

UC Berkeley Analysis of Minimum Improvement Requirements

FEDERAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW OUTCOMES/NATIONAL STANDARDS

- **Recurrence of maltreatment**

Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first six months of the reporting period, XX percent had another substantiated or indicated report within a six-month period.

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| National Standard: | 6.1% | ↓ |
| Federal data for California: | 10.7% | |
| UC-Berkeley for California: | 10.9% | |
| Minimum improvement ¹ | .90% | (down to 9.8%) |
| Estimated Sig. Improvement ² | .24% | (down to 10.5%) |

- **Incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care**

Of all children in foster care in the State during the period under review, XX percent were the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff.

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| National Standard: | 0.57% | ↓ |
| CSSS data for California: | .67% | |
| Minimum improvement | .1439 | (down to 0.53%) ³ |
| Estimated Sig. Improvement | .0877 | (down to 0.58%) |

- **Foster care re-entries**

Of all the children who entered care during the year under review, XX percent re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode.

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| National Standard: | 8.6% | ↓ |
| Federal data for California: | 10.7% | |
| UCB data for California: | 9.3% | |
| Minimum improvement | 1.35% | (down to 9.4%) |
| Estimated Sig. Improvement: | .28% | (down to 10.4%) |

- **Stability of foster care placement**

Of all children who have been in foster care less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal, XX percent had no more than two placement settings.

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| National Standard: | 86.7% | ↑ |
| Federal data for California: | 77.8% | |
| UCB data for California: | 82.9% | |
| Minimum improvement | 1.9% | (up to 79.7%) |
| Estimated Sig. Improvement: | .36% | (up to 78.2%) |

- **Length of time to achieve reunification**

Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of the discharge from foster care, XX percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home.

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| National Standard: | 76.2% | ↑ |
| Federal data for California: | 53.2% | |
| UCB data for California: | 53.7% | |
| Minimum improvement | 2.42% | (up to 55.6%) |
| Estimated Sig. Improvement: | .56% | (up to 53.8%) |

- **Length of time to achieve adoption**

Of all the children who exited foster care during the period under review to a finalized adoption, XX percent exited care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home.

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| National Standard: | 32.0% | ↑ |
| Federal data for California: | 18.0% | |
| UCB data for California: | 16.4% | |
| Minimum improvement | 2.9% | (up to 20.9%) |
| Estimated Sig. Improvement: | .86% | (up to 18.9%) |

¹ USDHHS/ACF Information memorandum log no. ACYF-CB-IM-01-07, August 16, 2001

² 95% confidence interval around point estimate (Federal data) was computed; statistically significant improvement is defined as performance outside the boundaries of the confidence interval, in the appropriate direction, for each measure

³ This data provided as an alternate data source, representing cohort of children reported as abused by foster parents in non-kin foster family homes