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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



July 30, 2024

The Honorable Ben Hansen Members of the Health & 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 April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

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,

Kathleen Stolz, JD

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Acting 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

July 2024

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3133(1)(b)

Expenditures

The Division of Children and Family Service (CFS) child welfare expenditures for the period of April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, 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.

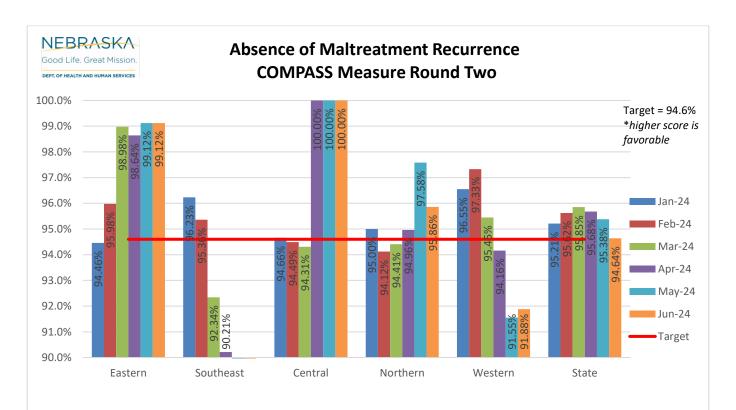
Outcomes

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.

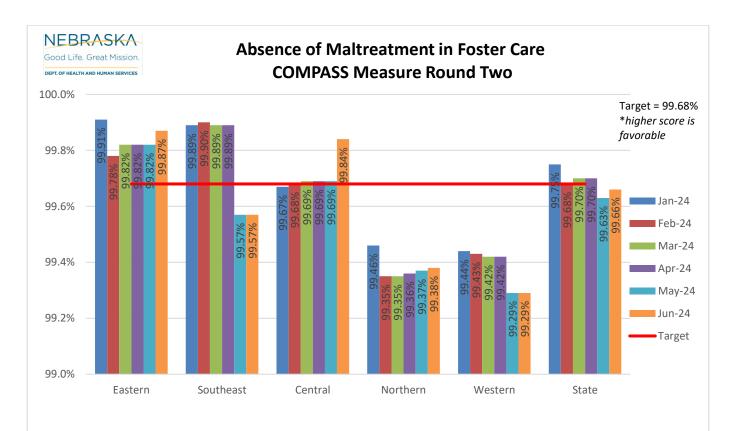
Ongoing updates of the COMPASS measures are posted on the Department website at https://dhhs-cfscompass.ne.gov/CFSCompass/. Each outcome report identifies the outcome measurement, provides a brief description of the measurement, numerical data by month for the State and each of the DHHS Service Areas, 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.

April – June 2024 CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES	
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17 Post-Adoption Guardianship	\$ 508,373
General Fund	\$ 508,373
18 Protection and Safety	\$ 642,664
General Fund	\$ 647,474
Federal Fund	(\$ 4,810)
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30 IV-E Foster Care	\$ 2,849,128
General Fund	\$ 1,181,503
Federal Fund	\$ 1,667,625
31 IV-E Adoption Assistance	\$ 12,116,063
General Fund	(\$602,625)
Federal Fund	\$ 12,718,688
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32 IV-E Guardianship	\$ 114,748
General Fund	\$ 54,514
Federal Fund	\$ 60,234
34 Subsidized Adoption	\$ 842,369
General Fund	\$ 842,369
Federal Fund	\$ 0
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35 Domestic Violence Program	\$ 1,145,675
General Fund	\$ 395,486
Federal Fund	\$ 750,189
36 Education Assistance	\$ 2,208,381
General Fund	\$ 2,208,381
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37 Subsidized Guardianship	\$ 1,808,800
General Fund	\$ 1,808,800
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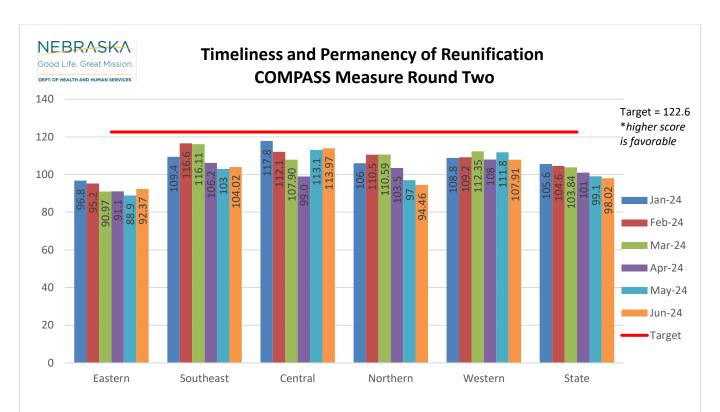
April – June 2024 CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES	
48 Child Welfare	\$ 41,647,785
General Fund	\$ 24,372,405
Federal Fund	\$ 17,275,380
49 Tribal Child Welfare	\$ 2,992,570
General Fund	\$ 2,992,570
50 Subsidized Independent	\$ 174,888
Living	
General Fund	\$ 174,888
51 IV-E Independent Living	\$ 14,094
General Fund	\$ 5,835
Federal Fund	\$ 8,259
52 Adoption and Safe Families	\$ 302,837
General Fund	\$ 0
Federal Fund	\$ 302,837
Child Welfare Total	\$ 67,368,376
General Fund	\$ 34,589,972
Federal Fund	\$ 32,778,404



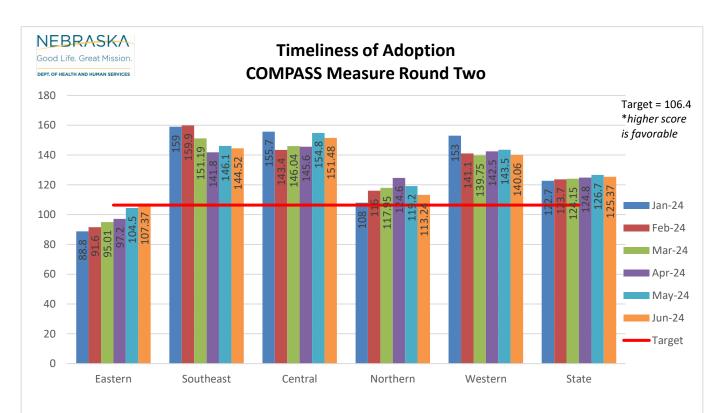
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The children included in this report were victims of abuse or neglect during the first 6 months of the 12-month period. If the child was a victim of a subsequent abuse or neglect incident within 6 months of the first incident of abuse or neglect, they appear on this report. Victims are defined as children where the court or DHHS has substantiated the allegations of abuse or neglect.



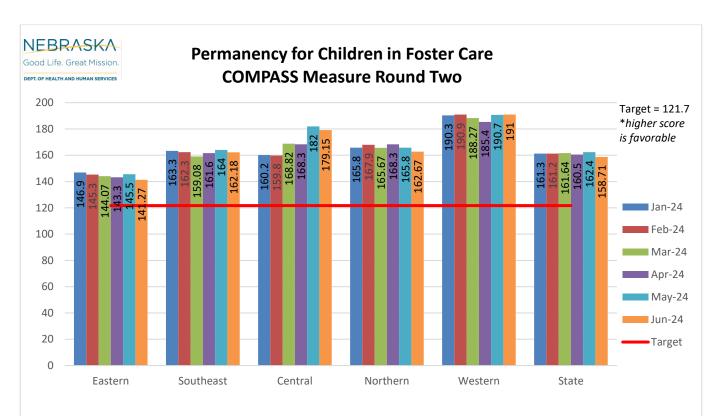
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. This measure is of all children who are placed outside of their parental home either in a foster home or group care, and the percent that were not abused or neglected by either a foster parent or a facility staff member.



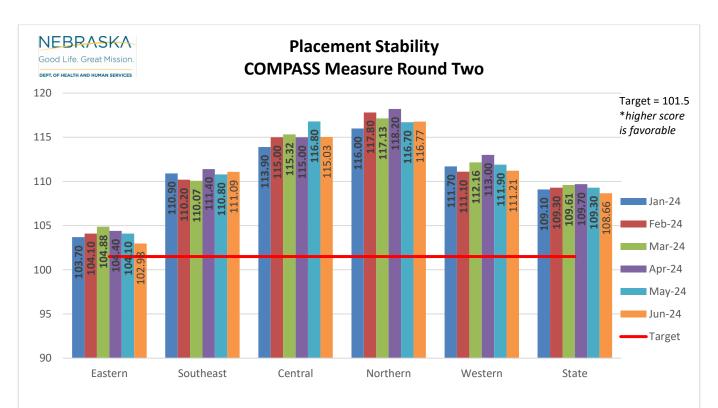
This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. This is a federal composite that reports on a rolling 12-month period. The Reunification Composite measures the timeliness of reunification and whether the reunification was permanent over a specific period of time. The Reunification Composite includes four measures: 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 measures: 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 6 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 measures: 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 3 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 2 or fewer placements over specific periods of time. Placements are not counted for children who experience a brief hospitalization or for children who are on runaway status.