

CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS OVER PREVIOUS YEARS

In the past fiscal year, ACF has taken significant steps to improve performance management. First, ACF has continued to emphasize outcome-oriented measures over output-oriented measures, phasing out many output measures and creating several new outcome measures (see Table 1).

Program	New Outcome Measure
Head Start	3.1 LT and 3A. Increase the percentage of programs in which children on average can identify 10 or more letters of the alphabet as measured in the spring by the National Reporting System.
	3.2 LT Increase the percentage of programs that achieve fall to spring gains of at least 12 months in word knowledge (PPVT) in the National Reporting System.
	3.3 LT Increase the percentage of programs that achieve average fall to spring gains of at least 4 counting items in the National Reporting System.
	3.4 LT Increase the percentage of programs in which children make prescribed gains on a measure of social skills between the Fall and Spring of their pre-Kindergarten Head Start year, as measured in the National Reporting System.
	3.6 LT and 3B. Increase the percentage of Early Head Start children completing all medical screenings.
	3.7 LT Increase the percentage of parents of children in their pre-kindergarten Head Start year who report reading to child three times per week or more, as measured in the spring of their pre-kindergarten Head Start year.
	3D. Reduce the percent of grantees with repeat deficiencies through the provision of targeted technical assistance.
	3E. Decrease the number of grantees with deficiencies in early childhood development.
Runaway and Homeless Youth	4A. Increase the proportion of youth living in safe and appropriate settings after exiting ACF-funded Transitional Living Program (TLP) services.
	4C. Increase the percentage of Transitional Living Program (TLP) youth who are engaged in community service and service learning activities while in the program.
	4D. Increase by two percent annually the proportion of youth who are prevented from running away through BCP in-home/off-site services as a percentage of all youth receiving such services, including those who must be fully admitted to the shelter despite such preventive efforts.
Child Abuse Prevention and Child Welfare Programs	7.2 LT By the end of FY 2010, the year in which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, nine states or jurisdictions will be in substantial conformity on Safety Outcome Measure 1: "Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect."
	7.3 LT By the end of FY 2010, the year in which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, five states or jurisdictions will be in substantial conformity with Permanency Outcome Measure 1 "Children have permanency and stability in their living situation."
	7.4 LT By the end of FY 2010, the year in which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, 20 states or jurisdictions will be in substantial conformity with the systemic factor "Case Review System."
	7.5 LT By the end of FY 2010, the year in which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, nine states or jurisdictions will be in substantial conformity on Safety Outcome Measure 2: "Children are maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate."
	7.6 LT By the end of FY 2010, the year in which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, 10 states or jurisdictions will be in substantial conformity with Permanency Outcome Measure 2: "The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children."
	7.7 LT By the end of FY 2010, the year in which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, three states will be in substantial conformity on Well-Being Outcome 1: "Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs."
	7.8 LT By the end of FY 2010, the in year which the on-site portion of the second round of Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) will be completed, 35 states or jurisdictions will be in

	substantial conformity with the systemic factor “Service Array.”
	7E. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR Program Improvement Plans (PIPs), XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free on Safety Outcome Measure 1: “Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.”
	7F. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR PIPs, XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free on Permanency Outcome Measure 1 “Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.”
	7G. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR PIP’s, XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free on the systemic factor “Case Review System.”
	7H. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR PIP’s, XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free for Safety Outcome 2: “Children are maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.”
	7I. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR PIP’s, XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free for Permanency Outcome 2: “The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.”
	7J. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR PIP’s, XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free for Well Being Outcome 1: “Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children’s needs.”
	7K. Each FY, for all cumulative closed-out CFSR PIP’s, XX states (number of states with a closed out PIP*.90) will be penalty free for the systemic factor “Service Array.”
	7V. Increase the percentages of CFCIP youth who avoid high-risk behaviors which might otherwise lead to criminal investigations and incarceration.
	7W. Promote efficient use of Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) funds by 1) increasing the number of jurisdictions that completely expend their allocations within the two-year expenditure period, and 2) decreasing the total amount of funds that remain unexpended by states at the end of the prescribed period.
Compassion Capital Fund	10A. Increase the number of Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) funded Faith Based and Community Organizations (FBCOs) awarded funding from federal, state, local or private sources.
	10B. Increase the total number of capacity building outcomes among CCF-funded FBCOs.
	10.2 LT and 10C. Increase the ratio of capacity building activities achieved by CCF assisted FBCOs to CCF Demonstration Program and Targeted Capacity Building Program funding.
Assets for Independence (Individual Development Accounts)	13A. Increase in the annual amount of Assets for Independence (AFI) Individual Development Accounts (IDA) savings (earned income only) participants use for the three asset purchase goals.
	13B. Increase in the number of participants who withdraw funds for the three asset purchase goals.
Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC)	19.1 LT and 19A. Reduce time between Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Citizenship Enforcement (DHS/ICE) notification to Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of UAC apprehension and ORR placement designation in a care provider facility by [X] hours.
	19.2 LT and 19B. Increase the percentage of UAC that receive medical care screening or examination within 48 hours by [X] percent.
	19C. Maintain the percentage of runaways from UAC shelters at 1.5 percent.

Second, in keeping with the Budget-Performance Integration initiative in the President’s Management Agenda, ACF has developed several new efficiency measures (see Table 2).

Program	New Efficiency Measure
Abstinence Education	5C. Decrease cost of program delivery per youth that completes the program.
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)	7D. Increase the percentage of CBCAP total funding that supports evidence-based and evidence-informed child abuse prevention programs and practices.
Child Welfare Programs	7L. Reduce the time needed to approve state Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) Program Improvement Plans (PIPs).
Adoption Incentives	7T. Maintain or decrease the average administrative claim per IV-E Adoption Assistance child.
Adoption Opportunities	7U. Reduce the cost per adoptive placement for the Adoption Opportunities Program.
The Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP)	7V. Increase the percentages of CFCIP youth who avoid high-risk behaviors which might otherwise lead to criminal investigations and incarceration.
	7W. Promote efficient use of Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) funds by 1) increasing the number of jurisdictions that completely expend their allocations within the two-year expenditure period, and 2) decreasing the total amount of funds that remain unexpended by states at

	the end of the prescribed period.
Compassion Capital Fund	10D. Increase the ratio of the number of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) assisted with Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) funds to the number of direct CCF grants to intermediaries.
Community Services Programs	12B. Reduce total grantee and sub-grantee administrative expenditures per individual served.
Unaccompanied Alien Children	19D. Increase the percentage of “closed” corrective actions.
Social Services Block Grant	21A. Decrease administrative costs as a percent of total costs.

These improvements reflect ACF’s overall focus on managing by results and specific enhancements resulting from the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) process. All ACF programs have developed logic models that link program resources and activities to outcomes. These logic models have informed the development and revision of measures. The PART process has also prompted ACF to improve performance management.