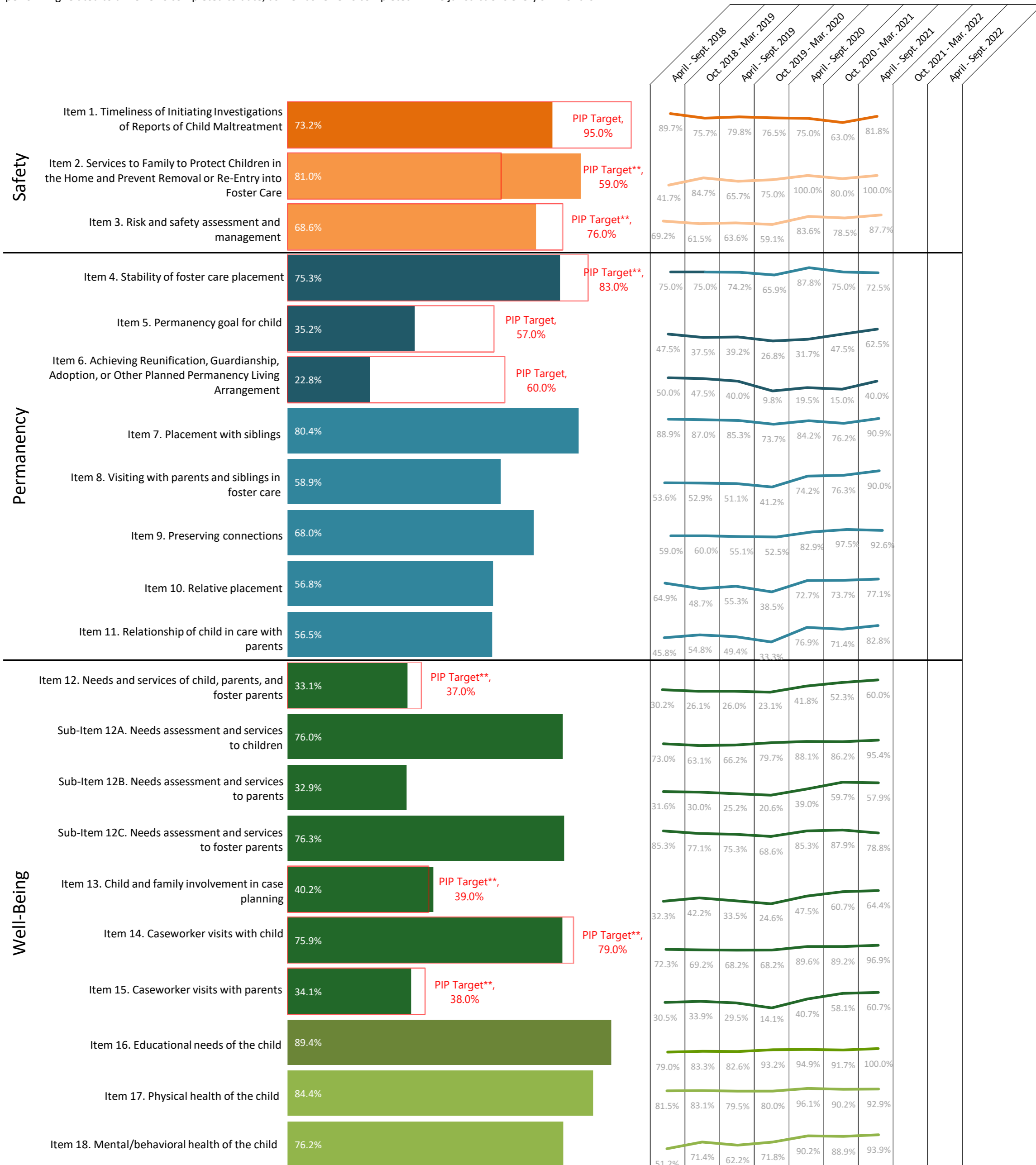


Maryland CFSR Performance to Date - Ratings for Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being Items

The period 4/1/18-9/30/2018 represents the federal CFSR period and the preliminary baseline for Maryland program improvement pending confirmation of the final results by the Children's Bureau. As part of Maryland's CQI process, each local department, in partnership with SSA, undergoes a Maryland Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). Each local department will be reviewed on a schedule at least once every three years. This review, which aligns with the federal review process, focuses on child and family safety, permanency and well-being outcomes. The review is designed to combine evidence from various sources to highlight the strengths and areas of challenge in the local system of care which are impacting child and family outcomes. During the onsite review, a review team uses a review instrument to assess the quality of practice and the functioning of processes that support the achievement of child and family outcomes related to safety, permanency and well-being. Reviewers combine information from interviews with key case participants and the record in CHESSE to complete the review using the instrument. The results, which are recorded in the Online Management System (OMS) show how the state is performing related to all reviews completed to date, as well as reviews completed in five jurisdictions every six months.



*PIP Targets in red represent the Program Improvement Plan (PIP) Targets. SSA is required to reach these targets to successfully complete its program improvement plan. This is different than the Children's Bureau's benchmark expectation during the federal CFSR for 90% (or 95% for items 1 and 16) of cases to be rated as a strength.

**The Children's Bureau determined on 3/17/2020 that Maryland has met the PIP target for items 2 and 13. On 10/15/2020 items 3, 4, 12, 14, and 15 met the PIP targets as determined by the Children's Bureau. On 10/26/2021, the Children's Bureau determined Maryland has met the PIP target for item 5 met.

Child and Family Services Reviews Quick Reference Items List

Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

Item 1: Were Maryland's responses to all accepted child maltreatment reports initiated, and face-to-face contact with the child(ren) made, within time frames established by state statutes?

Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

Item 2: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to provide services to the family to prevent children's entry into foster care or re-entry after reunification?

Item 3: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to assess and address the risk and safety concerns relating to the child(ren) in their own homes or while in foster care?

Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations

Item 4: Is the child in foster care in a stable placement and were any changes in the child's placement in the best interests of the child and consistent with achieving the child's permanency goal(s)?

Item 5: Did Maryland establish appropriate permanency goals for the child in a timely manner?

Item 6: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to achieve reunification, guardianship, adoption, or other planned permanent living arrangement for the child?

Permanency Outcome 2: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations

Item 7: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to ensure that siblings in foster care are placed together unless separation was necessary to meet the needs of one of the siblings?

Item 8: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to ensure that visitation between a child in foster care and his or her mother, father, and siblings was of sufficient frequency and quality to promote continuity in the child's relationships with these close family members?

Item 9: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to preserve the child's connections to his or her neighborhood, community, faith, extended family, Tribe, school, and friends?

Item 10: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to place the child with relatives when appropriate?

Item 11: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to promote, support, and/or maintain positive relationships between the child in foster care and his or her mother and father or other primary caregivers from whom the child had been removed through activities other than just

Well-Being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Item 12: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to assess the needs of and provide services to children, parents, and foster parents to identify the services necessary to achieve case goals and adequately address the issues relevant to Maryland's involvement with the family?

Item 13: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to involve the parents and children (if developmentally appropriate) in the case planning process on an ongoing basis?

Item 14: Were the frequency and quality of visits between caseworkers and child(ren) sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child(ren) and promote achievement of case goals?

Item 15: Were the frequency and quality of visits between caseworkers and the mothers and fathers of the child(ren) sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child(ren) and promote achievement of case goals?

Well-Being Outcome 2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Item 16: Did Maryland make concerted efforts to assess children's educational needs, and appropriately address identified needs in case planning and case management activities?

Well-Being Outcome 3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

Item 17: Did Maryland address the physical health needs of children, including dental health needs?

Item 18: Did Maryland address the mental/behavioral health needs of children?

*"Maryland" references the collective work of the local departments of social services, courts, resource parents and other child-serving systems, depending on the item.