

KEY OUTCOME INDICATORS

CWS Redesign provides a comprehensive, integrated approach for transforming California's child welfare system into a more responsive and effective system for protecting children and strengthening families. Through state and federal monitoring requirements, the California Department of Social Services and county child welfare offices will know whether progress is "on track" for achieving targeted results for children and families. Through an ongoing and multi-year effort, the following outcome indicators are among many others that will be measured:

1. Fewer children are abused and/or neglected
2. Fewer children in foster care
3. Fewer children are abused and/or neglected while in foster care
4. Fewer children re-enter foster care
5. Children experience fewer multiple placements in foster care
6. Reduced length of time to reunify children with parents or caretakers
7. The length of time to achieve adoption is reduced (less than 24 months)
8. Increased health and mental health services/support for foster children.
9. Increased levels of education and school attendance for foster children
10. Increased levels of self-sufficiency for youth exiting foster care