

Citizens Review Board For Children



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Our Mission Statement

To conduct case reviews of children in out-of-home care, make timely individual case and systemic child welfare recommendations; and advocate for legislative and systematic child welfare improvements to promote safety and permanency.

Our Vision Statement

We envision the protection of all children from abuse and neglect, only placing children in out-of-home care when necessary; and providing families with the help they need to stay intact; children will be safe in a permanent living arrangement.

Discrimination Statement

The Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) renounces any policy or practice of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, or sexual orientation that is or would be applicable to its citizen reviewers or staff or to the children, families, and employees involved in the child welfare system (CRBC, 2013).

Confidentiality

CRBC local board members are bound by strict confidentiality requirements. Under Article 88A, § 6, all records concerning out-of-home care are confidential and unauthorized disclosure is a criminal offense subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both. Each local board member shall be presented with the statutory language on confidentiality, including the penalty for breach thereof, and sign a confidentiality statement prior to having access to any confidential information.

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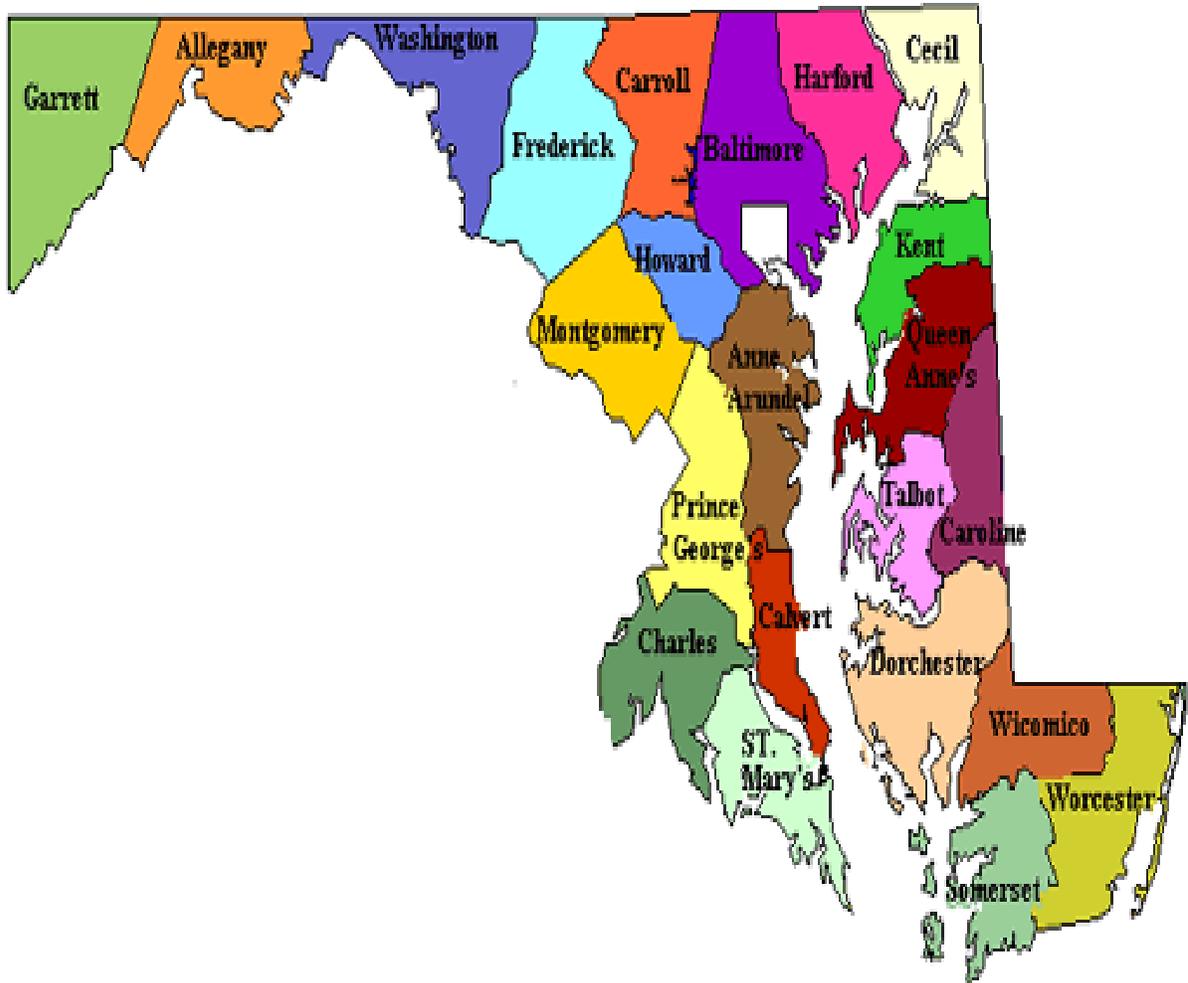
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- ★ CRBC Governor Appointed Volunteers
- ★ The Department of Human Services (DHS)
- ★ The Social Services Administration (SSA)
- ★ The Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) and (DHHS) Montgomery County
- ★ The Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children(CPMC)
- ★ The State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)
- ★ The State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT)
- ★ The Local Juvenile Courts of Maryland
- ★ All community partners

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You*

Introduction

The following pages contain data from CRBC's out-of-home-placement case review findings and recommendations for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019.



CRBC conducts regular out-of-home placement case reviews in all 24 Maryland jurisdictions including Baltimore City throughout the year. For this quarterly report, the following counties did not have regularly scheduled case reviews during the quarter: Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne, Somerset, and Talbot counties. Therefore, this report only contains review findings and recommendations for the 14 counties and Baltimore City that had regularly scheduled reviews.

Targeted Review Criterion

The Social Services Administration (SSA) and the Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) together have created a review work plan for targeted reviews of children in out-of-home-placement. This work plan contains targeted review criteria based on out- of-home-placement permanency plans.

Reunification:

- ★ Already established plans of Reunification for youth 10 years of age and older. CRBC will conduct a review for a child 10 years of age and older who has an established primary permanency plan of Reunification, and has been in care 12 months or longer.

Adoption:

- ★ Existing plans of Adoption. CRBC will conduct a review of a child that has had a plan of Adoption for over 12 months. The purpose of the review is to assess the appropriateness of the plan and identify barriers to achieve the plan.
- ★ Newly changed plans of Adoption. CRBC will conduct a review of a child within 5 months after the establishment of Adoption as a primary permanency plan. The purpose is to ensure that there is adequate and appropriate movement by the local departments to promote and achieve the Adoption.

Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA):

- ★ Already established plans of APPLA for youth 16 years of age and younger. CRBC will conduct a full review of a child 16 years of age and younger who has an established primary permanency plan of APPLA. The primary purpose of the review is to assess appropriateness of the plan and review documentation of the Federal APPLA requirements.
- ★ Newly established plans of APPLA. CRBC will conduct a review of a child within 5 months after the establishment of APPLA as the primary permanency plan. Local Boards will review cases to ensure that local departments have made adequate and appropriate efforts to assess if a plan of APPLA was the most appropriate recourse for the child.

Older Youth Aging Out

- ★ Older youth aging-out or remaining in out-of-home care at age 17 and 20 years old. CRBC will conduct reviews of youth that are 17 and 20 years of age. The primary purpose of the review is to assess if services were provided to prepare the youth to transition to adulthood.

Re-Review Cases:

- ★ Assessment of progress made by LDSS. CRBC will conduct follow-up reviews during the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year of any cases wherein the Local Board identified barriers that may impede adequate progress. The purpose of the review is to assess the status of the child and any progress made by LDSS to determine if identified barriers have been removed.

Permanency Plan Hierarchy

In 2005, Maryland House Bill 771 adjusted the state permanency goals to align with the federal standards. The permanency plan hierarchy in Maryland is as follows: (Social Services Administration, 2012):

- Reunification with parent(s) or guardian
- Placement with a relative for adoption or custody/guardianship
- Adoption by a non-relative
- Custody/Guardianship with a non relative
- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)

Family Centered Practice Model

According to the Social Services Administration, Family Centered Practice assures that the entire system of care engages the family in helping them to improve their ability to adequately plan for the care and safety of their children. The safety, well-being and permanence of children are paramount. The strengths of the entire family are the focus of the engagement (2010).

2nd Quarter 2019 Case Review Statistics

The following table shows the jurisdictions where reviews were conducted, the total number of children reviewed, permanency plans and the number of boards held.

Jurn #	County	Reunification	Relative Placement	Adoption	Custody Guardianship	APPLA	TOTAL	# Boards Held
02	Anne Arundel	7	0	2	1	5	15	2
03	Baltimore County	11	0	13	1	15	40	5
04	Calvert	4	0	0	2	1	7	1
06	Carroll	5	0	0	0	3	8	1
07	Cecil	4	0	3	0	1	8	1
08	Charles	2	0	1	3	3	9	1
12	Harford	9	0	0	0	8	17	2
13	Howard	4	0	1	0	2	7	1
15	Montgomery	11	12	8	2	5	38	6
16	Prince Georges	13	0	4	2	12	31	4
18	St. Mary's	8	0	0	0	0	8	1
21	Washington	6	0	0	0	2	8	1
22	Wicomico	2	1	1	0	3	7	1
23	Worcester	2	2	1	0	4	9	1
49	Baltimore City	23	6	8	4	37	78	11
15	Statewide Totals	111	21*	42	15	101	290	39
	Percentages	38%	7%	14%	5%	35%	100%	

*(Note: Relative Placement is the combined total of Relative Placement for Adoption = 5; Relative Placement for Custody/Guardianship =16)

CRBC conducted a total of 290 individual out-of-home case reviews (each case reviewed represents 1 child/youth) in 15 Jurisdictions on 39 boards that held reviews during the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2019.

Although CRBC collects data on a number of data elements, this report will focus on the following:

- Permanency Plan - (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (E))
- Placement Plan - (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (I))
- Progress towards Permanent Placement - (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F))
- Case Planning
- Health/Mental Health (family article 5-545)
- Education (family article 5-545)
- Ready by 21
- Independent Living Skills (14 and older)
- Employment (14 and older)
- Housing (Transitioning Youth age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the time of the review)
- Permanent Connections
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

- Pre-Adoption Services
- Post-Adoption Services
- Child's Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings
- Miscellaneous Findings
- Barriers/Issues to Permanency

Total Reviewed (290)

Gender Totals

Male	Female
143 (49%)	147 (51%)

Gender by Plan

Male(143)

Reunification	Relative Placement	Adoption	Custody Guardianship	APPLA
50 (35%)	10 (7%)	26 (18%)	13 (9%)	44 (31%)

Female(147)

Reunification	Relative Placement	Adoption	Custody Guardianship	APPLA
61 (41%)	11 (8%)	16 (11%)	2 (1%)	57 (39%)

Ethnicity Overall

African American	Caucasian	Asian	Other
169 (58%)	99 (35%)	4 (1%)	18 (6%)

Age Range by Permanency Plan

[RU] = Reunification [RA]= Relative Adoption [RG] = Relative C & G
 [AD] = Non Relative Adoption [CG] = Non Relative C & G [AP] = Appla

AGE RANGE	RU	RA	RG	AD	CG	AP	Totals
1_age 0 thru 5	19	3	5	19	3		49
2_age 6 thru 10	19	1	6	7			33
3_age 11 thru 13	22		1	6	5		34
4_age 14 thru 16	34	1	3	7	4	9	58
5_age 17 thru 19	15		1	3	3	50	72
6_age 20	2					42	44
Totals	111	5	16	42	15	101	290

Jurisdictional Case Reviews

Anne Arundel County



Anne Arundel County had a total of 15 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 7 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 2 cases
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 1 case
- APPLA: 5 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 13 of the 15 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court did not identify a concurrent permanency plan for any of the 15 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (5 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (4)
- Transition to an adult supportive living arrangement (1)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 5 cases)

All 5 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for all 5 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months					1	
7 to 11 months						1
1 to 2 years	6			1		3
2 to 3 years						
3 years or more	1			1		1

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 14 of the 15 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 9 of the 15 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 12 of the 15 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 9 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
2	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
2	Regular Foster Care
5	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
4	Therapeutic Group Home
1	Residential Treatment Center
1	Relative

In 6 of the 15 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for 13 of the 15 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 3 of the 15 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 2 cases had 2 placement changes and 1 case had 3 changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 2 of the 3 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 3 most recent placement changes:

- 1 case(s) had the same level of care
- 2 case(s) were in more restrictive placements

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 1 case(s) placement with siblings

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) had behavioral issues

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placement:

- Yes, for all 3 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 3 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 6 of the 15 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 12 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 13 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 10 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 7 of the 15 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 11 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 9 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 13 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 12 of the 13 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 1 youth with mental health issues who was transitioning out of care did not have an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system.
- Substance Abuse: 2 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 1 of the 2 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 8 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 7 of the 8 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 7 of the 15 children/youths had been met and 1 child/youth refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

13 of the 15 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 13 children/youths were in Pre-K thru 12th grade. Of the 2 children/youths not enrolled in school, 1 child/youth refused to attend and 1 was under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 12 cases)

None of the 12 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. 3 of the 12 youth were not participating due to mental health reasons. The local board agreed that 4 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 12 cases)

The local board agreed that 5 of the 12 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living. 3 youths were not participating due to mental health reasons.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 1 case)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for the youth transitioning out of care.

The local board did not agree that the youth was being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. 1 child/youth with a plan of adoption consented with conditions and 1 was under the age of consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (2 cases)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (2 cases)

Both children/youths with an adoption plan were placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a married couple in 1 case and a single female in the other case. The relationships to the pre-adoptive children/youths were non relative foster parents in both cases.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 2 case(s) from 21 months or more

A home study was completed and approved in both cases.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive families to meet the identified needs of the children/youths in both cases.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placements were appropriate in both cases.

Adoptive Recruitment

Not applicable. Both children/youths were already placed in pre-adoptive homes.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources

Post adoptive services were needed for both cases. The services that were needed were medical for both cases and mental health services for 1 case.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for both cases.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

9 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for 14 of the 15 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	11	5
No	4	10

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	3	
More than once a week	1	
Once a month	2	1
More than once a month	3	1

Quarterly		1
Yes, but undocumented	2	2

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	5	2
Unsupervised	6	3

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	2	
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent	1	1
Other	2	1

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	3	3
LDSS Visitation Center	1	
Public Area	3	1
Child's/Youth's Placement	4	
Other		1

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	3	2
No	8	3

The local board found that 2 of the 15 children/youths had siblings in care and both had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Board Does Not Agree with Current Permanency Plan
- Annual Physicals Not Current.
- Dentals Not Current.
- Vision Not Current.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- Other physical health barrier.
- Other independence barrier.
- Non-compliant with service agreement.
- Appeal by birth parents.
- No follow up on medical referrals.

- Inadequate preparation for independence.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 15 children/youths reviewed.

Baltimore County



Baltimore County had a total of 40 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 11 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 13 cases
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 1 case
- APPLA: 15 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for all 40 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 14 of the 40 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plan set by the court for all 14 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (15 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (14)
- Transition to an adult supportive living arrangement (1)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 15 cases)

11 of the 15 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for the 11 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months				7		4
7 to 11 months	2					2
1 to 2 years	5			6	1	3
2 to 3 years	2					3
3 years or more	2					3

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 39 of the 40 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 13 of the 40 cases. 2 cases were post TPR children under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 24 of 38 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 13 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
11	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
1	Restricted Relative Foster Care
17	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
4	Teen Mother Program
1	Therapeutic Group Home
2	Independent Residential Living Program
2	Residential Treatment Center
1	Non Relative
1	College (LA)

In 29 of the 40 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 40 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 15 of the 40 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 14 cases had 1 placement change and 1 case had 3 changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 13 of the 15 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 15 most recent placement changes:

- 8 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 1 case(s) were in more restrictive placements
- 5 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 6 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

- 1 case(s) was placement with relatives

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) provider request (due to issues unrelated to child/youth)
- 2 case(s) incompatible match between youth and provider

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) had behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) runaway

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 15 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for 14 of the 15 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 1 of the 40 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 30 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 27 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 26 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 24 of the 40 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 14 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 13 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 22 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 20 of 22 the children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 2 youths with mental health issues who were transitioning out of care had an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system, and 1 youth did not have a plan.

- Substance Abuse: 5 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 1 of the 5 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 8 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 6 of the 8 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 24 of the 40 children/youths had been met.

Education

31 of the 40 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. 25 of the 31 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade, 1 youth was enrolled in a GED program, 4 were in college and 1 was in trade school. Of the 9 children/youth not enrolled in school, 4 had already graduated high school and 5 were under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

- Employment (age 14 and older – 24 cases)

8 of the 24 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 12 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

- Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 24 cases)

The local board agreed that 22 of the 24 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

- Housing (Transitioning Youth – 10 cases)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for 7 of the 10 youths transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that 7 youths were being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Of the 13 cases with a plan of adoption, 2 youths consented and 11 were under the age of consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (13 cases)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (13 cases)

11 of the 13 children/youths with an adoption plan were placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a married couple in 10 cases and a single female in 1 case. The relationships to the pre-adoptive children/youths were a relative foster parent in 1 case and non relative foster parents in 10 cases.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 2 case(s) from 7 to 9 months
- 9 case(s) from 21 months or more

A home study was completed and approved in all 11 cases.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive families to meet the identified needs of the children/youths in all 11 cases.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placements were appropriate in all 11 cases.

Adoptive Recruitment (2 cases)

The local board found that the local department had documented efforts to find an adoptive resource for 1 of the 2 children/youths not placed in a pre-adoptive home. The adoptive resource was Wendy's Wonderful Kids. 1 child/youth was also listed on Adopt-Us Kids.

The local board agreed that the adoptive recruitment efforts were appropriate.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (13 cases)

Post adoptive services were needed for 5 of the 13 adoption cases. The services that were needed were medical for 4 cases and mental health services for 1 case.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for the 5 cases.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

11 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 40 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	20	16
No	20	24

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	1	3
More than once a week	1	2
Once a month	12	6
More than once a month	5	2
Quarterly		2
Yes, but undocumented	1	1

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	12	1
Unsupervised	8	15

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	10	1
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent	2	
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	4	10
LDSS Visitation Center	8	1
Public Area	5	3
Child's/Youth's Placement	2	2
Other	1	

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	4	8
No	16	8

The local board found that 24 of the 40 children/youths had siblings in care and all 24 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Pre-Adoptive resources not identified.
- No service agreement with child.
- No service agreement with parents.
- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Missing or lack of documentation.
- Non-compliant with service agreement.
- Youth not attending school or in GED program.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Other physical health barrier.
- Transitional housing has not been identified.
- Youth not employed and transitioning out of care.
- Other independence barrier.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).
- TPR not granted.
- Child in pre-adoptive home but adoption not finalized.
- Postponement or continuation of hearings.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for 38 of the 40 children/youths reviewed.

Calvert County



Calvert County had a total of 7 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 4 cases
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 2 cases
- APPLA: 1 case

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 6 of the 7 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 2 of the 7 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plan set by the court for both cases.

Category of APPLA plan (1 case)

- Emancipation/Independence (1)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 1 case)

The 1 APPLA case did not have a permanent connection identified.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months						
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	4					
2 to 3 years						
3 years or more					2	1

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 3 of the 7 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 5 of the 7 cases and 2 cases were post TPR children under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for the 5 of the 7 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 5 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
2	Formal Kinship Care
1	Treatment Foster Care
3	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
1	Kinship Home – not approved (LA)

In 4 of the 7 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 7 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 2 of the 7 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. Both cases had 2 placement changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for both cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 2 most recent placement changes:

- 2 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 2 case(s) were placement with relatives

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 2 case(s) provider request (due to issues unrelated to child/youth)

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for both cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for both cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 6 of the 7 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: All 7 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 5 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 5 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 4 of the 7 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 3 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 3 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 3 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 3 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: Not applicable.
- Substance Abuse: None of the 7 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Not applicable.
- Behavioral Issues: 2 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for both children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 5 of the 7 children/youths had been met.

Education

6 of the 7 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 6 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade, and 1 child was under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another

educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 2 cases)

1 of the 2 youths was employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 1 youth was being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 2 cases)

The local board agreed that 1 of the 2 youths was receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living and the other youth was not due to mental health reasons.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – None)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Not applicable.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Not applicable, no adoption cases

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (None)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (None)

Not applicable.

Adoptive Recruitment (None)

Not applicable.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (None)

Not applicable.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

6 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 7 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	5	4
No	2	3

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily	1	
Once a week	3	
More than once a week		
Once a month		2
More than once a month		2
Quarterly		
Yes, but undocumented	1	

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	3	3
Unsupervised	2	1

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	1	
Other Agency Representative	2	
Biological Family Member		1
Foster Parent		
Other		2

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	1	
LDSS Visitation Center	3	
Public Area	1	3
Child's/Youth's Placement		
Other		1

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	1	
No	4	4

The local board found that all 7 children/youths had siblings in care and all had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Other physical health barrier.
- Other mental health barrier.
- Other planning barrier.
- Other family related barrier.
- Other education barrier.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- No follow up on medical referrals.
- Issues with medical assistance card.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 7 children/youths reviewed.

Carroll County



Carroll County had a total of 8 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 5 cases
- APPLA: 3 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court did not identify concurrent permanency plans for any of the 8 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (3 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (3)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 3 cases)

2 of the 3 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for the 2 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months						1
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	5					1
2 to 3 years						1
3 years or more						

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 8 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 7 of the 8 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 7 of the 8 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 7 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
3	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
2	Therapeutic Group Home
2	Independent Residential Living Program
1	Non Relative/College (LA)

None of the 8 cases reviewed were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 6 of the 8 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 3 cases had 1 placement change and another 3 cases had 2 changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 4 of the 6 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 6 most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 3 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 5 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) incompatible match between youth and provider

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) had behavioral issues

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 6 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 6 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 2 of the 8 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 7 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 4 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 5 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 3 of the 8 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 4 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 3 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 4 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 4 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: Not applicable.
- Substance Abuse: 2 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for both children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 3 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 3 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 3 of the 8 children/youths had been met.

Education

7 of the 8 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. 6 of the 7 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade and 1 youth was in college. The 1 youth not enrolled in school had already graduated high school.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 5 cases)

2 of the 5 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 3 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 5 cases)

The local board agreed that 4 of the 5 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 1 case)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for the 1 youth transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that the youth was being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Not applicable, none of the cases had an adoption plan.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (None)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (None)

Not applicable.

Adoptive Recruitment (None)

Not applicable.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (None)

Not applicable.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

7 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 8 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	7	
No	1	8

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	4	
More than once a week		
Once a month	1	
More than once a month	1	
Quarterly	1	
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	2	
Unsupervised	5	

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	1	
Other Agency Representative	1	
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	2	
LDSS Visitation Center		
Public Area	1	
Child's/Youth's Placement	4	
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	1	
No	6	

The local board found that 3 of the 8 children/youths had siblings in care and all 3 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 8 children/youths reviewed.

Cecil County



Cecil County had a total of 8 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 4 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 3 cases
- APPLA: 1 case

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department’s permanency plan for 7 of the 8 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified concurrent permanency plans for 5 of the 8 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for 2 of the 5 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (1case)

- Emancipation/Independence (1)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 1 case)

The 1 APPLA case had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for the case.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months						
7 to 11 months	1					
1 to 2 years	1			3		
2 to 3 years	1					
3 years or more	1					1

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 8 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 5 of the 8 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 5 of the 8 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 5 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
3	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
1	Alternative Living Units
1	Therapeutic Group Home
1	Residential Treatment Center
1	Non Relative
1	Trial Home Visit (LA)

In 2 of the 8 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 3 of the 8 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 1 case had 1 placement change and 2 cases had 3 changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for all 3 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 3 most recent placement changes:

- 2 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 1 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 3 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 3 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 2 of the 8 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 7 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 5 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 6 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 5 of the 8 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 6 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 6 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 7 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for the 7 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 1 youth with mental health issues who was transitioning out of care had an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system.
- Substance Abuse: None.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Not applicable.
- Behavioral Issues: 6 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 6 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 5 of the 8 children/youths had been met and 1 child/youth refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

7 of the 8 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. 6 of the 7 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade, 1 youth was in college and 1 child was under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 4 cases)

1 of the 4 youths was employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience and 1 youth was unable to participate due to mental health reasons. The local board agreed that 1 youth was being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 4 cases)

The local board agreed that all 4 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 2 cases)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for both youths transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that both youths were being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Of the 3 cases with a plan of adoption, 2 children/youths consented and 1 was under the age of consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (3 cases)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (3 cases)

All 3 children/youths with an adoption plan were placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a married couple for all 3 cases. The relationships to the pre-adoptive children/youths were non relative foster parents for all 3 cases.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 1 case(s) from 10 to 12 months
- 2 case(s) from 21 months or more

A home study was completed and approved in all 3 cases.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive families to meet the identified needs of the children/youths in all 3 cases.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placements were appropriate in all 3 cases.

Adoptive Recruitment (3 cases)

Not applicable, all 3 children/youths were placed in pre-adoptive homes.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (3 cases)

Post adoptive services were needed for 2 of the 3 adoption cases. Both cases required medical and mental health services.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for both cases.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

4 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 8 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	5	
No	3	8

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	1	
More than once a week		
Once a month	3	
More than once a month		
Quarterly	1	
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	4	
Unsupervised	1	

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	3	
Other Agency Representative	1	
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home		
LDSS Visitation Center	3	
Public Area		
Child's/Youth's Placement	2	
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes		
No	5	

The local board found that 4 of the 8 children/youths had siblings in care and all 4 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- TPR not granted.
- Appeal by birth parents.
- Child in pre-adoptive home but adoption not finalized.
- No current IEP.
- Other education barrier.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 8 children/youths reviewed.

Charles County



Charles County had a total of 9 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 2 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 1 case
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 3 cases
- APPLA: 3 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for all 9 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified concurrent permanency plans for 2 of the 9 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for both cases.

Category of APPLA plan (3 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (3)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 3 cases)

2 of the 3 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for both cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months						1
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	1				1	1
2 to 3 years				1	2	1
3 years or more	1					

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 9 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department did not have signed service agreements for 7 of the 9 cases. 2 of the 9 cases were post TPR children under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 5 of the 7 cases.

The local board was unable to determine if service agreements were appropriate because there were no signed agreements.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
1	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
2	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
2	Therapeutic Group Home
1	Independent Living Residential Program
1	Own Dwelling
1	Secure Detention Facility (LA)
1	Trial Home Visit (LA)

In 3 of the 9 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 9 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 8 of the 9 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. All 8 cases had 1 placement change.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for all 8 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 8 most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 4 case(s) had the same level of care
- 1 case(s) was a child/youth on runaway

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 2 case(s) were an incompatible match

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) had behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) was delinquent behavior
- 1 case(s) had other issues

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 8 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for 7 of the 8 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 1 of the 9 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 7 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 7 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 7 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 7 of the 9 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 6 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 5 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 5 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 5 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 2 youths with mental health issues who were transitioning out of care and had an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system.
- Substance Abuse: 1 child/youth had substance abuse problems.

- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for the 1 child/youth.
- Behavioral Issues: 2 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for both children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 7 of the 9 children/youths had been met, and 1 child/youth refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

6 of the 9 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 6 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade. Off the 3 children/youths not enrolled, 2 youths had already graduated high school and 1 youth refused to attend school.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 7 cases)

2 of the 7 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 2 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 7 cases)

The local board agreed that 5 of the 7 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 2 cases)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for 1 of the youths transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that 1 youth was being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. The 1 child/youth with a plan of adoption consented.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (1 case)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (1 case)

The 1 child/youth with an adoption plan was placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a single female for the case. The relationship to the pre-adoptive child/youth was a non relative foster parent.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 1 case(s) from 10 to 12 months

A home study was completed and approved in the 1 case.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive family to meet the identified needs of the child/youth.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placement was appropriate for the child/youth.

Adoptive Recruitment (1 case)

Not applicable, child/youth already placed in pre-adoptive home.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (1 case)

Post adoptive services were needed for the child/youth. The service that was needed was mental health services.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for the child/youth.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

2 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 9 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	4	2
No	5	7

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week		
More than once a week		
Once a month		
More than once a month	3	2
Quarterly	1	
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised		
Unsupervised	4	2

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative		
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	3	2
LDSS Visitation Center		
Public Area	1	
Child's/Youth's Placement		
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	4	2
No		

The local board found that 2 of the 9 children/youths had siblings in care and both had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Lack of residential treatment facilities.
- Lack of adoptive homes.
- Lack of concurrent planning.

- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Youth not attending school or in GED program.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- Not attending scheduled health visits.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 9 children/youths reviewed.

Harford County



Harford County had a total of 17 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 9 cases
- APPLA: 8 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 12 of the 17 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court did not identify concurrent permanency plans for any of the 17 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (8 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (7)
- Transition to an adult supportive living arrangement (1)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 8 cases)

All 8 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for all 8 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months	3					2
7 to 11 months	1					2
1 to 2 years	5					
2 to 3 years						3
3 years or more						1

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 17 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had signed service agreements for 15 of the 17 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 14 of the 17 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 15 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
2	Regular Foster Care
3	Restrictive Relative Foster Care
5	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
1	Residential Treatment Center
1	Non Relative
1	Psychiatric Respite
1	College (LA)
1	Trial Home Visit (LA)
2	Runaway (LA)

In 8 of the 17 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department’s placement plan for 16 of the 17 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 12 of the 17 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 7 cases had 1 placement change, 4 cases had 2 changes and 1 case had 4 or more changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 4 of the 12 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 12 most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 4 case(s) were in more restrictive placements
- 5 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 8 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal
- 2 case(s) were placements with relatives

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 2 case(s) were an incompatible match

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) had behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) was a runaway

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 12 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 12 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 2 of the 17 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 12 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 10 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 13 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 9 of the 17 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 10 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 9 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 16 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 14 of the 16 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 1 youth with mental health issues who was transitioning out of care, had an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system.
- Substance Abuse: 3 children/youths had substance abuse problems.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 2 of the 3 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 13 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 11 of the 13 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 9 of the 17 children/youths had been met and 2 children/youths refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

11 of the 17 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. 8 of the 11 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade, 1 youth was enrolled in a GED program, 1 was in college and 1 was in trade school. Of the 6 children/youths not enrolled, 2 had already graduated high school, 3 refused to attend school and 1 was under age 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 12 cases)

5 of the 12 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience and 3 were unable to participate due to mental health reasons. The local board agreed that 7 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 12 cases)

The local board agreed that 10 of the 12 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 2 cases)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for both youths transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that both youths were being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Not applicable, none of the children/youths had a plan of adoption.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (None)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (None)

Not applicable.

Adoptive Recruitment (None)

Not applicable.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (None)

Not applicable.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

7 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed in 15 of the 17 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	12	1
No	5	16

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		1
Once a week	6	
More than once a week		
Once a month	3	
More than once a month	1	
Quarterly	2	
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	8	
Unsupervised	4	1

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	6	
Other Agency Representative	2	

Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home		1
LDSS Visitation Center	5	
Public Area	5	
Child's/Youth's Placement	2	
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes		1
No	12	

The local board found that 7 of the 17 children/youths had siblings in care and they all had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Lack of concurrent planning.
- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Issues related to substance abuse.
- Youth not attending school or in GED program.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- No current IEP.
- Other education barrier.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).
- Other independence barrier.
- Other placement barrier.
- Youth refuses mental health treatment including therapy.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.
- Other mental health barrier.
- No current Safe C/G.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 17 children/youths reviewed.

Howard County



Howard County had a total of 7 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 4 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 1 case
- APPLA: 2 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 5 of the 7 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 1 of the 7 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plan set by the court for the 1 case.

Category of APPLA plan (2 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (1)
- Transition to an adult supportive living arrangement (1)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 2 cases)

1 of the 2 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for the 1 case.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months	1					1
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	2					1
2 to 3 years						
3 years or more	1			1		

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 4 of the 7 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had signed service agreements for 4 of the 7 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 6 of the 7 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 4 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
4	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
1	Therapeutic Group Home
1	Residential Treatment Center
1	Secure Detention Facility (LA)

In 2 of the 7 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for 6 of the 7 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 6 of the 7 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 4 cases had 2 placement changes and 2 cases had 4 or more changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 2 of the 6 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 6 most recent placement changes:

- 1 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 2 case(s) were in more restrictive placements
- 3 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 1 case(s) was transitioning towards permanency goal

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) provider home closed

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) had behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) had delinquent behavior

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 6 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 6 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 2 of the 7 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 7 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 7 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 5 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 5 of the 7 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 5 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 5 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 7 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 6 of the 7 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: Not applicable.
- Substance Abuse: 2 children/youths had substance abuse problems.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 1 of the 2 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 7 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 6 of the 7 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 5 of the 7 children/youths had been met, and 1 child/youth refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

All 7 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program and all were in Pre-K thru 12th grade.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 6 cases)

1 of the 6 youths was employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. 1 youth was unable to participate due to mental health reasons and 1 was in a juvenile justice facility. The local board agreed that 2 youths was being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 6 cases)

The local board agreed that 4 of the 6 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living. 1 youth was not receiving appropriate independent living services due to mental health reasons and 1 was in a juvenile justice facility.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – None)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Not applicable.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. The 1 child/youth with a plan of adoption did not consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (1 case)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (None)

Not applicable. The 1 child/youth with an adoption plan was not placed in a pre-adoptive home.

Adoptive Recruitment (1 case)

The local board found that the local department had documented efforts to find an adoptive

resource for the child/youth not placed in a pre-adoptive home. The adoptive resource was the previous foster parent.

The local board agreed that the adoptive recruitment efforts were appropriate.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (1 case)

Post adoptive services were needed for the child/youth. The service that was needed was medical.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for the child/youth.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

All 7 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 7 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	3	1
No	4	6

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	1	
More than once a week		
Once a month	1	
More than once a month	1	
Quarterly		
Yes, but undocumented		1

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised		
Unsupervised	3	1

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative		
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	1	
LDSS Visitation Center		
Public Area	2	1
Child's/Youth's Placement		
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes		1
No	3	

The local board found that none of the 7 children/youths had siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- No service agreement with youth.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Dentals not current.
- Youth needs more restrictive placement.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 7 children/youths reviewed.

Montgomery County



Montgomery County had a total of 38 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 11 cases
- Relative Placement for Custody/Guardianship: 12 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 8 cases
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 2 cases
- APPLA: 5 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 35 of the 38 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court did not identify a concurrent permanency plan for any of the 38 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (5 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (5)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 5 cases)

All 5 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for all 5 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months	1		8			2
7 to 11 months	1		4	2	2	
1 to 2 years	4			5		2
2 to 3 years	3					1
3 years or more	2			1		

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 18 of the 38 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 13 of the 38 cases. 5 cases were post TPR children under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 24 of 33 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 13 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
5	Formal Kinship Care
7	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
3	Regular Foster Care
1	Restricted Relative Foster Care
15	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
4	Therapeutic Group Home
3	Trail Home Visit (LA)

In 25 of the 38 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 38 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 12 of the 38 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 5 cases had 2 placement changes, 6 had 3 changes and 1 case had 4 or more changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 8 of the 12 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 12 most recent placement changes:

- 6 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 4 case(s) were in more restrictive placements
- 2 case(s) had the same level of care

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) was an allegation of provider abuse/neglect
- 4 case(s) were an incompatible match between youth and provider

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) were for behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) child/youth requested removal

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for 10 of the 12 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for 11 of the 12 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 2 of the 38 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 27 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 24 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 16 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 12 of the 38 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 14 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 12 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 22 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 21 of the 22 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: Not applicable.
- Substance Abuse: 4 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 3 of the 4 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 15 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 15 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 13 of the 38 children/youths had been met and 1 child/youth refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

32 of the 38 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 32 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade. Of the 6 children/youth not enrolled in school, 1 had already graduated high school and 5 were under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 13 cases)

2 of the 13 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 3 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 13 cases)

The local board agreed that 8 of the 13 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – None)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Not applicable.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Of the 8 cases with a plan of adoption, 4 children/youths consented with conditions and 4 were under the age of consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (8 cases)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (8 cases)

7 of the 8 children/youths with an adoption plan were placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a married couple in 5 cases, an unmarried couple in 1 case and a single female in 1 case. The relationships to the pre-adoptive children/youths were non relative foster parents in all 7 cases.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 1 case(s) from 16 to 20 months
- 6 case(s) from 21 months or more

A home study was completed and approved in 4 of the 7 cases.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive families to meet the identified needs of the children/youths in the 7 cases.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placements were appropriate in all 7 cases.

Adoptive Recruitment (1 case)

The local board found that the local department did not have documented efforts to find an adoptive resource for the 1 child/youth not placed in a pre-adoptive home.

The local board agreed that the adoptive recruitment efforts were not appropriate.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (8 cases)

Post adoptive services were needed for all 8 adoption cases. The services that were needed were medical for 7 cases, mental health for 4 cases and educational services for 2 cases.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for all 8 cases.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

18 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 38 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	18	21
No	20	17

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	10	6

More than once a week	1	
Once a month	2	2
More than once a month	1	11
Quarterly	2	
Yes, but undocumented	2	2

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	7	2
Unsupervised	11	19

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	7	2
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	2	13
LDSS Visitation Center		2
Public Area	4	1
Child's/Youth's Placement	2	5
Other	10	

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	2	7
No	16	14

The local board found that 29 of the 38 children/youths had siblings in care and all 29 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Lack of housing.
- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Issues related to substance abuse.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- Appeal by birth parents.

- Disrupted pre-adoption placement.
- Other family related barrier.
- No current IEP.
- Other education barrier.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Other physical health barrier.
- Transitional housing has not been identified.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).
- Other independence barrier.
- Youth needs more restrictive placement.
- Other mental health barrier.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for 36 of the 38 children/youths reviewed.

Prince George's County



Prince George's County had a total of 31 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 13 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 4 cases
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 2 cases
- APPLA: 12 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for all 31 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 3 of the 31 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for all 3 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (12 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (12)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 12 cases)

8 of the 12 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for the 8 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months	2					3
7 to 11 months	1					2
1 to 2 years	5			1	1	3
2 to 3 years	3			2	1	4
3 years or more	2			1		

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 31 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 5 of the 31 cases. 1 case was a post TPR child under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 14 of 30 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 5 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)
4	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
3	Restricted Relative Foster Care
12	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
2	Teen Mother Program
2	Independent Living Residential Program
2	Residential Treatment Center
1	Non Relative
2	Job Corp (LA)
1	Unapproved Living Arrangement (LA)
2	Trail Home Visit (LA)

In 19 of the 31 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 31 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 16 of the 31 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 15 cases had 1 placement change and 1 case had 2 changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 13 of the 16 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 16 most recent placement changes:

- 9 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 7 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 6 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

- 2 case(s) were placement with relatives

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) were an incompatible match between youth and provider

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 1 case(s) was for behavioral issues

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 16 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for 10 of the 16 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 2 of the 31 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 14 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 13 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 10 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 8 of the 31 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 9 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 8 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 21 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 21 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: Not applicable.
- Substance Abuse: 2 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 1 of the 2 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 2 children/youths had behavioral issues.

- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 1 of the 2 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 9 of the 31 children/youths had been met.

Education

23 of the 31 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. 22 of the 23 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade and 1 youth was in college. Of the 8 children/youth not enrolled in school, 5 had already graduated high school, 1 refused to attend school and 2 were under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

- Employment (age 14 and older – 24 cases)

5 of the 24 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 9 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

- Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 24 cases)

The local board agreed that all 24 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

- Housing (Transitioning Youth – 6 cases)
(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had not been specified for the 6 youths transitioning out of care.

The local board did not agree that the youths were being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Of the 4 cases with a plan of adoption, 2 children/youths consented and 2 were under the age of consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (4 cases)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (4 cases)

All 4 children/youths with an adoption plan were placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a married couple in all 4 cases. The

relationships to the pre-adoptive children/youths were non relative foster parents in all 4 cases.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 1 case(s) from 12 to 15 months
- 1 case(s) from 16 to 20 months
- 2 case(s) from 21 months or more

A home study was completed and approved in 3 of the 4 cases.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive families to meet the identified needs of the children/youths in all 4 cases.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placements were appropriate in 3 of the 4 cases.

Adoptive Recruitment (None)

Not applicable. All 4 children/youths were already placed in pre-adoptive homes.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (4 cases)

Post adoptive services were needed for 2 of the 4 adoption cases. The services that were needed was medical for 1 case and educational for 1 case.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for both cases.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

17 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 31 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	15	7
No	16	24

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily	1	2

Once a week		
More than once a week	2	1
Once a month	6	2
More than once a month	3	1
Quarterly	2	
Yes, but undocumented	1	1

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	1	
Unsupervised	14	7

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	1	
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	6	5
LDSS Visitation Center	2	
Public Area	4	
Child's/Youth's Placement	3	2
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	8	7
No	7	

The local board found that 12 of the 31 children/youths had siblings in care and all 12 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Lack of concurrent planning.
- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Youth not enrolled in school.

- Youth not employed and transitioning out of care.
- Transitional housing has not been identified.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Other physical health barrier.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for 30 of the 31 children/youths reviewed.

St. Mary's County



St. Mary's County had a total of 8 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 8 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 2 of the 8 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for both cases.

Category of APPLA plan (None)

Not applicable

Permanent Connections (APPLA – None)

Not applicable.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months						
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	4					
2 to 3 years	3					
3 years or more	1					

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 8 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 3 of the 8 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for all 8 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 3 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
1	Formal Kinship Care
3	Treatment Foster Care
1	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
3	Residential Treatment Center

In 5 of the 8 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 7 of the 8 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 1 case had 2 placement changes, 4 cases had 3 changes and 2 cases had 4 or more changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 6 of the 7 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 7 most recent placement changes:

- 1 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 6 case(s) were in more restrictive placements

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 1 case(s) was transitioning towards permanency goal

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 2 case(s) were an allegation of provider abuse/neglect

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) were for behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) was threats of harm to self or others

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 7 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 7 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 5 of the 8 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 4 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 3 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 6 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 3 of the 8 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 3 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 3 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 4 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 4 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: Not applicable.
- Substance Abuse: None.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Not applicable.
- Behavioral Issues: 7 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 7 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 3 of the 8 children/youths had been met.

Education

All 8 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program and all 8 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 4 cases)

1 of the 4 youths was employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience and 1 youth was unable to participate due to mental health reasons. The local board agreed that 1 youth was being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 4 cases)

The local board agreed that 3 of the 4 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living and 1 youth was not due to mental health reasons.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – None)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Not applicable

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. None of the 8 cases had a plan of adoption.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (None)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (None)

Not applicable.

Adoptive Recruitment (None)

Not applicable.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (None)

Not applicable.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

2 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 8 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	5	4
No	3	4

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	5	3
More than once a week		
Once a month		1
More than once a month		
Quarterly		
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	1	
Unsupervised	4	4

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	1	
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	1	
LDSS Visitation Center	1	
Public Area	3	4
Child's/Youth's Placement		

Other		
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Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	2	
No	3	4

The local board found that all 8 children/youths had siblings in care and all had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Lack of educational services/placements.
- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- No current IEP.
- Other family related barrier.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- Other education barrier.
- Other agency related barrier.
- No follow up on medical referrals.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 8 children/youths reviewed.

Washington County



Washington County had a total of 8 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 6 cases
- APPLA: 2 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court did not identify a concurrent permanency plan for any of the 8 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (2 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (2)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 2 cases)

Both APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for both cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months						
7 to 11 months						1
1 to 2 years	4					
2 to 3 years	2					
3 years or more						1

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 1 of the 8 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for all 8 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for all 8 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for all 8 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
4	Regular Foster Care
1	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
2	Residential Group Home
1	Trial Home Visit (LA)

In 5 of the 8 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for all 8 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 7 of the 8 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 4 cases had 1 placement change, 1 case had 3 changes and 2 cases had 4 or more changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 5 of the 7 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 7 most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 1 case(s) were in more restrictive placements
- 3 case(s) had the same level of care

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 7 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 7 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for all 7 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that none of the 8 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 4 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 5 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 5 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 4 of the 8 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 8 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 6 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 8 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 8 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 1 youth with mental health issues who was transitioning out of care had an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system.
- Substance Abuse: None.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Not applicable.
- Behavioral Issues: 7 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 7 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 5 of the 8 children/youths had been met.

Education

All 8 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 8 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 4 cases)

None of the 4 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 2 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 4 cases)

The local board agreed that 3 of the 4 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 1 case)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had not been specified for the 1 youth transitioning out of care.

The local board did not agree that the youth was being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. None of the 8 cases had a plan of adoption.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (None)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (None)

Not applicable.

Adoptive Recruitment (None)

Not applicable.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (None)

Not applicable.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

3 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 8 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	5	1
No	3	7

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	2	
More than once a week	1	1
Once a month	1	
More than once a month	1	
Quarterly		
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	1	
Unsupervised	4	1

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	1	
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	1	1
LDSS Visitation Center	1	
Public Area	1	
Child's/Youth's Placement	1	
Other	1	

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	1	1
No	4	

The local board found that 5 of the 8 children/youths had siblings in care and all 5 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Other coordination barrier.
- Other independence barrier.
- Other education barrier.
- Lack of concurrent planning.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- No current IEP.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- No follow up on medical referrals.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for 7 of the 8 children/youths reviewed.

Wicomico County



Wicomico County had a total of 7 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 2 cases
- Relative Placement for Custody/Guardianship: 1 case
- Non Relative Adoption: 1 case
- APPLA: 3 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 5 of the 7 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 2 of the 7 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for 1 of the 2 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (3 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (3)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 3 cases)

1 of the 3 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connection was appropriate for the 1 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months			1			1
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	2					1
2 to 3 years						1
3 years or more				1		

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 6 of the 7 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 3 of the 7 cases. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 6 of the 7 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 3 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
1	Regular Foster Care
2	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
1	Residential Group Home
1	Diagnostic Center
1	Trial Home Visit (LA)
1	Own Apartment (LA)

In 4 of the 7 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for 6 of the 7 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 1 of the 7 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. The 1 case had 1 placement change.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement change for the 1 case.

The following levels of care were found for the 1 most recent placement change:

- 1 case(s) were in less restrictive placements

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement change:

- 1 case(s) was transitioning towards permanency goal

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for the 1 case

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for the 1 case

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 1 of the 7 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 5 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 4 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 4 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 2 of the 7 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 5 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 4 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 7 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 6 of the 7 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: None.
- Substance Abuse: None.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Not applicable.
- Behavioral Issues: 4 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for all 4 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 3 of the 7 children/youths had been met and 2 children/youths refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

5 of the 7 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 5 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade. Of the 2 children/youth not enrolled in school both had graduated high school.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 5 cases)

1 of the 5 youths was employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. The local board agreed that 3 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 5 cases)

The local board agreed that all 5 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 1 case)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for the 1 youth transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that the youth was being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. The 1 child/youth with a plan of adoption consented.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (1 case)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (1 case)

The 1 child/youth with an adoption plan was not placed in a pre-adoptive home.

Adoptive Recruitment (1 case)

The local board found that the local department had documented efforts to find an adoptive resource for the 1 child/youth not placed in a pre-adoptive home. The adoptive resource was Forever Families. The child/youth was also listed on Adopt-Us Kids.

The local board agreed that the adoptive recruitment efforts were appropriate for the child/youth.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (1 case)

Post adoptive services were needed for the 1 adoption case. The services that were needed

were medical, mental health and educational services for the child/youth.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for the child/youth.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

None.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 7 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	1	1
No	6	6

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week		1
More than once a week		
Once a month	1	
More than once a month		
Quarterly		
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	1	
Unsupervised		1

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative		
Other Agency Representative	1	
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home		1
LDSS Visitation Center		
Public Area		
Child's/Youth's Placement	1	
Other		

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes		1
No	1	

The local board found that none of the 7 children/youths had siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Other independence barrier.
- Other placement barrier.
- Other education barrier.
- Other coordination barrier.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).
- Youth not employed and transitioning out of care.
- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Youth refuses mental health treatment including therapy.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 7 children/youths reviewed.

Worcester County



Worcester County had a total of 9 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 2 cases
- Relative Placement for Adoption: 1 case
- Relative Placement for Custody/Guardianship: 1 case
- Non Relative Adoption: 1 case
- APPLA: 4 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 8 of the 9 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 2 of the 9 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for both cases.

Category of APPLA plan (4 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (4)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 4 cases)

All 4 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for all 4 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months		1		1		1
7 to 11 months						
1 to 2 years	2		1		1	1
2 to 3 years						1
3 years or more						1

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for all 9 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 6 of the 9 cases. 1 case was a post TPR child under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 7 of 8 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 6 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
4	Regular Foster Care
3	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
1	Therapeutic Group Home
1	Residential Treatment Center

In 4 of the 9 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for 8 of the 9 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 5 of the 9 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 2 cases had 1 placement change and 3 cases had 2 changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 2 of the 5 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 5 most recent placement changes:

- 2 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 3 case(s) were in more restrictive placements

The primary positive reason for the most recent placement changes:

- 3 case(s) were transitioning towards permanency goal

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for all 5 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for 4 of the 5 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that none of the 9 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 9 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 8 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 8 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 8 of the 9 children/youths had completed medical records in their case files.
- Prescription Medication: 5 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 4 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 8 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 6 of the 8 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: None.
- Substance Abuse: 1 child/youth had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: No, for the 1 child/youth.
- Behavioral Issues: 5 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 3 of the 5 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 7 of the 9 children/youths had been met and 1 child/youth refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

5 of the 9 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. All 5 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade. Of the 4 children/youth not enrolled in school, 3 had already graduated high school and 1 child was under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 6 cases)

2 of the 6 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. 1 youth was unable to participate due mental health reasons. The local board agreed that 3 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 6 cases)

The local board agreed that 1 of the 6 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – none)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Not applicable.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. The 1 child/youth with a plan of adoption consented.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (1 case)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (1 case)

The 1 child/youth with an adoption plan was not placed in a pre-adoptive home.

Adoptive Recruitment (1 case)

The local board found that the local department had documented efforts to find an adoptive resource for the child/youth not placed in a pre-adoptive home. The adoptive resource was a Back-Up Foster Parent. The child/youth was also listed on Adopt-Us-Kids.

The local board agreed that the adoptive recruitment efforts were appropriate for the child/youth.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources

Post adoptive services were needed for the 1 child/youth. The services that were needed were medical, mental health and educational services.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for the child/youth.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

7 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for all 9 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	2	1
No	7	8

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily		
Once a week	1	1
More than once a week		
Once a month		
More than once a month	1	
Quarterly		
Yes, but undocumented		

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised		
Unsupervised	2	1

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative		
Other Agency Representative		
Biological Family Member		
Foster Parent		
Other		

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	1	1
LDSS Visitation Center		
Public Area	1	
Child's/Youth's Placement		

Other		
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Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	2	
No		1

The local board found that 3 of the 9 children/youths had siblings in care and all 3 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

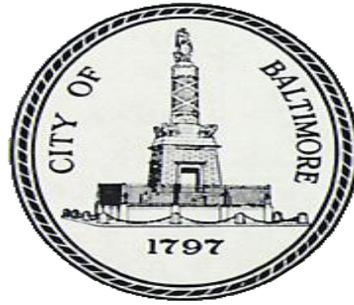
The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- No service agreement with youth.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Other independence barrier.
- Other coordination barrier.
- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Youth refuses mental health treatment including therapy.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for all 9 children/youths reviewed.

Baltimore City



Baltimore City had a total of 78 cases that were reviewed with the following permanency plans:

- Reunification: 23 cases
- Relative Placement for Adoption: 4 cases
- Relative Placement for Custody/Guardianship: 2 cases
- Non Relative Adoption: 8 cases
- Non Relative Custody/Guardianship: 4 cases
- APPLA: 37 cases

Permanency

The local board agreed with the department's permanency plan for 59 of the 78 cases reviewed.

The local juvenile court identified a concurrent permanency plan for 6 of the 78 cases.

The local department was implementing the concurrent permanency plans set by the court for all 6 cases.

Category of APPLA plan (37 cases)

- Emancipation/Independence (32)
- Transition to an adult supportive living arrangement (5)

Permanent Connections (APPLA – 37 cases)

32 of the 37 APPLA cases had a permanent connection identified and the local board agreed that the connections were appropriate for 31 of the 32 cases.

Length of time Child/Youth had a Permanency Plan

LENGTH	Reunif	Relative for Adoption	Relative for C & G	Non-Rel Adoption	Non-Rel Cust/Guad	APPLA
0 to 6 months	6	1	2	4	1	5
7 to 11 months	7	1		2		6
1 to 2 years	7	2		1		11
2 to 3 years	2					9
3 years or more	1			1	3	6

Case Planning

Family Involvement Meetings (prior to entry): The local department held family involvement meetings prior to entry for 13 of the 78 cases reviewed.

Service Agreements: The local department had a signed service agreement for 33 of the 78 cases. 8 cases were post TPR children under the age of 14. Efforts to involve the family in the service agreement process were made for 52 of 70 cases.

The local board agreed that the service agreements were appropriate for the 33 signed cases.

Placement/Living Arrangement (LA)

Number of Cases	Placement/Living Arrangement
5	Formal Kinship Care
6	Pre Finalized Adoptive Home
13	Regular Foster Care
4	Restricted Relative Foster Care
19	Treatment Foster Care (Private)
1	Residential Group Home
3	Teen Mother Program
1	Therapeutic Group Home
10	Independent Residential Living Program
1	Residential Treatment Center
3	Relative
1	Non Relative
3	Own Dwelling
4	Runaway (LA)
2	Secure Detention Facility (LA)
2	Unapproved Living Arrangement (LA)

In 40 of the 78 cases reviewed the children/youths were placed in their home jurisdiction in settings that were in close proximity to their communities which allowed for the continuity of services.

The local board agreed with the department's placement plan for 71 of the 78 cases reviewed.

Placement Stability

In 32 of the 78 cases reviewed there was a placement change within the 12 months prior to the review. 6 cases had 1 placement change, 19 cases had 2 changes, 5 cases had 3 changes and 2 cases had four or more changes.

The local department held a family involvement meeting for the placement changes for 5 of the 32 cases.

The following levels of care were found for the 32 most recent placement changes:

- 14 case(s) were in less restrictive placements
- 5 case(s) were in more restrictive placements
- 10 case(s) had the same level of care
- 2 case(s) child/youth on runaway
- 1 case(s) unknown, information not available at time of review

Provider specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 3 case(s) incompatible match between youth and provider

Child/youth specific issues for the most recent placement changes included:

- 5 case(s) had behavioral issues
- 1 case(s) was threats of harm to self or others
- 3 case(s) had delinquent behavior
- 3 case(s) were runaway

Were adequate services provided to support the provider in the previous placements:

- Yes, for 25 of the 32 cases

Current placement match between child's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs:

- Yes, for 25 of the 32 cases

Health/Mental Health

- Developmental/Special Needs: The local department reported that 14 of the 78 children/youths reviewed had developmental or special needs.
- Current Physical: 53 children/youths had a current physical exam.
- Current Vision: 32 children/youths had a current vision exam.
- Current Dental: 34 children/youths had a current dental exam.
- Completed Medical Records: The local department reported that 17 of the 78 children/youths

had completed medical records in their case files.

- Prescription Medication: 29 children/youths were taking prescription medication.
- Psychotropic Medication: 20 children/youths were taking psychotropic medication.
- Mental Health Issues: 42 children/youths had mental health issues.
- Mental Health Issues Addressed: Yes, for 28 of the 42 children/youths.
- Mental Health Issues/Transitioning/Services: 1 youth with mental health issues who was transitioning out of care had an identified plan to receive services in the adult mental health system. 8 youths with mental health issues who were transitioning out of care did not have a plan.
- Substance Abuse: 19 children/youths had a substance abuse problem.
- Substance Abuse Addressed: Yes, for 5 of the 19 children/youths.
- Behavioral Issues: 31 children/youths had behavioral issues.
- Behavioral Issues Addressed: Yes, for 26 of the 31 children/youths.

The local board found that the health needs of 18 of the 78 children/youths had been met and 9 children/youths refused to comply with standard health exams.

Education

41 of the 78 children/youths reviewed were enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program. 29 of the 41 were in Pre-K thru 12th grade, 2 youths were enrolled in a GED program and 10 were in college. Of the 37 children/youth not enrolled in school, 10 had already graduated high school, 9 refused to attend school and 18 were under the age of 5.

The local board agreed that the children/youths enrolled in school or another educational/vocational program were all being appropriately prepared to meet educational goals.

Ready By 21

➤ Employment (age 14 and older – 48 cases)

19 of the 48 youths were employed or participating in paid or unpaid work experience. 2 youths were medically fragile and unable to participate, 1 had a mental health reason, 1 was in a juvenile facility and 1 was in a correctional facility.

The local board agreed that the 31 youths were being appropriately prepared to meet employment goals.

➤ Independent Living Services (age 14 and older – 48 cases)

The local board agreed that 30 of the 48 youths were receiving appropriate services to prepare for independent living. 2 were medically fragile, 1 had a mental health reason, 1 was in a juvenile facility and 1 was in a correctional facility.

➤ Housing (Transitioning Youth – 18 cases)

(Age 20 and/or planning to discharge within a year from the review)

Housing had been specified for 8 of the 18 youths transitioning out of care.

The local board agreed that 15 youths were being appropriately prepared to transition out of care.

Child's Consent to Adoption

The age of consent for adoption in the State of Maryland is 10. Children 10 and older must consent to be adopted. Of the 8 cases with a plan of adoption, 1 child/youth consented, 1 was medically fragile and unable to consent and 6 were under the age of consent.

Adoptive Placement Services and Resources (8 cases)

Pre-Adoptive Placement (8 cases)

All 8 children/youths with an adoption plan were placed in a pre-adoptive home. The pre-adoptive family structure was comprised of a married couple in 2 cases and a single female in 6 cases. The relationships to the pre-adoptive children/youths were a relative foster parent in 3 cases and non relative foster parents in 5 cases.

Lengths of time in the pre-adoptive placements were as follows:

- 1 case(s) from 10 to 12 months
- 1 case(s) from 13 to 15 months
- 6 case(s) from 21 months or more

A home study was completed and approved in 6 of the 8 cases.

The local board agreed that appropriate services and supports were in place for the pre-adoptive families to meet the identified needs of the children/youths in 7 of the 8 cases.

The local board agreed that the pre-adoptive placements were appropriate in all 8 cases.

Adoptive Recruitment (4 cases for Relative Placement for Adoption)

The local board found that the local department had documented efforts to find an adoptive

resource for the 4 children/youths not placed in a pre-adoptive home. The adoptive resources were Digital Me, Wendy's Wonderful Kids and Ready & Waiting. 2 of the 4 children/youths were also listed on Adopt-Us-Kids.

The local board agreed that the adoptive recruitment efforts were appropriate for the 4 children/youths.

Post-Adoptive Services and Resources (8 cases)

Post adoptive services were needed for all 8 adoption cases. The services that were needed were medical for 6 cases, mental health for 2 cases and educational services for 2 cases.

The local board found that the post adoptive services were appropriate for all 8 cases.

Miscellaneous Findings

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

2 cases had a CASA.

Risk and Safety

The local board agreed that safety and risk protocols were followed for 74 of the 78 cases.

Child Visits with Parents, Relatives and Siblings

Child Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	39	15
No	39	63

Frequency of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Daily	1	3
Once a week	14	2
More than once a week	2	1
Once a month	5	2
More than once a month	4	2
Quarterly	3	
Yes, but undocumented	10	5

Supervision of Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
Supervised	15	2
Unsupervised	24	13

Who Supervises Visits	With Parents	With Relatives
LDSS Agency Representative	4	1
Other Agency Representative	2	
Biological Family Member	6	1
Foster Parent	2	
Other	1	

Where do Visits Occur ?	With Parents	With Relatives
Parent/Relative Home	14	11
LDSS Visitation Center	4	
Public Area	12	
Child's/Youth's Placement	6	2
Other	3	2

Overnight Stays	With Parents	With Relatives
Yes	8	2
No	31	13

The local board found that 38 of the 78 children/youths had siblings in care and all 38 had visits with their siblings in care.

Barriers/Issues

The local board identified the following barriers to permanency or issues.

- Delay in restricted home study.
- Other coordination barrier.
- Other implementation barrier.
- Other legal barrier.
- Other child/youth related barrier.
- Other education barrier.
- Other independence barrier.
- Lack of employment.
- Lack of concurrent planning.
- No service agreement with parents.
- No service agreement with youth.
- Youth placed outside of home jurisdiction.
- Child has behavior problems in the home.
- Refusal to locate or maintain employment.
- Issues related to substance abuse.
- TPR not granted.
- Appeal by birth parents.
- Child in pre-adoptive home but adoption not finalized.
- Other family related barrier.

- Youth not enrolled in school.
- Youth not attending school or in GED program.
- No current IEP.
- School not implementing IEP.
- School not meeting youth's behavioral needs.
- Board does not agree with current permanency plan.
- Annual physicals not current.
- Dentals not current.
- Vision not current.
- No follow up on medical referrals.
- Inadequate preparation for independence (general).
- Youth not employed and transitioning out of care.
- Youth needs more restrictive placement.
- Youth needs less restrictive placement.
- Current provider unable or unwilling to meet youth's needs.
- Housing has not been identified for youth aging out of care.
- Youth has not been assessed for mental health concerns.
- Youth's psychotropic medications should be adjusted.
- Youth non-compliant with medication.
- Youth refuses mental health treatment including therapy.
- No current Safe-C/G.

Summary

Based on the findings of the review the local board determined that the local Department of Social Services made adequate progress towards a permanent placement (COMAR – 07.01.06.05 (F)) for 66 of the 78 children/youths reviewed.

Required Supporting Documentation for CRBC Reviews

The following are reminders of the materials required in accordance with the work plan agreement created between the Department of Human Resources (DHR), Social Services Administration and the Citizens Review Board for Children.

- Each (LDSS) is required to continue to bring the child's complete case records and/or records containing requested supportive documentation to all CRBC case reviews.
- Each (LDSS) should continue supplying CRBC with the most recent and current contact information for all interested parties, including professionals and family members.

Recommendations to All Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS)

- Each (LDSS) should encourage the attendance of children and youth who are 10 years of age and older to attend his/her scheduled CRBC case review.
- Each (LDSS) should encourage foster parent attendance at scheduled CRBC case reviews.
- Each (LDSS) should improve their efforts with documenting concurrent permanency plans.
- Each (LDSS) should improve their efforts with getting parents to sign service agreements for those youth with a permanency plan of reunification.
- Each (LDSS) is required to include the paternal family members as possible resources for all youth who are in out-of-home-placement care.

Independent Living

- Each (LDSS) is required to improve their efforts with preparing youth that have a plan of APPLA to meet their employment goals.

Permanent Connections

- Each (LDSS) is encouraged to improve their efforts with identifying permanent connections for those youth with a plan of APPLA.

Adoption

- Each (LDSS) should ensure that age appropriate youth with a permanency plan of adoption are linked with adoption counseling services.

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CRBC Metrics

Total # of Children - Scheduled on the Preliminary:	528
Total # of Children - Closed, Non Submission & Rescheduled:	217
Total # of Children - Eligible for Review:	311
Total # of Children - Reviewed at the Board:	290
Total # of Children - Not Reviewed at the Board:	21
Percentage of Children Reviewed for the Period:	93%
Percentage of Children Not Reviewed for the Period:	7%
Recommendation Reports - Number Sent	290
Recommendation Reports - Number Sent on Time	267
Recommendation Reports - Percent Sent on Time	92%
Recommendation Reports - Number Received – DSS Response	171
Recommendation Reports - Percent Received % - DSS Response	59%
Recommendation Reports - Number Received on Time - DSS Response	54
Recommendation Reports - Percent Received on Time % - DSS Response	32%
Number of Boards Held	39
Recommendation Reports - # of DSS Agreement	167
Recommendation Reports - Percent of DSS Agreement	98%
Recommendation Reports - # of DSS Disagreement	4
Recommendation Reports - Percent of DSS Disagreement	2%
Recommendation Reports - # Blank/Unanswered	0
Recommendation Reports - Percent # Blank/Unanswered	0%
Percentage of REUNIFICATION Children Reviewed for the Period:	38%
Percentage of RELATIVE PLACEMENT – Adoption Children Reviewed:	2%
Percentage of RELATIVE PLACEMENT – C & G Children Reviewed:	5%
Percentage of ADOPTION Children Reviewed for the Period:	14%
Percentage of CUSTODY/GUARDIANSHIP Children Reviewed for the Period:	5%
Percentage of APPLA Children Reviewed for the Period:	35%

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