





January 30, 2024

The Honorable Ben Hansen
Members of the Health and Human Services Committee
Nebraska Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

The Honorable Robert Clements Members of the Appropriations Committee Nebraska Legislature P.O. Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Outcomes Relating to Expenditures and Change or Movement of Funds Relating to Child Welfare Report

Dear Chairman Hansen and Chairman Clements:

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-3133(1)(b) requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Children and Family Services to report on its expenditures for each quarter and the outcomes related to such expenditures to the Appropriations and Health and Human Services Committees. Pursuant to this law, DHHS is submitting a report of these expenditures and related outcomes for the quarter beginning October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Additionally, the statute requires that the report shall identify any changes or movement of funds between subprograms in excess of \$250,000 relating to child welfare in Budget Program 347 or Budget Program 354. There were no changes or movement of funds between subprograms related to child welfare in Budget Program 354 during the period of this report.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Bish, Ph.D.

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Director, Division of Children and Family Services

Attachment

Division of Children and Family Services

Outcomes Relating to Expenditures and Change or Movement of Funds Relating to Child Welfare Report

January 2024

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3133(1)(b)

Expenditures

CFS child welfare expenditures for the period of October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, are listed on pages two and three of this report.

Movement of Funds

There were no changes or movement of funds in excess of \$250,000 between subprograms related to child welfare in Budget Program 354 during the period of this report.

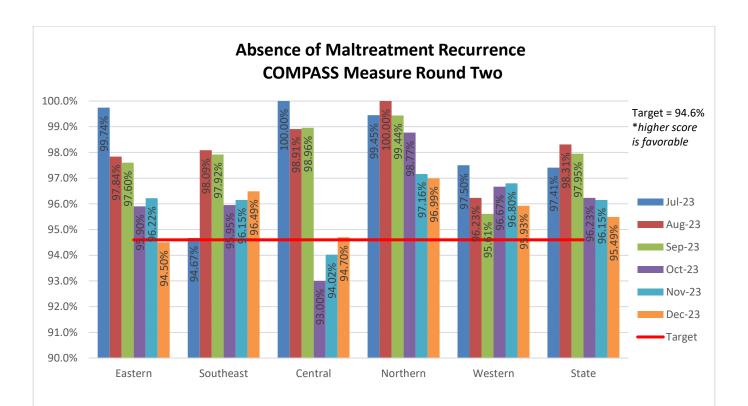
Outcomes

Outcomes related to the expenditures in this report are derived from Children's Outcomes Measured in Protection and Safety Statistics (COMPASS). COMPASS measures reflect federal performance indicators that DHHS is held accountable for by the Federal Administration for Children and Families. Outcome measures can be found on pages four through nine of this report.

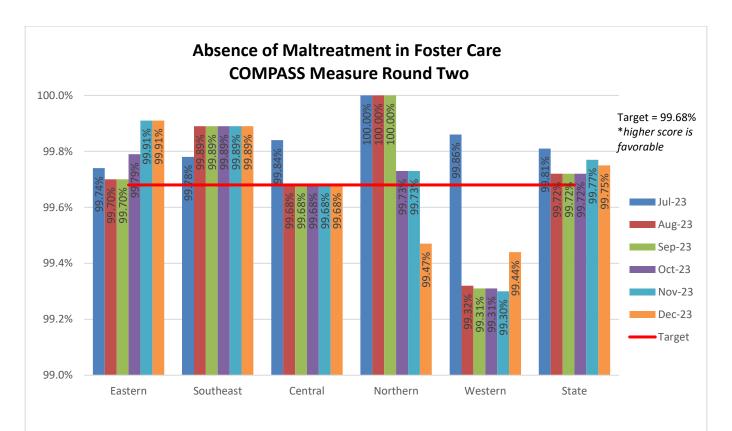
Ongoing updates of the COMPASS measures are posted on the Department website at https://dhhs-cfscompass.ne.gov/CFSCompass/. Each outcome report identifies the outcome measurement, provides a brief description of the measurement, numerical data by month for the State and each of the DHHS Service Areas, and provides the federal outcome measurement target. Each outcome report also provides a graph to depict the data over time. Measurement definitions and definitions of composite scores are included on each graph.

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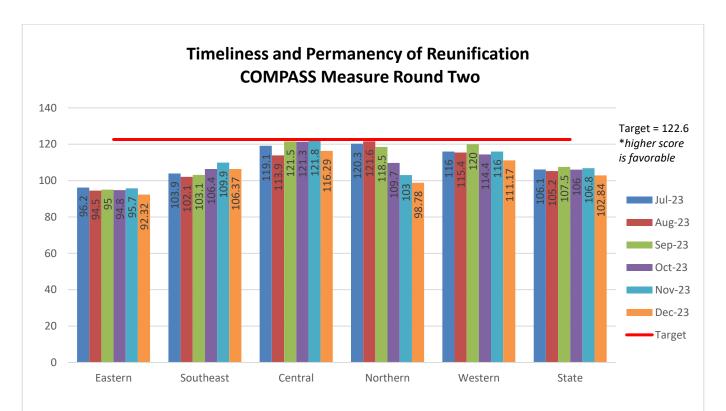
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48 Child Welfare	\$42,616,712
General Fund	\$40,456,973
Federal Fund	\$ 2,159,739
49 Tribal Child Welfare	\$3,817,556
General Fund	\$3,817,556
50 Subsidized Independent	\$ 166,568
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General Fund	\$ 166,568
51 IV-E Independent Living	\$ 9,421
General Fund	\$ 3,715
Federal Fund	\$ 5,706
52 Adoption and Safe Families	\$ 523,831
General Fund	\$ 8,434
Federal Fund	\$ 515,397
Child Welfare Total	\$67,458,502
General Fund	\$56,141,871
Federal Fund	\$11,316,631



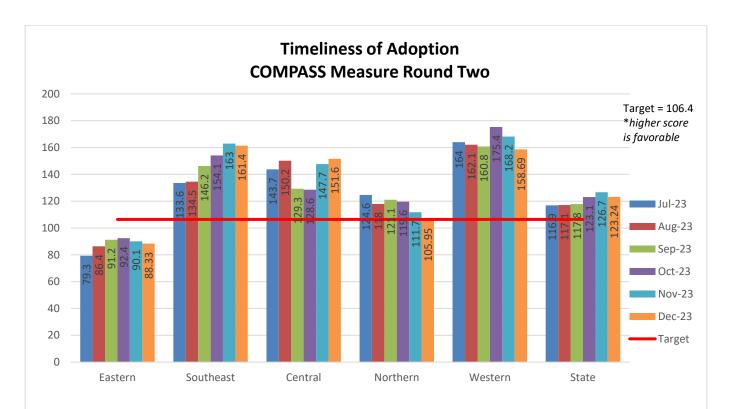
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. This measurement determines the percentage of children who did not experience a subsequent substantiated abuse or neglect incident within six months of the first incident of abuse or neglect. Victims are defined as children where the court or DHHS has substantiated the allegations of abuse or neglect.



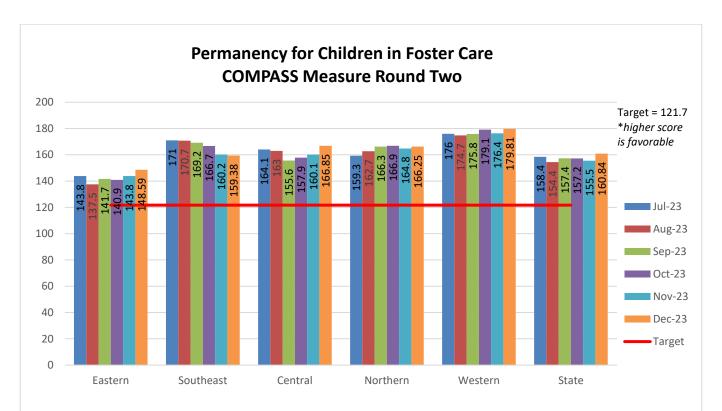
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The children included in this measure were placed outside their parental home in either a foster home or group care during the 12-month period. This measurement determines the percentage of children who did not experience substantiated abuse or neglect by a foster parent or a facility staff member during the placement.



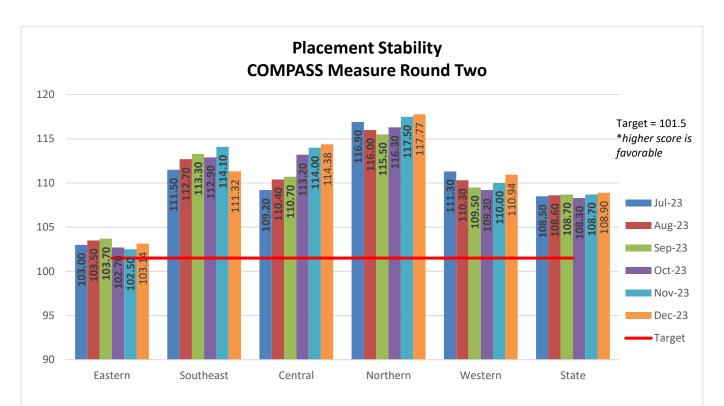
This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. The Reunification Composite measures the timeliness of reunification and whether the reunification was permanent over a specific period of time. The Reunification Composite includes four factors: Reunification in Less Than 12 Months, Median Time to Reunification, Entry Cohort Reunification in Less Than 12 Months, and Permanence of Reunification.



This is a federal composite measure: Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. The Adoption Composite measures the timeliness of adoptions and includes the following five factors: Adoption in Less Than 24 Months, Median Time to Adoption, Children in Care for 17 Months or Longer Who Are Adopted by the End of the Year, Children in Care for 17 Months or Longer Who Are Legally Free for Adoption within Six Months, and Children Who Are Legally Free for Adoption Who Are Adopted within 12 Months.



This is a federal composite measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The Permanency Composite measures the frequency that permanency is achieved for children and youth who have been in care for longer periods of time. Permanency is defined as exiting care to reunification, adoption or guardianship. The composite includes three factors: 1. Exits to Permanency Prior to the Child's 18th Birthday for Children in Care for 24 More Months or More; 2. Exits to Permanency for Children Who Are Free for Adoption; and 3. Children Emancipated Who Were in Foster Care for Three Years or More.



This is the federal composite measure on Placement Stability. This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The national standard is two or fewer placements over specific periods of time. Placements for children who experience a brief hospitalization or are on runaway status are not included in the measure.