



Accountability In Action

California is working hard to improve the lives of the 700,000 children and families who come into contact with the state's child welfare system annually. Efforts to improve California's child welfare system are guided by a common vision and focus on eight critical goals to improve the lives of children, youth and families. Each of these goals translates into specific outcomes with data indicators that track progress. This chart details the framework against which data are collected and transmitted to state and county welfare officials.

VISION

Every child in California will live in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities

GOALS / OUTCOMES

- 1) Children are protected from abuse and neglect
- 2) Children are safely maintained in their own homes whenever possible and appropriate
- 3) Children have permanency and stability in their living situations
- 4) The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children
- 5) Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs
- 6) Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs
- 7) Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs
- 8) Youth emancipating from foster care are prepared to transition to adulthood

Safety Outcomes

Data Indicators

- Number of children who are abused and/or neglected
- Number of children who enter foster care
- Percentage of children who are re-abused and/or neglected who remain in the home after a child abuse report investigation
- Percentage of children who are abused and/or neglected while in foster care
- Percentage of children who receive timely visits with their social worker
- Percentage of children who receive a timely response to initial abuse and neglect allegations

Permanency & Stability Outcomes

Data Indicators

- Percentage of children who re-enter foster care
- Percentage of children who experience multiple placements in foster care
- Length of time to reunify children with parents or caretakers
- Length of time to achieve adoption

Well-Being Outcomes

Data Indicators

- Percentage of children placed with some or all of their siblings
- Percentage of children placed in the least restrictive foster care setting (i.e., relative care placement, foster family home)
- Percentage of American Indian children placed with an Indian relative.
- Levels of self-sufficiency for youth exiting foster care
- Percentage of children receiving health and mental health services/ support *
- Percentage of educational progress and school attendance for foster children *

* Not tracked at this time