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Key Terms

Several key terms related to the measures are defined here. Note- these definitions are for determining performance on these metrics, and may not match exactly with official policy or practice definitions.

Adult Investigations are on-site investigations of all reports of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect of vulnerable adults caused by a second party or special conditions.

CBC Lead Agency is an entity responsible for the provision of care for children as defined in s. 409.986(3)(d), F.S.

Caregiver Responsible is an adult who, as a result of a child protective investigation, has been determined to be responsible for a *verified maltreatment* of a child.

Closure of Services means there is a gap of at least one calendar day between closure of one service and the opening of another service. For example, a child who ends one service on July 1st at 8am and begins another on July 2nd at 11pm would not be considered to have services terminated on July 1st. A child who ends services July 1st at 8am and begins another on July 3rd at 1am would be considered has having services terminated on July 1st as one full calendar day (i.e., July 2nd) separated the end and beginning of services. Services include *out-of-home care*, *in-home services*, and *family support services*. The follow-up period after discharge from a *removal episode* does not begin until after any period of *post-placement supervision*.

Cohort is a group of children who share a common characteristic or event in a period or a point in time. Some cohorts are defined by a child's status on a given date; others are defined by an event (e.g., a *removal date* or *permanency date*); still others are defined by the child's receiving a type of service within a date range.

Closure Determination is the decision by the child protective investigator as to how to classify the investigation upon completion of a thorough and comprehensive investigation.

Discharge Date is the date a child leaves *out-of-home care* and marks the end of a *removal episode*.

Face-to-Face Visit occurs when a caseworker has contact with a child, face-to-face, regardless of where the visit takes place and documents this activity in FSN as a case note where the child is selected as a participant and the Face-to-Face Contact has been Completed, regardless of the type of note. The date of the visit is also documented in the case note.

Family Support Services are affirmative outreach and efforts provided to engage families in order to prevent the occurrence of a future child abuse investigation or child maltreatment when children have a *Safety Determination* of Safe but are at high risk or very high risk for future maltreatment. Provision of *Family Support Services* are based on the entry of an active Family Support case in FSN

Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) is the department's electronic system of record for child welfare investigation and service related information.

Follow-Up Period is the period of twelve (12) months used to measure safety, timely permanency, or re-entry for a *cohort* of children.

Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time is the date and time the report is accepted by the Hotline staff and referred for investigation.

In-Home Episode is a series of consecutive *living arrangements* where there is no more than a full calendar day gap between the ending of one and the beginning of a subsequent *living arrangement*. Any gaps of more than a full calendar day between individual *living arrangements* indicates a different *in-home episode*.

In-Home Investigation is an investigation in which the child's parent, legal guardian, paramour, or other adult household member with significant caregiver responsibility for care and protection of the child is the alleged person responsible for the maltreatment.

In-Home Services are case managed services where the child remains with their parent(s) or primary caretakers but the Department maintains supervision. This status is defined by the entry of a *living arrangement* in *FSFN*.

Incident Date is the date the *verified maltreatment* occurred based on the findings entered in *FSFN*.

Institutional Investigation is an investigation which involves alleged abuse by an "Other Persons Responsible for a Child's Welfare" (as defined in s.39.01, F.S.) which typically occur in institutional settings such as schools, daycares, *licensed foster care*, group care facilities, etc.

Intake The process for information collection and assessment the Florida Abuse Hotline for allegations of abuse, neglect, or abandonment of children. Intakes are subcategorized as one of the following:

Initial- This is the original or first contact with the hotline which resulted in an investigation due to an allegation of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

Additional- This is a subsequent contact with the hotline which contains new information about one or more participants of an existing report. This is usually a new allegation of abuse, neglect, or abandonment to an existing report or a new participant pertaining to an existing report.

Supplemental- This is a subsequent contact with the hotline that provides enhanced information to an existing report. This is usually improvements on what is already known such as a more precise address, different name spelling, or additional sources.

Intake County is the county where the alleged victim is located at the time the report is accepted for investigation by the hotline.

Investigation County is the county in which the focus household-where the alleged maltreating caregiver resides- at the time the report is accepted for investigation by the hotline.

Investigation Completion Period is the two (2) month period following the end of the *cohort selection period* and/or the *follow-up period* for child safety indicators. This is necessary to allow up to sixty (60) days for completion of a child protective investigation that may have commenced near the end of the *cohort selection period* and/or the *follow-up period* and entry of findings into FSFN.

Legally Free for Adoption is the status of a child who does not have a legal parent due to the parental rights having been terminated by the court or the parents being deceased.

Length of Stay is the duration a child is in *out-of-home care* and is measured as the time between their *removal date* and either their *discharge date* or some other defined date (e.g., the end of the *report period*).

Licensed Foster Care are the following *placement service categories*: Foster Home, Residential, and Residential Treatment Center.

Living Arrangement is a period of time in which a child is receiving *in-home services*.

Other Investigation is an investigation which involves alleged abuse by a relative, non-relative, paramour, or adult babysitter temporarily entrusted with a child's care who does not reside in the home with the parent and child.

Out-of-Home Care is substitute care provided for children placed away from their parents or guardians regardless of placement type or custodian, including those in *licensed foster care*, kinship (relative or non-relative) care, or any other placement where the State agency has placement and care responsibility. This status is defined by the entry of a *removal episode* in FSFN.

Permanency is the discharge of a child from *out-of-home care* to a permanent home, indicating reunification, adoption, or permanent guardianship. Specific permanency discharge reasons include: Adoption, Guardianship, Guardianship to Non-Relative, Guardianship to Relative, Living with Other Relatives, Reunification with Parent(s)/Primary Caretaker.

Permanency Date is the *discharge date* when a child is discharged from *out-of-home care* to *permanency*.

Placement Service Category(ies) are out-of-home care placement types

Post-Placement Supervision is an *in-home service* provided within one calendar day following the child's exiting from *out-of-home care* due to reunification, living with other relatives, or long-term custody to relative.

Removal Date is the date a child is initially placed in *out-of-home care* during a *removal episode*.

Removal Episode is a period of time where a child is placed in *out-of-home care*, beginning with a *removal date* and ending with a *discharge date*. A *removal episode* may include multiple placements, so the end of a placement may not be the end of a *removal episode*.

Report Period is the period of time used for selecting a *cohort* of children to be included in the calculation of a specific measure.

Report Received Date is the date that the initial report regarding allegations of abuse or neglect was received by the Department.

Safety Determination is the decision, after completion of a Family Functioning Assessment-Investigation, as to whether a child can be safely maintained in the home.

Service Episode is the period of time where the child is receiving services: *family support services*, *in-home services*, or *out-of-home care*. Services provided consecutively, with one calendar day or less between the closure of one service and the opening of another service are considered a single *service episode*. For example, services provided to a child which end July 1st at 8am with a new service beginning on July 2nd at 11pm would be considered the same *service episode*. Services provided to a child which end on July 1st at 8am with a new service beginning on July 3rd at 1am would be considered separate *service episode*, as one full calendar day (i.e., July 2nd) separated the end and beginning of services.

Sibling is any child in the same case as another child.

Sibling Group is any case with two or more children in *out-of-home care*.

Termination of Supervision means there is a gap of at least one calendar day between closure of one service and the opening of another service. For example, a child who ends one service on July 1st at 8am and begins another on July 2nd at 11pm would not be considered to have services terminated on July 1st. A child who ends services July 1st at 8am and begins another on July 3rd at 1am would be considered as having services terminated on July 1st as one full calendar day (i.e., July 2nd) separated the end and beginning of services. Services include both out-of-home care and in-home services, but do not include family support services. The follow-up period after discharge from a removal episode does not begin until after any period of post-placement supervision.

Verified Maltreatment means that a child had at least one verified finding of abuse or neglect during the measurement period.

Dashboard Metric Algorithms

Percent of Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment with 12 Months of Prior Incidence of Abuse or Neglect

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children who were victims of a *verified maltreatment* during the *report period* who were not victims in a subsequent report of a *verified maltreatment* within twelve (12) months of the initial report. This measure is similar to the federal indicator: **Recurrence of Maltreatment**, but utilizes a different data set than the official federal report and may have minor differences in report logic. In addition, Florida reports the percent of children who were NOT re-abused, while the federal measure reports the percent of children who were re-abused.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending fifteen (15) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for the report quarter ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: Number of children with a *verified maltreatment* of abuse or neglect in a report received during the *report period*.

Numerator: The number of children in the denominator who did not have a subsequent *verified maltreatment* within twelve (12) months of the initial report identified in the denominator.

Algorithm

Select all child victims where the initial *report received date* is in the *report period* and the child had at least one allegation where the finding was verified. For reports received prior to July 30, 2007, the *report received date* is the used to determine inclusion in the *report period*. For reports received on or after July 30, 2007 the *Hotline Intake Decision Date* is used to determine inclusion in the *report period*. Only reports where the investigation has been completed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a *Closure Determination* of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2007, there must be no *Closure Determination*. If a child has multiple reports in the *report period* which meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator, select only the first report which meets the criteria. Children age 18 or more as of the report date are excluded. The child must have a valid race and date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator who do not have a subsequent report where the child had at least one allegation where the finding was verified and the subsequent *report received date* was within twelve (12) months of the received date of the report included in the denominator. If the *incident date* of the subsequent allegation indicates that it had the same *incident date* as the allegation in the denominator, it is not included in determining the numerator. If the subsequent report has an initial received date that is within fourteen (14) days of the report included in the denominator, it will not be included for the purposes of calculating the numerator.

Geographic areas/entities are assigned based on the *Investigation County* of the investigation included in the denominator. If *Investigation County* is not available, *Intake County* will be used.

Percent of Perpetrators with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment within 12 Months

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of adults who were perpetrators of a *verified maltreatment* during the *report period* who were not perpetrators in a subsequent report of a *verified maltreatment* within twelve (12) months of the initial report.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending fifteen (15) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for the report quarter ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: Number of adults who are identified as a *Caregiver Responsible* for abuse or neglect in a report received during the *report period*.

Numerator: The number of adults in the denominator who are not identified as a *Caregiver Responsible* for abuse or neglect within twelve (12) months of the initial report identified in the denominator.

Algorithm

Select all Caregiver's Responsible in reports where the initial *report received date* is in the reporting period. *Adult investigations* are excluded. For reports received prior to July 30, 2007, the *report received date* is the used to determine inclusion in the *report period*. For reports received on or after July 30, 2007 the *Hotline Intake Decision Date* is used to determine inclusion in the *report period*. Only reports where the investigation has been completed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a *Closure Determination* of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2007, there must be no *Closure Determination*. If a *Caregiver Responsible* has multiple reports in the *report period* which meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator, select only the first report which meets the criteria.

The numerator is the count of adults in the denominator who do not have a subsequent report where the adult was determined to be a *Caregiver Responsible* for abuse or neglect and the initial *report received date* was within twelve (12) months of the received date of the report included in the denominator. If the *incident date* of the subsequent allegation(s) indicates that it is prior to or on the same *incident date* as the allegation in the denominator, it is not included in determining the numerator. If the subsequent report has an initial received date that is within fourteen (14) days of the report included in the denominator, it will not be included for the purposes of determining the numerator.

Geographic areas/entities are assigned based on the *Investigation County* of the investigation included in the denominator. If *Investigation County* is not available, *Intake County* will be used.

Percent of Children with no Verified Maltreatment within Six (6) months of Termination of Supervision

This measure is the percent of children who are not the victims of abuse or neglect in six months after *termination of supervision*.

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending nine (9) months prior the end of the report quarter (e.g., January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 for the report quarter ending September 30, 2018).

Denominator: The number of children during the *report period* for whom supervision was terminated.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator who had no *verified maltreatment* in an investigation received within six (6) months of the *termination of supervision*.

Algorithm

Select all children whose supervision was terminated during the *report period*. If a child had supervision terminated multiple times during the *report period*, the earliest termination in the *report period* is included in the calculation of this measure. If a child was in a *removal episode* for less than eight (8) days or the child's *removal episode* was discharged with a discharge reason of "Adoption," "Age of Majority," "Child Turned 18," "Death of Child," "Dismissed by Court" (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court"), or "Emancipation" that service is not included in the report for the purposes of determining if the child had supervision terminated. Any service where a child will have turned eighteen (18) years of age prior to the full six (6) month follow up period after the service has been terminated is not included in the report for the purposes of determining if the child had supervision terminated. Children in the denominator will be stratified into the following mutually exclusive groups:

1. In-home. This group will consist of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was an *in-home service*, excluding an in-home service that is considered *post placement supervision*,
2. In-home PPS. This group consists of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was an *in-home service* that is considered *post placement supervision*,
3. Out-of-Home. This group consists of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was the ending of a *removal episode* and did not receive *post placement supervision*.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child had no *verified maltreatments* where the *report received date* of the allegation was in the six (6) months following the *termination of supervision*. If the *incident date* of the *verified maltreatment* indicates that the abuse or neglect was prior to the *termination of supervision*, that *verified maltreatment* is not included for the purposes of calculating the numerator. Only reports where the investigation has been completed and for reports closed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a Closure Determination of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2017, there must be no Closure Determination. All such reports with *verified maltreatment* which meet these criteria are included in determining the numerator, regardless of the perpetrator responsible.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of the primary case worker as of the date of the child's *termination of supervision*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children with no Verified Maltreatment within Twelve (12) Months of Closure of Service

Report Description: This measure is the percent of children who are not the victims of abuse or neglect within twelve months after *closure of service*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending fifteen (15) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for the report quarter ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The number of children for whom all services were closed during the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator who had no *verified maltreatment* in an investigation received within twelve (12) months of *closure of services*.

Algorithm

Select all children who stopped receiving all services during the *report period*. If a child had all services closed multiple times during the *report period*, the earliest *closure of services* in the *report period* is included in the calculation of this measure. If a child was in a *removal episode* for less than eight (8) days or the child's *removal episode* was discharged with a discharge reason of "Adoption," "Age of Majority," "Child Turned 18," "Death of Child," "Dismissed by Court" (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court"), or "Emancipation" that service is not included in the report for the purposes of determining if the child had a *closure of services*. Any service where a child will have turned eighteen (18) years of age prior to the full twelve (12) month follow-up period after the *closure of services* is not included in the report for the purposes of determining if the child had a *closure of services*. Children in the denominator will be stratified into the following mutually exclusive groups:

1. Family Support Services. This group will consist of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was *Family Support Services*,
2. In-home. This group will consist of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was an *in-home service*, excluding an in-home service that is considered *post placement supervision*,
3. In-home PPS. This group consists of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was an *in-home service* that is considered *post placement supervision*,
4. Out-of-Home. This group consists of all children whose service directly preceding the *closure of services* was the ending of a *removal episode* and did not receive *post placement supervision*.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child had no *verified maltreatments* where the *report received date* of the allegation was in the twelve (12) months following the *closure of services*. If the *incident date* of the *verified maltreatment* indicates that the abuse or neglect was prior to the *closure of services*, that *verified maltreatment* is not included for the purposes of calculating the numerator. Only reports where the investigation has been completed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a Closure Determination of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2017, there must be no Closure Determination. All such reports with *verified maltreatment* which meet these criteria are included in determining the numerator, regardless of the perpetrator responsible.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of the primary case worker as of the date of the child's *closure of services*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all

children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children not Abused or Neglected While Receiving In-Home Services

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of *in-home service episodes* during the *report period* where the child did not have a *verified maltreatment* while receiving the services.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending three (3) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for the report quarter ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The number of children's *in-home service episodes* that lasted at least twenty-four (24) consecutive hours within the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of *in-home service episodes* in the denominator where the child had no *verified maltreatment* while receiving *in-home services* during the *report period*.

Algorithm

Select all children who had an *in-home service episode*, including *post-placement supervision*, where the episode lasted at least twenty-four (24) consecutive hours during the *report period*. If a child received multiple episodes of *in-home services* during the period, they are counted once for each such episode of service. Any *in-home services* provided after the child turns eighteen (18) years of age are excluded from this measure (i.e., the child's *in-home service episode* is considered to have ended the day prior to their 18th birthday). The child must have a valid gender, race, and date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of all *in-home service episodes* in the denominator where the child did NOT have a *verified maltreatment* while receiving the *in-home service* where the *report received date* was both in the *report period* and during the child's *in-home service episode*; was prior to the child's eighteenth (18th) birthday; and was not the same date as the date the *in-home service episode* began. If the *incident date* of the *verified maltreatment* indicates that the abuse or neglect was prior or equal to the date the *in-home service episode* began or prior to the *report period*, that *verified maltreatment* is not included in determining the numerator. Only reports where the investigation has been completed and for reports closed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a Closure Determination of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2017, there must be no Closure Determination. All such reports with *verified maltreatment* which meet these criteria are included in the numerator regardless of the perpetrator responsible.

In-home service episodes in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of the primary case worker as of the earlier of the termination of the *in-home service episode* or at the end of the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Rate of Abuse or Neglect per 100,000 Days of Services

Report Description: This measure is the rate at which children are the victims of abuse or neglect while receiving services during the *report period*. The measure includes the rate of abuse or neglect during the child's *service episode* as well as during each different type of service: *family support services*, *in-home services*, and *out-of-home care*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending three (3) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for the report quarter ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator:

Overall *service episode*: The total number of days for all children receiving services where the overall length of service was eight (8) days or more in the overall *service episode*.

Individual type of service (*family support services*, *in-home services*, and *out-of-home care*): For each individual type of service, that individual type of service must have an overall length of service that was eight (8) days or more for that type of service to be counted in the denominator.

Numerator: The total number of reports received with at least one instance of *verified maltreatment* during the *report period* and the child's time receiving services.

Algorithm

Select all children who had a *service episode* for at least twenty-four (24) hours during the *report period* and the *service episode* lasted at least eight (8) days. For each individual type of service, the child must have been receiving *family support services*, *in-home services*, or have been in *out-of-home care* for at least twenty-four (24) hours during the *report period* and the service type lasted with at least eight (8) days in the type of service (please see note below). Any services provided after the child turns eighteen (18) years of age are excluded from this measure (i.e., the child's service is considered to have ended the day prior to their 18th birthday). The total number of days that meet the above criteria is the denominator with a separate total calculated for each of the following: overall *service episode*, *family support services*, *in-home services*, and *out-of-home care*. If a child had multiple services episodes overall or of a particular type, the days for all such *service episodes* during the *report period* are counted.

The numerator is the count of the total number of reports with at least one *verified maltreatment* for all children in the denominator where the *report received date* was both in the *report period* and during the child's time receiving services; was prior to the child's eighteenth (18th) birthday; and, did not occur during the first seven (7) days of the child's *service episode*. If the *incident date* of the *verified maltreatment* indicates that the abuse or neglect was prior to the child's time receiving services or the *report period*, that *verified maltreatment* is not included in determining the numerator. Only reports where the investigation has been completed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a *Closure Determination* of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2007, there must be no *Closure Determination*. All such reports with *verified maltreatment* which meet these criteria are included in the numerator regardless of the perpetrator responsible.

The numerator is calculated independently for each of the following: overall *service episode*, *family support services*, *in-home services*, and *out-of-home care*.

The measure is the total number reports with at least one *verified maltreatment* divided by the total number of

days receiving services with the result multiplied by one-hundred thousand (100,000) to calculate the rate of victimization per one-hundred thousand (100,000) days receiving services and provide a larger and more meaningful number. This rate is calculated independently for each of the following: overall *service episode*, *family support services*, *in-home services*, and *out-of-home care*.

Service episodes are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of the primary case worker as of the earlier of the termination of the service or at the end of the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment. This assignment is done independently for each of the following: overall *service episode*, *family support services*, *in-home services*, and *out-of-home care*.

Note: If one or more of the following rarely occurring data discrepancies are true, the individual service type is not considered valid and is excluded: the begin date of the service is in the year 1901 or prior; the end date of the service is equal to or prior to the begin date; the end reason for the *family support service* is 'Made in Error'; the comment on the living arrangement includes 'made in error' as part of the comment; the duration of the living arrangement is one hour or less; one or more *out-of-home care* placements has a begin date prior to the *removal date*; one or more *out-of-home care* placements have a begin date subsequent to the *discharge date*; the removal has not been discharged, but the case has a case closure date subsequent to the removal date; the same *removal episode* for the child is found in more than one case; the removal date is on or after the child's eighteenth birthday; an individual *family support service* overlaps with another *family support service*; an individual living arrangement overlaps with another living arrangement; or, the *family support service*, *in-home service*, or the *removal episode* overlaps with a different type of service.

Percent of Children Exiting Out-of-Home Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months of Entering Care

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children who entered *out-of-home care* during the *report period* where the child achieved *permanency* within twelve (12) months of entering *out-of-home care*. This measure is similar to the federal indicator, **Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Foster Care**.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending twelve (12) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for the report quarter ending June 30, 2017).

Denominator: The number of children who entered *out-of-home care* during the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator where the child achieved *permanency* within twelve (12) months of their *removal date*.

Algorithm

Select all children with a new *removal episode* during the *report period* where the *removal episode* was at least eight (8) days in duration. Exclude any *removal episode* ending with a discharge reason of "Dismissed by Court" (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court"). Exclude any *removal episode* where the child was eighteen (18) years of age before the beginning of the *report period*. If a child has multiple *removal episodes* that meet the above criteria, select only the first such *removal episode* in the *report period*. The child must have a valid date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child achieved *permanency* such that their *permanency date* is less than twelve (12) months from the *removal date* of the *removal episode*.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the earlier of the *permanency date* of the *removal episode* or twelve (12) months after the *removal date*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children Exiting Out-of-Home Care to a Permanent Home in 12 Months for Children in Out-of-Home Care 12-23 Months

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children in *out-of-home care* as of the beginning of the *report period* whose *length of stay* is between twelve (12) and twenty-three (23) months as of the beginning of the *report period* who achieved *permanency* within twelve (12) months of the beginning of the *report period*. This measure is similar to the federal indicator, **Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12 – 23 Months**.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The beginning of the day twelve (12) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., January 1, 2017 for the report quarter ending December 31, 2017).

Denominator: The number of children in *out-of-home care* between twelve (12) and twenty-three (23) months as of the beginning of the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator where the child achieved *permanency* within 12 months of the *report period*.

Algorithm

Select all children in a *removal episode* as of the *report period* where the *removal episode* was at least twelve (12) months but less than twenty-four (24) months in duration. Exclude any *removal episode* ending with a discharge reason of “Dismissed by Court” (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court"). Exclude any *removal episode* where the child was eighteen (18) years of age prior to or on the date of the *report period*. The child must have a valid date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child achieved *permanency* such that their *permanency date* is within 12 months of the *report period* and prior to their eighteenth (18) birthday. Note that children in the denominator who turn 18 in less than 12 months from the *report period* are not excluded.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the earlier of the *permanency date* of the *removal episode* or twelve (12) months from the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children Exiting Out-of-Home Care to a Permanent Home in 12 Months for Children in Out-of-Home Care 24+ Months

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children in *out-of-home care* as of the beginning of the *report period* whose *length of stay* is twenty-four (24) months or longer as of the beginning of the *report period* who achieved *permanency* within twelve (12) months of the beginning of the *report period*. This measure is similar to the federal indicator, **Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 24 Months or Longer**.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The beginning of the day twelve (12) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., January 1, 2017 for the report quarter ending December 31, 2017).

Denominator: The number of children in *out-of-home care* twenty-four (24) months or longer as of the beginning of the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator where the child achieved *permanency* within 12 months of the *report period*.

Algorithm

Select all children in a *removal episode* as of the *report period* where the *removal episode* was at least twenty-four (24) months in duration. Exclude any *removal episode* ending with a discharge reason of "Dismissed by Court" (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court"). Exclude any *removal episode* where the child was eighteen (18) years of age prior to or on the date of the *report period*. The child must have a valid date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child achieved *permanency* such that their *permanency date* is within 12 months of the *report period* and prior to their eighteenth (18) birthday. Note that children in the denominator who turn 18 in less than 12 months from the *report period* are not excluded.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the earlier of the *permanency date* of the *removal episode* or twelve (12) months from the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children who Do Not Re-enter Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months of Moving to a Permanent Home

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of exits from *out-of-home care* to *permanency* for a *cohort* of children who entered *out-of-home care* during the *report period* and exited within twelve (12) months of entering and subsequently do not re-enter *out-of-home care* within twelve (12) months of their *permanency date*. This measure is similar to the federal indicator, **Re-Entry to Foster Care**.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending twenty-four (24) months prior to the end of the report quarter. (e.g., October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2018).

Denominator: The number of children who entered *out-of-home care* during the *report period* and achieved *permanency* within twelve (12) months of their *removal date*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator where the child did not re-enter *out-of-home care* within twelve (12) months of their *permanency date*.

Algorithm

Select all children who entered *out-of-home care* during the *report period* and achieved *permanency* within twelve (12) months of their *removal date*. Exclude exits due to an Adoption Finalization and any *removal episodes* lasting less than eight (8) days. The child must have been between the ages of 0 to 17 as of the date they achieved permanency. If a child re-entered *out-of-home care* and exited to *permanency* multiple times during the *report period*, only the first exit is included in this measure.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child did not have a subsequent re-entry into *out-of-home care* such that the *removal date* of the re-entry is within twelve (12) months of the *permanency date*. Only one re-entry can occur for each exit from *out-of-home care*. *Removal episodes* which are ended with a discharge reason of "Dismissed by Court" (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court") are not considered a re-entry into care.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the *permanency date*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Placement Moves per 1,000 Days in Out-of-Home Care

Report Description: This measure is the rate at which children change placements while in *out-of-home care* during the *report period*. This measure is similar to the federal indicator, **Placement Stability**.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending at the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The total number of days in *out-of-home care* during the *report period* for children entering *out-of-home care* during the *report period*.

Numerator: The total number of placement moves during the *report period* for all children in the denominator.

Algorithm

Select all *removal episodes* for children entering *out-of-home care* during the *report period*. *Removal episodes* lasting less than eight (8) days and ending with a discharge reason of “Dismissed by Court” (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court") are excluded. If a child has no active placements in the *removal episode* during the *report period*, they are excluded from the denominator. Calculate the total number of days that children were in *out-of-home care* during the *report period* by comparing the child’s *removal date* to their *discharge date*. If a child remains in *out-of-home care* as of the end of the *report period*, treat the end of the *report period* as their *discharge date* for this calculation. A child who is only placed in placements not considered a placement move for the purposes of calculating the numerator (e.g., a child only placed in a Visitation *placement service category*) are excluded from the denominator regardless of the child’s *length of stay*. Any days in *out-of-home care* after the child turns eighteen (18) year of age are excluded from this measure (i.e., the child’s *removal episode* is considered to have ended at midnight on the day prior to their 18th birthday). The child must have a valid gender, race, and date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the total number of placement moves for all *removal episodes* included in the denominator. All placements are entered into FSFN but not every placement change is considered a placement move for the purposes of this measure. Any placement in the following *placement service categories* is excluded from the count of placement moves: Child Activity, Missing Child, Respite Placement, Visitation, or a medical placement (Routine/Emergency Medical Services, Routine/Emergency Mental Health Services, Routine/Emergency Services, Hospitalization – Medical, Hospital – Mental) where a single or combination of consecutive medical placements had a duration of fifteen (15) days or less. If two or more consecutive valid placements are with the same provider, the subsequent placement is not considered a placement move. For example, if a child was placed with Provider A, had a placement change to Missing Child, and then returned to Provider A, these three would all be considered a single placement with no placement moves. If a child was placed in an Approved Relative placement with Provider B and the placement changed to a Foster Home placement but was still with Provider B, that would not be considered a placement move. The first placement in the *removal episode* is not considered a placement move for the purpose of calculating the numerator. All other placements, regardless of the time in the placement, are included.

The measure is the total number of placement moves divided by the total number of days in *out-of-home care* with the result multiplied by one-thousand (1,000) to calculate the rate of placement moves per one-thousand (1,000) days in *out-of-home care* and provide a larger and more meaningful number.

Removal episodes are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary

caseworker assigned to the case as of the earlier of the *discharge date* of the *removal episode* or the end of the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Child Protective Investigators with more than 20 Open Investigations

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of child protective investigators who are assigned more than 20 open investigations. It is intended to be an indicator of the workload of the investigator.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The last day of the report quarter (e.g., March 31, 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018).

Denominator: Total number of Child Protective Investigators assigned as a Primary Investigator to an open investigation as of the *report period*.

Numerator: Total number of Child Protective Investigators in the denominator who are assigned as the Primary Investigator on more than 20 investigations.

Algorithm

Select all persons who are assigned to an open *In-home, Other, or Institutional* Child investigation or any Special Condition referral during the *report period*, as of the *report run date*. Note that this includes any person who is assigned as the primary investigator, whether they are actual CPI's, or other staff such as OPA's or licensing specialists. It is not based on any specific job class or role in *FSFN*.

The numerator is determined by summing the count of the total number of investigators in the denominator who are assigned to more than 20 investigations.

Each investigator included in the denominator is assigned to the agency or geographic entity (county, sheriff, circuit, and region) based on the county of investigation as of the *report run date*. If the county of investigation is null, the agency or geographic entity is assigned based on the *intake county*. If an investigator has investigations active in multiple counties, the agency or geographic entity is assigned to the county with the most active investigations. If an investigator has the same number of investigations active in multiple counties, the agency or geographic entity is randomly assigned to one of these counties.

Percent of Investigations Commenced within 24 hours

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of investigations that were *commenced* within 24 hours of the *Hotline Intake Decision Date*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The total number of investigations received during the *report period*.

Numerator: The total number of investigations that were commenced within 24 hours.

Algorithm

Select all *In-Home*, *Other* and *Institutional* investigations that are the result of Initial or Additional *Intakes*, and Special Conditions referrals with a subtype of Child on Child received during the *report period*.

Supplemental *intakes*, Split *intakes* and *Special Condition* referrals other than Child on Child are excluded from the denominator. Any investigations closed as of the *report run date* with a closing determination of Duplicate or No Jurisdiction are excluded from the denominator. The total number of investigations that meets these criteria is the denominator. Note that Initial and any Additional *Intakes* are treated as unique investigations for calculating performance on this measure.

The numerator is the sum of:

- a. The total number of investigations in the denominator where there was a case note linked to the Investigation with a Category of “Child Investigation” and a Case Note Type of “Commencement” and the Contact Begin Date/Time was \leq 24 hours from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time*, and
- b. The total number of Special Condition referrals in the denominator where there was a case note linked to the referral with a Category of “Special Conditions” or “Child Investigation” and a Case Note Type of “Commencement” and the Contact Begin Date/Time was \leq 24 hours from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time*

Investigations or Special Condition referrals with a commencement time that is 1 hour or less than the Hotline Decision Date/Time will be included in the numerator. This can happen with investigations that are commenced in the Central time zone. Investigations with a Contact Begin Date/Time that is null, greater than 1 hour prior to the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time*, or greater than 24 hours from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time* are not included in the numerator.

Each investigation included in the denominator is assigned to the agency or geographic entity (county, sheriff, circuit, and region) based on the county of intake as of the *report received date*.

Percent of Victims in an Investigation who were Seen within 24 Hours of Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of victims that had a face to face visit with the investigator within 24 hours of the *Hotline Intake Decision Date*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: : The total number of children who are alleged victims in an Investigation or Special Condition referral closed during the *report period*.

Numerator: The total number of children in the denominator who were seen within 24 hours.

Algorithm

Select all children who have a documented allegation of abuse or neglect in an In-Home, Other or Institutional investigation or have a Role of Victim in a Special Condition referral with a subtype of Child on Child closed during the *report period*. A child is counted each time they are an alleged victim or have a role of Victim per Investigation or Special Condition referral.

Children who are born after the Initial *Hotline Intake Decision Date* are excluded from the denominator. Special Conditions Referrals with a Child on Child sub-type closed as of the report run date and investigations closed as of the report run date with a closing determination of Closing-Services, Closing-No Services, Closing-Ongoing Case Management Services, False Report, or Patently Unfounded are included in the denominator. Any investigations closed during the *report period* with a closing determination of Duplicate, Unable to Locate, or No Jurisdiction are excluded from the denominator. The total number of children that meet these criteria is the denominator.

The numerator is the sum of:

- The total number of children in investigations in the denominator where there was a case note with a Category of “Child Investigation” and a Face to Face Contact status of “Completed” with a Contact Date/Time that was ≤ 24 hours from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time*, and
- The total number children in Special Condition referrals in the denominator where there was a case note with a Category of “Special Conditions” or “Child Investigation” and a Face to Face Contact status of “Completed” with a Contact Date/Time that was ≤ 24 hours from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time*

Children seen with a Contact Date/Time that is one hour or less than the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time* will be included in the numerator. This can happen with investigations in the Central time zone or when investigations are split. Children with a Contact Date/Time that is null, greater than 1 hour prior to the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time*, or greater than 24 hours from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date/Time* are not included in the numerator.

Each investigation included in the denominator is assigned to the agency or geographic entity (county, sheriff, circuit, and region) based on the county of intake as of the report closed date.

Percent of Investigations that had a Supervisory Consultation or Supervisory Review within 5 Days Of Intake

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of investigations that had a Supervisory Consultation or Supervisory Review within 5 days of the *Hotline Intake Decision Date*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The total number of investigations received during the report period.

Numerator: The total number of investigations in the denominator that had a Supervisory Consultation or Supervisory Review within 5 days of the *Hotline Intake Decision Date*.

Algorithm

Select all initial *In-Home*, *Other*, and *Institutional* investigations received during the *report period*.

Additional and Supplemental sequenced *intakes* and *Special Condition* referrals are excluded from the denominator. Investigations closed as of the *report run date* with a closing determination of Duplicate, Unable to Locate or No Jurisdiction are excluded from the denominator. The total number of investigations that meets these criteria is the denominator.

The numerator is determined by summing the count of the total number of investigations in the denominator where an investigation had either a Supervisory Consultation Type of “Initial” completed in less than 6 calendar days from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date* or a Supervisory Review completed (based on system generated date/time stamp when the supervisor selects “Supervisory Review Completed” from the Options drop down box) in less than 6 calendar days from the *Hotline Intake Decision Date*.

Each investigation included in the denominator is assigned to the agency or geographic entity (county, sheriff, circuit, and region) based on the county of intake as of the *report received date*.

Percent of Child Protective Investigators and Child Protective Investigative Supervisors with a Social Work Degree

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of child protective investigators employed by the Department of Children and Families who have a BSW or MSW. It is intended to be an indicator of the quality of the workforce. This is not applicable for Sheriff's providing child protective investigations.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The last day of the report quarter (e.g., March 31, 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018).

Denominator: Total number of Child Protective Investigators and Child Protective Investigator Supervisors as of the *report period*.

Numerator: Total number of Child Protective Investigators and Child Protective Supervisors in the denominator who have a Bachelor's (BSW) or Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW).

Algorithm

For Department staff, select all persons who have an active job class of Child Protective Investigator, Senior Child Protective Investigator or Child Protective Investigator Supervisor as of the last day weekly Human Resources data extract before *report period*.

The numerator is determined by summing the count of the total number of investigators and supervisors in the denominator who have a BSW or MSW.

Note that this metric only includes information from those counties where the Department of Children and Families is responsible for Child Protective Investigations.

Child Protective Investigator Staff Retention Rate

Report Description: This measure is the percentage staff turnover during the report period. It is intended to be an indicator of the stability of the workforce. This is not applicable for Sheriff's providing child protective investigations.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: Total number of Child Protective Investigators employed on the first day of the *report period*.

Numerator: Total number of Child Protective Investigators in the denominator who were employed on the last day of the *report period*.

Algorithm

For Department staff, select all persons who have an active job class of Child Protective Investigator or Senior Child Protective Investigator as of the last weekly Human Resources data extract before the *report period* begin date.

The numerator is determined by summing the count of the total number of investigators in the denominator who remain in a Child Protective Investigator or Senior Child Protective Investigator job class as of the last weekly Human Resources data extract before the *report period* end date.

Note- this metric only includes information from those counties where the Department of Children and Families is responsible for Child Protective Investigations.

Percent of Children Under Supervision who are Seen Every Thirty (30) Days

Report Description: This measure is the rate at which children are *seen* every thirty (30) days while in *out-of-home care* or receiving *in-home services* during the *report period*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The total number of days that children were in *out-of-home care* or receiving *in-home services* during the *report period*.

Numerator: The total number of days that children in the denominator had been *seen* in the thirty (30) days immediately prior.

Algorithm

Select all days a child was in *out-of-home care* or receiving *in-home services* as of the end of the day for any day during the *report period*. If the child was receiving services for less than thirty (30) days and did not have a *face-to-face visit* with a caseworker, those days are not included in the denominator. Any days during the first thirty (30) days of service where the child had a *face-to-face visit* are included in the denominator. If the child was assigned to the *CBC Lead Agency* for less than three (3) days and did not have a *face-to-face visit* with a caseworker, those days are not included in the denominator. Any days during the first three (3) days of assignment to the *CBC Lead Agency* where the child had a *face-to-face visit* are included in the denominator. Any days during which the child did not reside in the state of Florida or had an active alert indicating the child has runaway or absconded or has been abducted are not included in the denominator. In addition, once the child no longer meets one of these three conditions, their days are not included in the denominator until the third day after not meeting the condition unless they have had a *face-to-face visit* with a caseworker. If the child had a *face-to-face visit* during this period, those days are included in the denominator. Once a child turns eighteen (18) years of age, their days are no longer included in the denominator. The total number of days that meet the above criteria is the denominator.

The numerator is the subset of total days in the denominator where the child had had at least one *face-to-face visit* in the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding the day.

Children in the denominator are assigned to the region, circuit, *CBC lead agency*, and county based on the Out-of-County Caseworker assigned to the child as of the end of each day the child is under supervision. If multiple Out-of-County caseworkers are assigned to the child, the most recently assigned is selected. If no Out-of-County caseworker is assigned to the child, this is based on the primary caseworker assigned to the child's case as of the end of each day the child is under supervision. Only children with a worker whose agency type is "CBC Lead Agency" are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children whose Initial Placement is in Kinship Care

Report Description: This measure is the percent of children whose first placement in *out-of-home care* is with a family member or person known to the family.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The total number of children that were removed during the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator whose first placement is with a relative or non-relative.

Algorithm

Select all children with a new *removal episode* during the *report period* where the *removal episode* was at least eight (8) days in duration. Exclude any *removal episode* ending with a discharge reason of “Dismissed by Court” (including a discharge reason of Reunification where the placement ending reason is "Dismissed by Court"). Exclude any *removal episode* where the child was eighteen (18) years of age before the beginning of the *report period*. If a child has multiple *removal episodes* that meet the above criteria, each *removal episode* in the *report period* is included. Exclude any *removal episode* where the only placements are one or any combination of the following *placement service categories*: Child Activity, Missing Child, Respite Placement, Visitation, Other, or a medical placement (Routine/Emergency Medical Services, Routine/Emergency Mental Health Services, Routine/Emergency Services, Hospitalization – Medical, Hospital – Mental). In the event the initial placement is one or any combination of the following *placement service categories*: Child Activity, Missing Child, Respite Placement, Visitation, Other, or a medical placement (Routine/Emergency Medical Services, Routine/Emergency Mental Health Services, Routine/Emergency Services, Hospitalization – Medical, Hospital – Mental) select the first such placement that is not one of these. The child must have a valid gender, race, and date of birth entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the initial *placement service category* is Relative or Non-relative.

A child is counted in geographic entity based on the primary caseworker assigned as of the removal date. All children are counted in the statewide counts regardless of whether or not a primary caseworker is assigned as of the end of the removal.

Percent of Sibling Groups where All Siblings are Placed Together

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of *sibling groups* with two or more children in *out-of-home care* as of the end of the *report period* where all *siblings* are placed together.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The last day of the report quarter (e.g., March 31, 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018).

Denominator: The number of *sibling groups* with two or more children in *out-of-home care* as of the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of *sibling groups* in the denominator where all *siblings* in *out-of-home care* are placed together.

Algorithm

Select all *sibling groups* with two or more children in *out-of-home care* as of the *report period*. Any child eighteen (18) years of age as of the *report period* is not considered a child in *out-of-home care* for the purposes of determining if a *sibling group* should be included in the denominator. All children in the sibling group must have a valid *placement service category* documented in FSFN as of the end of the report period to be included in the denominator.

The numerator is the count of *sibling groups* in the denominator where all *siblings* in *out-of-home care* are placed with the same provider as of the *report period* (i.e., the same ID_PRVD_ORG for the placements).

Sibling groups are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed in Removal Circuit

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children in a *licensed foster care* placement who are NOT placed outside of the circuit from which they were removed.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The last day of the report quarter (e.g., March 31, 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018).

Denominator: The number of children in *licensed foster care* as of the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator who are NOT placed outside of the circuit from which they were removed.

Algorithm

Select children in a *licensed foster care* placement as of the *report period*. Any child eighteen (18) years of age as of the *report period* is not considered a child in *licensed foster care* for the purposes of determining if a child should be included in the denominator. The child must have a valid gender, race, and date of birth entered in FSFN. The removal circuit is determined as follows:

If the child was a participant in an investigation, the removal circuit is based on the investigation *county* if available or intake county if not AND the date of removal is between twenty-four hours prior to the intake received date and either seven days after the completion of the investigation or the receipt of a new initial *intake* (whichever occurs first).

If no circuit can be found using the above and the child has a legal action of "Removal" with a result of "Initial Removal" or "Subsequent Removal" OR a legal action of either "Shelter Hearing - Initial Removal" or "Shelter Hearing - Subsequent Removal" with a result of either "Granted" or "Continued" AND the completion date for the action is five days prior to the *removal date* or later, the removal circuit is based on the county from the legal action selected.

If neither of the above returns a valid circuit, then the circuit is based on the county of the first legal action subsequent to the *removal date* as long as it is prior to any completed Transfer of Jurisdiction legal action.

If none of the above return a valid circuit, the circuit is based on the county of the primary caseworker assigned to the child's case as of the *removal date*. If no such worker was assigned as of the *removal date*, the county of the first such worker assigned following the *removal date* is selected.

The child's circuit as of the end of the report quarter is based on the county of the child's provider's address or, if no valid county data is available from the provider's address, the county of the child's primary residence is selected. If neither provide a valid county, the county of the Out-of-County worker (if any) or primary caseworker is selected to determine the circuit.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator where the child does NOT reside in a placement that is outside of the circuit from which the removal occurred.

A child is counted in the geographic entity based on their removal county.

Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care who Received Medical Services within the Last 12 Months

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children in *out-of-home care* as of the end of the *report period* who have received a medical service in the last twelve (12) months.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The last day of the report quarter (e.g., March 31, 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018).

Denominator: The number of children in *out-of-home care* as of the end of the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator where the child has received a medical service in the prior twelve (12) months.

Algorithm

Select all children in *out-of-home care* as of the *report period* who have been in *out-of-home care* greater than five (5) days and those in *out-of-home care* five (5) days or less who have received a medical service (i.e., a “medical” condition type has been documented in the child’s Medical History tab in *FSFN*’s Medical/Mental Health module) in the twelve (12) months prior to the end of the *report period*. Any young adults who are eighteen (18) years of age or older as of the date of the *report period* are excluded. The child must have a valid gender, race, and date of birth entered in *FSFN*.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator who have had a medical service documented in *FSFN* where the date of the medical service is in the twelve (12) months prior to the *report period*.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Children Over the Age of 3 in Out-of-Home Care who Received Dental Services within the Last 7 Months

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of children in *out-of-home care* as of the end of the *report period* who have received a dental service in the last seven (7) months.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The last day of the report quarter (e.g., March 31, 2018 for the period ending March 31, 2018).

Denominator: The number of children in *out-of-home care* as of the end of the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator where the child has received a dental service in the prior seven (7) months.

Algorithm

Select all children three (3) years of age and older and in *out-of-home care* as of the *report period* who have been in *out-of-home care* greater than six (6) months and those in *out-of-home care* six (6) months or less who have received a dental service (i.e., a “dental” condition type has been documented in the child’s Medical History tab in *FSFN’s* Medical/Mental Health module) in the seven (7) months prior to the *report period*. Any young adults who are eighteen (18) years of age or older as of the date of the *report period* are excluded. The child must have a valid gender, race, and date of birth entered in *FSFN*.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator who have had a dental service documented in *FSFN* where the date of the dental service is within the seven (7) months prior to the *report period*.

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the *report period*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Young Adults Exiting Out-of-Home Care at Age 18 who Completed/Are Enrolled in Secondary Education, Vocational Education, or Adult Education

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of young adults who aged out of *out-of-home care* or were in out-of-home care on their eighteenth (18th) birthday who had either completed or were enrolled in secondary education, vocational training, or adult education as of their eighteenth (18th) birthday.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending as of the end of the report quarter (e.g., October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The number of young adults who turned eighteen (18) years of age during the *report period* and either aged out of *out-of-home care* or were in out-of-home care as of their eighteenth (18th) birthday.

Numerator: The subset of young adults in the denominator who had completed or were enrolled in secondary education, vocational training, or adult education as of their eighteenth (18th) birthday.

Algorithm

Select all young adults who turned eighteen (18) years of age during the *report period* and had aged out of *out-of-home care* as documented by a discharge reason of Age of Majority, Child Turned 18, or Emancipation OR was in out-of-home care as of their eighteenth (18th) birthday. The young adult must have a valid gender and race entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of young adults in the denominator who meet one of the following:

1. The young adult has either a High School Diploma, GED Certificate, or Certificate of Completion/Special Diploma checked on the Education Information screen in *FSFN* and the corresponding date field is prior to or on the young adult's eighteenth (18) birthday. In addition, they must have an end date (prior to or on the young adult's eighteenth (18) birthday) and one of the following Completion Statuses entered on the Maintain Education History Tab:
 - Standard High School Diploma
 - Standard High School Diploma (GED and Graduation Test)
 - Standard High School Diploma (GED and Alternate Assessment)
 - Standard Diploma (FCAT waiver)

 - Adult Standard High School Diploma
 - Adult State of Florida Diploma (GED)
 - State of Florida Diploma (GED)
 - Special Diploma 1
 - Special Diploma 2
2. The Program Type is Adult Education, Career & Vocational Education, or GED and the end date is prior to the 18th birthday and completion status is Certificate of Completion.
3. The young adult was enrolled in school where:
 - a. the enrollment begin date is less than or equal to their eighteenth (18) birthday and the enrollment end date is either blank or after ninety-three (93) days prior to their eighteenth (18) birthday; and either:
 - i. the school type is Vocational/Technical
 - OR
 - ii. the grade is Vocational/Technical

OR

iii. the grade is Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, or Twelfth

OR

iv. the Program Type is Adult Education, Career & Vocational Education, or GED

Young adults in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of the beginning of the day on their eighteenth (18th) birthday. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Percent of Youth who Aged Out of Out-of-Home Care and Did Not Perpetrate Verified Maltreatment of Abuse by their 25th Birthday

Report Description: This measure is the percentage of young adults who aged out of *out-of-home care* who were not perpetrators of abuse or neglect before their twenty-fifth (25) birthday.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The twelve (12) month period ending eighty-seven (87) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017).

Denominator: The number of youth who aged out of *out-of-home care* during the *report period*.

Numerator: The subset of youth in the denominator who are not verified perpetrators of abuse or neglect as of their 25th birthday.

Algorithm

Select all youth who turned eighteen (18) years of age during the *report period* and had aged out of *out-of-home care* as documented by a discharge reason of Age of Majority, Child Turned 18, or Emancipation, were discharged within 3 days preceding and following their 18th birthday, and were in out-of-home care for 12 consecutive months prior to their discharge. The young adult must have a valid gender and race entered in FSFN.

The numerator is the count of adults in denominator who do not have a subsequent report where the adult was determined to be a *Caregiver Responsible* for abuse or neglect and the initial *report received date* was prior to the young adult's 25th birthday. Only reports where the investigation has been completed are included. For investigations completed on or after July 30, 2007, they must have a Closure Determination of: Closing – Services, Closing – No Services, or Closing – Open Ongoing Case Management Services. For investigations completed prior to July 30, 2007, there must be no Closure Determination.

Young adults in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of primary caseworker assigned to the case as of their *discharge date*. Only episodes with a primary worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all young adults that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Annual Rate of Adoptions Achieved

Report Description: This measure is the number of children in *out-of-home care* who were *legally free for adoption* who were adopted within twelve (12) months of the beginning of the *report period*.

Report Frequency: Quarterly

Report Period: The beginning of the day twelve (12) months prior to the end of the report quarter (e.g., January 1, 2017 for the report quarter ending December 31, 2017).

Denominator: The number of children in *out-of-home care* for whom both parents have had their parental rights terminated or are deceased as of the *report period* begin date.

Numerator: The subset of children in the denominator who were adopted within 12 months of the *report period* begin date.

Algorithm

Select all children in *out-of-home care* as of the *report period* for whom both parents had their parental rights terminated by court order granting such termination, or who are deceased. A child is considered to have had their parental rights terminated one of the following is documented in FSFN:

1. A Legal Action of TPR-Trial or TPR-Consent with a Result of Granted-All and a Legal Case Status of Permanently Committed. In the event the child has multiple records with this information, the one with earliest completion date is used for determination for inclusion in the denominator, or
2. A Legal Action of TPR-Trial or TPR-Consent with a Result of Granted-Mother and a Legal Action of TPR-Trial or TPR-Consent with a Result of Granted-Father and at least one of these Legal Actions has a Legal Case Status of Permanently Committed. Once these criteria are met, the record with the latest completion date is used for determination for inclusion in the denominator.

The numerator is the count of children in the denominator who are discharged from *out-of-home care* with a discharge reason of “Adoption” where the *discharge date* is within 12 months of the *report period*. Private adoptions are excluded from the denominator.

A child is counted in geographic entity based on the primary caseworker assigned as of the removal date. All children are counted in the statewide counts regardless of whether or not a primary caseworker is assigned as of the end of the removal

Children in the denominator are assigned to region, circuit, *CBC Lead Agency*, and county based on the county of the Out-of-County worker assigned as of the earlier of the *discharge date* of the *removal episode* or the end of the twelve (12) month follow-up period. If there is no Out-of-County worker assigned or multiple Out-of-County workers assigned, the geographic area/entity will be based on the county of the Primary Worker assigned as of the earlier of the *discharge date* of the *removal episode* or the end of the twelve (12) month follow-up period. Only episodes with a worker whose agency type is *CBC Lead Agency* are included for these entities. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Post Investigation Services that Align with Assessed Service Intensity

Report Description: Provides the counts and percentages of children with a safety determination as part of an investigation and the services, if any, that they were receiving at the end of the investigation. The information is displayed based on such children in investigations closed during each month displayed.

Report Frequency: Monthly

Report Period: The month ending as of the end of the report month (e.g. January 1, 2018 - January 31, 2018 for the report month ending January 31, 2018)

Denominator: n/a

Numerator: n/a

Algorithm

Select all children in investigations closed during the report period and if they are documented in FSFN as meeting the following criteria when the data is extracted:

1. A safety determination has been documented for the child in completed investigative family functioning assessment;
2. The investigation was either an in-home investigation or other investigation with a closing determination of Closing - Ongoing Case Management, Closing - No Services, Closing - Services;
3. The child is between the ages of 0 and 17 as of the investigation completion date;
4. The child has a gender and race documented as of when the data is extracted;
5. The services (out-of-home care, in-home, or Family Support Services) provided are based on the date and time of when the service began being prior or equal to the investigation closure date and time and the date and time for when the service ended is either greater than the investigation closure date or the service is still ongoing. (Note: Family Support Services are not captured in FSFN with a begin or end time and so only the dates are used for comparison to the investigation closure date).

If a child is receiving multiple services as of the investigation closure date, the service from the case associated with the investigation is selected. If there are still multiple services, out-of-home services are selected over in-home services which are selected over Family Support Services.

Only investigations completed in January 2015 and after are included as investigative family functioning assessments were not fully implemented statewide until that month.

A child is counted in the region, circuit, Community-Based-Care (CBC) lead agency, and county based on the county of the primary caseworker assigned to the child's case as of the investigation closure date. The statewide data includes all children that meet the criteria for inclusion in the denominator regardless of the primary caseworker assignment.

Logic for Excluding Removal Episodes and Out-of-Home Care Placements

Only out-of-home care placements in a valid removal episode are included in reports. If one or more of the following data discrepancies are true, the removal episode is not considered valid (note that these situations are very rare, but do occasionally occur and need to be accounted for in order for reports to run): one or more placements have an end date that is prior to the placement begin date; more than one placement is flagged as the removal placement; no placement is flagged as the removal placement; more than one placement is flagged as the discharge placement; the same placement is duplicated; the discharge date predates the removal date; the removal date is a future date; one or more placements have a future date; one or more placements have a begin date where the placement begin date is in the year 1901 or prior; the removal date is in the year 1901 or prior; one or more placements overlap with another placement in the removal; one or more placements has a begin date prior to the removal date; one or more placements have a begin date subsequent to the discharge date; the removal has not been discharged, but the case has a case closure date subsequent to the removal date; the same removal episode for the child is found in more than one case; the removal date is on or after the child's eighteenth birthday; or, the out-of-home care episode overlaps with an in-home service or a family support service episode.

In addition, all placements with a Placement End Reason of "Placement Made in Error" or "Birthday Batch" are excluded. Birthday Batch is an automated process which ends placements and creates new placements for children in paid placements when they reach specified ages.

Logic for Determining an In-Home Service Episode

An In-Home Service Episode is a series of consecutive living arrangements where there is no more than a full calendar day gap between the ending of one and the beginning of a subsequent living arrangement. Any gaps of more than a full calendar day between individual living arrangements indicates a different in-home episode. If one or more of the following data discrepancies are true, the individual living arrangement or in-home service is not considered valid and is excluded: the begin date of the living arrangement is in the year 1901 or prior; the duration of the living arrangement is one hour or less; the end date of the living arrangement is equal to or prior to the begin date; the comment on the living arrangement includes 'made in error' as part of the comment; the end date of the living arrangement is null but the case has been closed subsequent to the begin date; one living arrangement or in-home service episode overlaps with another; or the in-home service episode overlaps with out-of-home care or a family support service episode.

Logic for Determining a Family Support Services Episode

A Family Support Service Episode is a series of one or more consecutive family support services where there is no more than a full calendar day gap between the ending of one and the beginning of a subsequent family support service. Any gaps of more than a full calendar day between individual family support services indicates a different family support service episode. If one or more of the following data discrepancies are true, the individual family support service or family support service episode is not considered valid and is excluded: the begin date of the family support service is in the year 1901 or prior; the end date of the family support service is equal to or prior to the begin date; the end reason for the family support service is 'Made in Error'; the end date of the family support service is null but the case has been closed subsequent to the begin date; one family support service or family support service episode overlaps with another; or the family support service episode overlaps with out-of-home care or an in-home service episode.

Logic for Determining Removal County

If the child was a participant in a closed child investigation (excluding special conditions), the removal county is based on the investigation county (if available, else use intake county) if the date of removal is between twenty-four hours prior to the intake received date and either seven days after the completion of the investigation or the receipt of a new initial intake associated with a closed investigation in which the child was a participant (whichever occurs first). If more than one county is returned, select the county from the investigation with the most recent intake received date.

If no county can be found using the above and the child has a legal action of "Removal" with a result of "Initial Removal" or "Subsequent Removal" OR a legal action of either "Shelter Hearing - Initial Removal" or "Shelter Hearing - Subsequent Removal" with a result of either "Granted" or "Continued" AND the completion date for the action is five days prior to the removal date or later, the removal county is based on the county from the legal action selected. If more than one county is returned, select the county from the legal action with the earliest completed date.

If neither of the above returns a valid county, then the removal county is based on the county of the first legal action subsequent to the removal date as long as it is prior to any completed Transfer of Jurisdiction legal action (also completed subsequent to the removal date). If more than one county is returned, select the county from the legal action with the earliest completed date.

If none of the above return a valid county, the county is based on the county of the primary caseworker assigned to the child's case as of the removal date. If no such worker was assigned as of the removal date, the county of the first such worker assigned following the removal date is selected.

If no valid county is returned by the above logic, no removal county is identified for that removal episode.