Item 16: Relationship between child and parents	S – 19 children maintained important relationships with their parents while they were in foster care. ANI – Overall there were more efforts to maintain relationships with mothers than with fathers.	

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Well being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for children's needs.			46.9
48	Item 17: Needs/services of child, parents, foster parents	S – 31 children and their families had needs adequately assessed and received services to meet their needs. ANI – Father's assessment and need for services were met at about ½ the rate of mothers, and ¼ the rate of children. Performance on this item was affected by cases with children placed for reasons other than child welfare.	
48	Item 18: Child/family involvement in case planning	S – 29 children and families were engaged and involved in case planning. ANI – Improvement is needed on involving families, particularly fathers who are less often involved (about ½) than mothers.	
78	Item 19: Worker visits with child	S – 50 children had frequent and quality visits with their caseworker. Typical frequency of visits was at least once per month. ANI – Visits with children weren't consistent, frequency or quality, across cases	
45	Item 20: Worker visits with parents	S – Frequent and quality visits occurred with parents in 25 cases. ANI – There were no visits at all with 14 fathers and 1 mother	
Well being Outcome 2: Children receive services that meet their educational needs.			86.0
86	Item 21: Educational needs of child	S – 37 children had their educational needs assessed and were receiving appropriate services.	
Well being Outcome 3: Children receive services to meet their physical and mental health needs.			77.2
80	Item 22: Physical health of child	S – 41 children had their medical and dental needs assessed and necessary services were provided. ANI – Difficulty accessing dental care across all 3 sites.	
84	Item 23: Mental health of child	S – 38 children had mental health needs assessed and services were being provided. ANI – Assessment for mental health needs was not consistent across cases.	