

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).

Table 1: New Outcome Measures in FY 2007 Performance Budget		
Program	New Outcome Measure	Data
Refugee and Entrant Assistance – Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA)	1.2d. Increase the percent of cash assistance terminations due to earned income from employment for those clients receiving cash assistance at employment entry.	Data Expected Dec-06
	1.2e. Increase the average hourly wage of refugees at placement (employment entry).	Data Expected Dec-06
	1.2i. Increase the percent of refugees who are self-sufficient (not dependent on any cash assistance) within the first six months (180 days) after arrival by a percent of the prior year's actual percentage outcome.	Data Expected Dec-06
Refugee and Entrant Assistance – Human Trafficking Program	1.2k. Increase the number of victims of trafficking certified per year.	Results Already Reported
	1.2l. Increase the number of victims of trafficking restored to self-sufficiency (independence from cash assistance).	Data Expected Jun-06
Child Welfare – Adoption	6.1i. Decrease the gap between the percentage of children 9 and older waiting to be adopted and those actually adopted.	Data Expected Oct-07
Youth – Mentoring Children of Prisoners	6.2f. Increase the percentage of mentees in active mentoring relationships that have already lasted more than twelve months as a percentage of the entire caseload.	Results Already Reported
	6.2g. Increase the number of children of prisoners in one-to-one matches with caring adults who have been trained and screened by the (Mentoring Children of Prisoners) MCP program and its local and national partners.	Results Already Reported
	6.2h. Increase the percentage of mentees surveyed that respond with an overall average score of 3 or above on 15 key questions in a mentoring relationship quality instrument that has been validated by research.	Data Expected Dec-08
Native American Programs	7.4d. Increase the number of community partnerships formed by ANA grantees.	Data Expected Nov-07
Developmental Disabilities	7.5d. Increase the percent of University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) trainees who demonstrate leadership in the developmental disabilities field at 1,5, and 10 years after completion of UCEDD training.	Data Expected Sep-07

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). Most of these efficiency measures focus on outcomes rather than outputs.

Table 2: New Efficiency Measures in FY 2007 Performance Budget		
Program	New Efficiency Measure	Data
Refugee and Entrant Assistance – Matching Grants Program	1.2j. Increase the number of Matching Grant (MG) program refugees who are self-sufficient (not dependent on any cash assistance) within the first six months (180 days after arrival), per million federal dollars awarded to grantees (adjusted for inflation).	Data Expected Dec-06
Refugee and Entrant Assistance – Human Trafficking Program	1.2m. Increase number of victims certified and served by whole network of grantees per million dollars invested.	Results Already Reported
	1.2n. Increase Media Impressions, Hotline Calls, and Website Visits per thousand dollars invested.	Results Already Reported
Assets for Independence	2.1b. Maintain the ratio of total earned income saved in IDAs per grant dollar spent on programmatic and administrative activities at the end of year one of the five-year AFI project.	Data Expected Mar-06
	2.1c. Maintain the ratio of total earned income saved in IDAs per grant dollar spent on programmatic and administrative activities at the end of year three of the five-year AFI project.	Data Expected Mar-06
	2.1d. Maintain the ratio of total earned income saved in IDAs per grant dollar spent on programmatic and administrative activities at the end of the five-year AFI project.	Data Expected Mar-06

Child Welfare – Foster Care	6.1h. Decrease the percent of foster children in care 12 or more months with no case plan goal (including case plan goal “Not Yet Determined”).	Data Expected Oct-06
Child Welfare - Adoption	6.1k. Maintain or decrease the average administrative claim per IV-E Adoption Assistance child.	Data Expected Oct-06
Youth – Mentoring Children of Prisoners	6.2j. By FY 2007, reduce the percentage of matches that terminate at 3 months or less to 20% of all matches terminating in the year.	Data Expect Dec-07
Family Violence Prevention	7.2d. Reduce the Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) dollars spent per “bed night.”	Data Expected Dec-07
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program	7.3c. Increase the ratio of LIHEAP households assisted (heating, cooling, crisis, and weatherization assistance) per \$100 of LIHEAP administrative costs.	Data Expected Aug-06
Native American Programs	7.4e. Increase the percentage of applicants who receive ANA Training/Technical Assistance (T/TA) and go on to score in the funding range.	Data Expected Nov-06
Developmental Disabilities	7.5e. Increase the number of individuals with developmental disabilities reached by the Councils who are independent, self-sufficient, and integrated into the community, per \$1,000 of federal funding to the Councils.	Data Expected Jun-06

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. For example, the Assets for Independence program, assessed by PART during the FY 2006 budget cycle, has fully phased out its former output measures, has developed new efficiency measures, and is in the process of establishing new annual measures that track the primary outcomes of the program. The Adoption Assistance program, assessed during the FY 2007 budget cycle, developed an efficiency measure regarding dollars spent for administrative claims per child; and the Victims of Trafficking program, assessed this same year, developed a new set of measures regarding victim certification and outreach efforts. Programs scheduled for PART reviews in the future have begun preparing new measures as well. For example, the Administration for Native Americans developed four new measures for the FY 2007 performance budget.