

# Child Welfare Outcomes and Measures

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## ***Child Welfare Outcome 1:***

### **Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect**

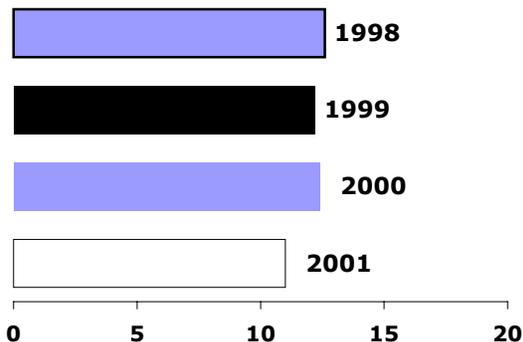
**Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the first 6 months of the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 6-month period?**

## **1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect**

(NCANDS, DCDC: FY 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

<b>1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 6 Months (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Children without a recurrence	87.4	87.8	87.6	89.0
Children with one or more recurrences	12.6	12.2	12.4	11.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>1,624</b>

**Percent Children With One or More Recurrences**



### Child Welfare Outcome 2:

#### **Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care**

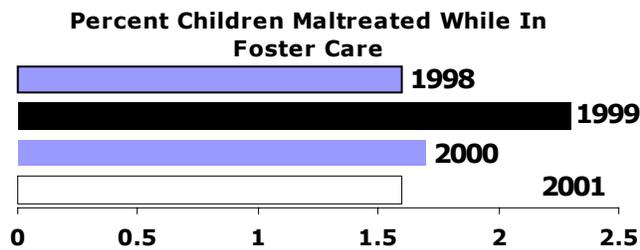
**Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?**

## **2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care**

(NCANDS, DCDC Jan–Sept, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database

Jan–Sept: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

<b>2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.6	2.3	1.7	1.6
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.4	97.7	98.3	98.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,292</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>3,327</b>



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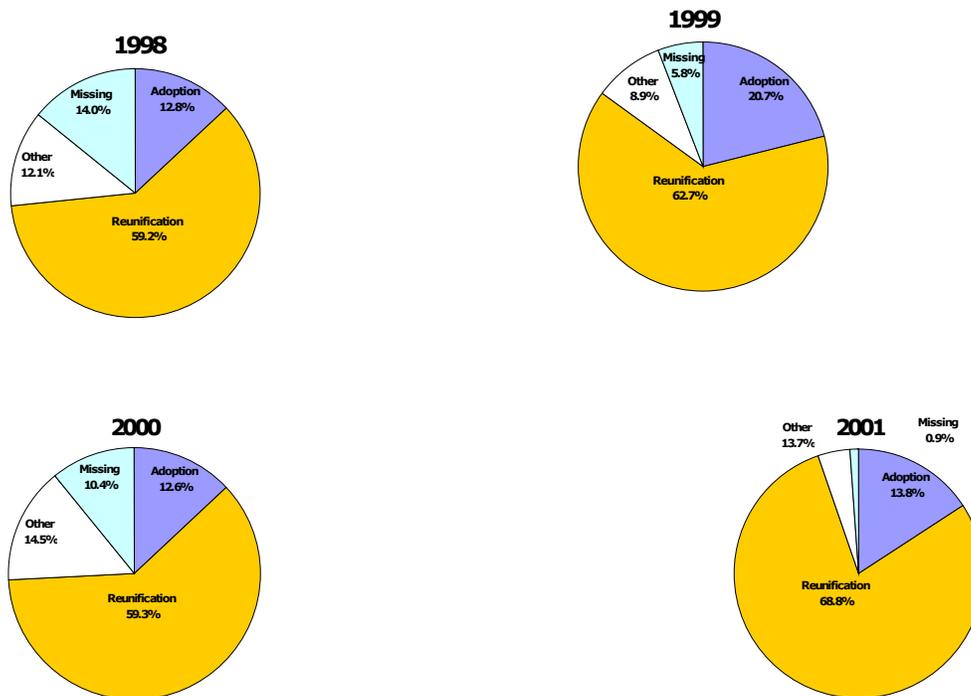
#### **Increase permanency for children in foster care**

**Measure 3.1: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?**

## **3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care**

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

<b>3.1 Exits from Foster Care (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Adoption	12.8	20.7	12.6	13.8
Guardianship	1.9	1.9	3.1	2.9
Reunification	59.2	62.7	59.3	68.8
Other	12.1	8.9	14.5	13.7
Missing	14.0	5.8	10.4	0.9
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,227</b>



**Measure 3.2: For children who exited foster care and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?**

<b>3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Adoption	11.9	30.2	13.5	12.4
Guardianship	—	0.5	4.2	3.3
Reunification	51.3	39.6	51.4	64.5
Other	14.4	18.7	18.1	19.4
Missing	22.5	11.0	12.7	0.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>242</b>

**Measure 3.3: For children who exited foster care and were older than age 12 at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?**

<b>3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Adoption	—	0.3	0.5	—
Guardianship	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.6
Reunification	53.8	68.3	58.3	72.4
Other	20.3	18.2	25.8	24.2
Missing	24.8	12.5	14.7	1.8
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>561</b>

**Measure 3.4: Of all children exiting foster care to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?**

<b>3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16.7	11.6	17.1	18.2
Children older than 12 at entry	80.6	83.7	81.7	80.5
Missing	2.8	4.7	1.2	1.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>77</b>

**Measure 3.5: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?**

<b>3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)</b>	<b>Alaska Native / A.I.</b>				<b>Asian / P.I.</b>				<b>Black</b>			
	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Adoption	10.0	21.9	6.7	15.4	11.1	26.7	--	11.1	24.7	22.5	16.8	20.4
Guardianship	--	9.4	13.3	--	--	--	--	--	5.1	2.5	4.5	3.1
Reunification	85.0	56.3	60.0	53.8	44.4	66.7	79.3	74.1	46.1	58.0	56.5	60.0
Other	--	9.4	13.3	30.8	33.3	6.7	17.2	14.8	13.5	12.0	14.0	14.5
Missing	5.0	3.1	6.7	--	11.1	--	3.4	--	10.7	5.0	8.2	2.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>255</b>

	<b>Hispanic</b>				<b>White</b>				<b>Unable to Determine</b>			
	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Adoption	7.2	23.9	11.2	10.1	9.7	17.6	11.1	11.8	20.5	33.3	19.5	16.3
Guardianship	3.2	0.5	2.4	2.0	0.7	1.9	2.7	3.1	--	--	2.3	--
Reunification	73.6	65.2	61.8	74.2	59.7	64.2	60.2	71.4	56.4	57.1	54.0	67.3
Other	3.2	6.0	12.7	13.1	13.8	9.1	14.6	13.0	12.8	7.1	14.9	14.3
Missing	12.8	4.5	12.0	0.5	16.0	7.2	11.4	0.8	10.3	2.4	9.2	2.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>49</b>

\*\*Note: "Not Applicable" and "Missing" tables have been deleted as there were no cases in either group

**Child Welfare Outcome 4:**

**Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry**

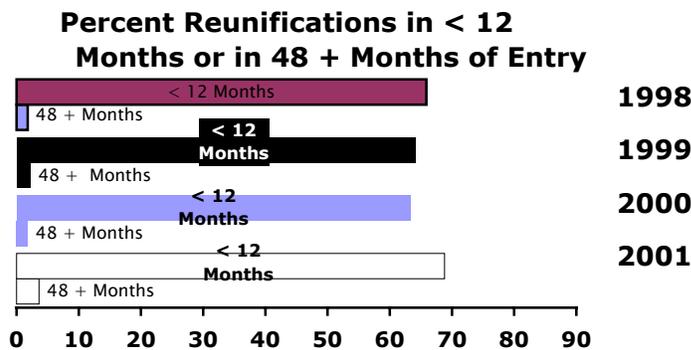
**Measure 4.1: Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in the following time periods?**

- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

## 4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry

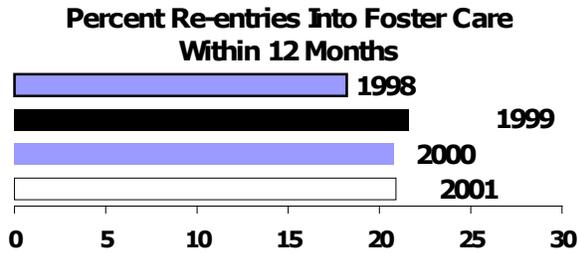
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)	1998	1999	2000	2001
Less than 12 months	65.9	64.1	63.3	68.8
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	9.0	17.2	19.8	17.2
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	2.0	4.1	5.6	4.3
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	1.8	1.4	3.0	2.7
48 or more months	1.8	2.2	1.8	3.6
Missing	19.4	11.0	6.6	3.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>844</b>



**Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, what percentage re-entered care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?**

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children entering care for the first time	48.4	65.0	66.7	64.8
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	18.2	21.6	20.8	20.9
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	8.3	8.7	11.1	13.2
Missing	25.1	4.7	1.4	1.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,493</b>



**Child Welfare Outcome 5:**

**Reduce time in foster care to adoption**

**Measure 5.1: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?**

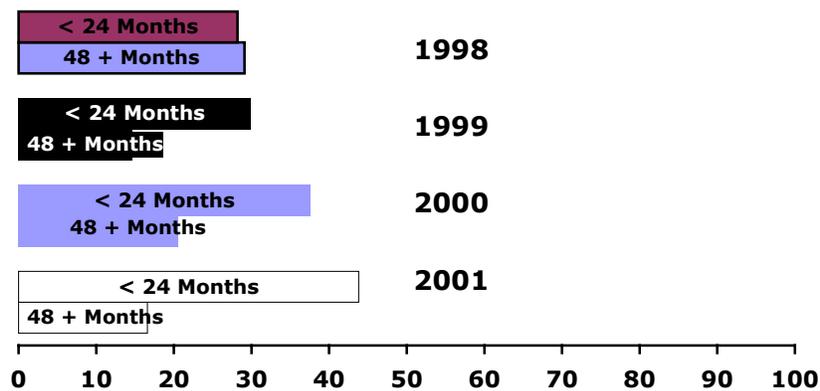
- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

**5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption**

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

<b>5.1 Time to Reunification (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Less than 12 months	5.1	9.5	7.6	12.4
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	23.1	20.4	30.0	31.4
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	13.7	26.5	24.1	24.9
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	20.5	12.3	16.5	13.6
48 or more months	29.1	14.7	20.6	16.6
Missing	8.5	16.6	1.2	1.2
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>169</b>

**Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24  
or in 48 + Months of Entry**



## **Child Welfare Outcome 6:**

### **Increase placement stability**

**Measure 6.1: Of all children served who had been in foster care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?**

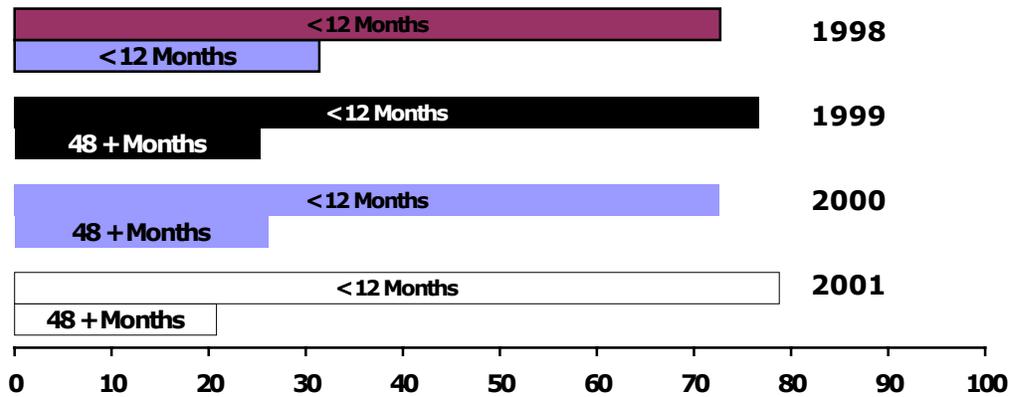
- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home**
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months**
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months**
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months**
- (5) 48 or more months**

## **6. Increase Placement Stability**

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

<b>6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)</b>		<b>Children With 2 or Fewer</b>	<b>Children With 3 or More</b>	<b>Missing Placements</b>	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Number</b>
Less than 12 months	1998	72.7	27.3	0.1	100.0	1,712
	1999	76.7	22.6	0.7	100.0	1,593
	2000	72.6	27.4	0.0	100.0	1,653
	2001	78.8	21.2	0.0	100.0	1,710
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	1998	47.0	47.0	5.9	100.0	761
	1999	58.1	37.9	3.9	100.0	762
	2000	55.1	44.9	0.0	100.0	742
	2001	55.1	44.9	0.2	100.0	739
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	1998	35.2	54.4	10.4	100.0	327
	1999	34.4	53.1	12.5	100.0	480
	2000	45.5	54.3	0.2	100.0	409
	2001	45.4	54.3	0.3	100.0	357
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	1998	27.8	48.9	23.2	100.0	237
	1999	29.5	56.5	14.0	100.0	207
	2000	28.5	70.4	1.1	100.0	284
	2001	40.2	58.9	0.8	100.0	241
48 or more months	1998	31.4	54.4	14.2	100.0	478
	1999	25.3	59.3	15.5	100.0	459
	2000	26.1	73.5	0.4	100.0	494
	2001	20.8	78.3	0.9	100.0	553
Missing	1998	66.7	33.3	--	100.0	15
	1999	100.0	--	--	100.0	4
	2000	100.0	--	--	100.0	8
	2001	100.0	--	--	100.0	15

**Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months  
or More Than 48 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements**



**Child Welfare Outcome 7:**

**Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions**

**Measure 7.1: For all children who entered foster care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage was placed in a group home or an institution?**

**7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions**

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

<b>7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Group Homes	19.8	16.6	15.8	17.5
Institutions	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.9
Other Settings	79.6	82.1	82.9	80.7
Missing	--	--	--	--
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Number</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>756</b>