

Data Dictionary for the SSA Headline Indicators

Safety¹

Headline 1: Children, youth, families, and adults are safe and free from maltreatment

#	Indicator	Description	Denominator	Numerator	Exclusions	Notes
1.1	Absence of maltreatment recurrence after Investigative Response	Of all children with an indicated or unsubstantiated finding in a 12-month period, what percent <u>did not</u> have another indicated or unsubstantiated finding within 12 months of the previous finding?	Number of children with at least one indicated or unsubstantiated finding in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who <u>did not</u> have another indicated or unsubstantiated finding within 12 months of the previous finding	Subsequent reports that occur within 14 days of the previous report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsequent reports in which the incident date matches the incident date of the previous report (i.e., suggesting it's the same incident) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to recurrence is measured using report dates (i.e., from the date of the first report to the date of the subsequent report) If a child has three or more reports in the 12-month period, recurrence is computed using only the first two reports For the denominator, relies on the report date to determine if the maltreatment occurred in the 12-month period; therefore, if a report has a report date in the 12-month period, but the disposition date occurs after the 12-month period, we include it For the numerator, relies on the report date to determine if the subsequent maltreatment occurred within 12-months of the previous report; therefore, if the subsequent report has a report date within 12-months of the previous report, but the disposition date occurs after the 12-month window, we include it

¹ Children age 18 or older are included in all indicators. In SSA, a victim is defined as a child for whom the state determined at least one maltreatment was indicated or unsubstantiated. When mapping SSA's maltreatment dispositions to the dispositions used by the Children's Bureau and NCANDS, SSA assigns *indicated* to substantiated, *unsubstantiated* to indicated, and *ruled out* to unsubstantiated.

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1.2	Absence of maltreatment after Alternative Response	Of all children with an alternative response in a 12-month period, what percent did not have an indicated or unsubstantiated finding within 12 months of the alternative response case close?	Number of children with at least one alternative response in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator that did not have an indicated or unsubstantiated finding within 12 months of the alternative response case close		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to maltreatment is measured from the date the alternative response was closed to the report date of the maltreatment allegation. If a child has more than one AR response in the 12-month period, only the first is selected as the base, and recurrence is examined from that base For the numerator, relies on the report date to determine if the maltreatment occurred within 12-months of the AR case close; therefore, if the report has a report date within 12-months of the AR case close, but the disposition date occurs after the 12-month window, we include it
1.3	Absence of maltreatment after family preservation	Of all children receiving Family Preservation (Consolidated or IFPS) services in a 12-month period, what percent did not have an indicated or unsubstantiated finding within 12 months of the Family Preservation case close?	Number of children with at least one Family Preservation case assignment in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator that did not have an indicated or unsubstantiated finding within 12 months of the Family Preservation case close		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time to maltreatment is measured from the date the Family Preservation case was closed to the report date of the maltreatment allegation If a child has more than one Family Preservation case assignment in the 12-month period, the initial case is selected For the numerator, relies on the report date to determine if the maltreatment occurred within 12-months of the FP case close; therefore, if the report has a report date within 12-months of the FP case close, but the disposition date occurs after the 12-month window, we include it
1.4	Absence of maltreatment after assessment	Of all children receiving Services to Families with Children – Intake	Number of children receiving Services to Families with Children –	Number of children in the denominator that did not have an		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFC-1 includes Risk of Harm issues Time to maltreatment is measured from the date the SFC-1 was completed to the

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1.5	Maltreatment while in foster care (victimization rate per 100,000 care days)	Of all children in care during a 12-month period, what is the rate of victimization per 100,000 days of care?	Of children in care during a 12-month period, total number of days these children were in care as of the end of the 12-month period	Of children in the denominator, total number of indicated or unsubstantiated reports of maltreatment (by any perpetrator) during a care episode within the 12-month period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Episodes < 8 days ● Records with an incident date occurring outside of removal episode, even if the report date falls within the episode (used when incident date exists) ● Reports that occur within the first 7 days of removal ● Records with investigation accepted dates falling outside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Multiply answer by 100,000 to get the rate of victimizations per 100,000 days in care
		(SFC-I) in a 12-month period, what percent did not have an indicated or unsubstantiated finding and were not served in Family Preservation within 12 months of the SFC-I case close?	Intake (SFC-I) in a 12-month period	indicated or unsubstantiated finding and were not served in Family Preservation within 12 months of the SFC-I case close		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● report date of the maltreatment allegation ● If a child has more than one SFC-I in the 12-month period, the initial case is selected ● For the numerator, relies on the report date to determine if the maltreatment occurred within 12-months of the SFC-I case close; therefore, if the report has a report date within 12-months of the SFC-I case close, but the disposition date occurs after the 12-month window, we include it

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					of the 12-month period ● Subsequent reports that occur within 1 day of the previous report	

Permanency²

Headline 2: Children, youth and adults live in safe, supportive and stable families where they can grow and thrive

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2.1	Entry rate per 1,000 children	Of all children in the population, what is the rate of entries in a 12-month period per 1,000 children?	Number of children in the < 18 child population in a 12-month period	Number of children entering care during a 12-month period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children who enter at age 18 or more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one entry in the 12-month period, only the earliest episode is included Multiply answer by 1,000 to get the rate of entries per 1,000 children
2.2	Permanency in 12 months for children entering care	Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what percent exited to permanency within 12 months of entering care?	Number of children who enter care in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in care < 8 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one entry in the 12-month period, only the earliest episode is included At this time, a trial home visit (THV) adjustment is <u>not</u> used when calculating a child's length of stay from entry to permanency.³
2.3	Permanency in 12 months for children in care 12-23 months	Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months, what percent exited to permanency within 12 months of the first day?	Number of children in care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months	Number of children in the denominator who discharged to permanency within 12 months of the 1st day		
2.4	Permanency in 12 months for children in care 24 months or more	Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had	Number of children in care on the first day of a 12-month period,	Number of children in the		

² Except for entry rate, all indicators include children age 18 or older. Permanency includes reunification, adoption, and guardianship.

³ The federal CFSR 3 measure for permanency in 12 months applies a THV adjustment. With this adjustment, if a child exits from foster care to reunification after a placement setting of a THV, any time in that THV that exceeds 30 days does not count toward his length of stay (LOS) in foster care. For example, if a child exited to reunification after being in custody for 13 months, but his last 3 months (90 days) in custody were spent on a THV, only 30 of those 90 days count toward his LOS. This reduces his LOS for purposes of the federal indicator from 13 months (actual) to 11 months (adjusted, i.e., 13 months - 60 days), which means he gets credit for exiting to permanency within 12 months.

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2.5	Re-entry in 12 months after reunification	Of all children who exit to reunification in a 12-month period, what percent re-enter care within 12 months of their exit?	Number of children who exit to reunification in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who re-enter care within 12 months of their exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the denominator, children in care < 8 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one exit during the 12-month period, only the earliest exit (and any re-entry associated with that exit) is included
2.6	Re-entry in 12 months after guardianship	Of all children who exit to guardianship in a 12-month period, what percent re-enter care within 12 months of their exit?	Number of children who exit to guardianship in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who re-enter care within 12 months of their exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the denominator, children in care < 8 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one exit during the 12-month period, only the earliest exit (and any re-entry associated with that exit) is included
2.7	Re-entry in 12 months after adoption	Of all children who exit to adoption in a 12-month period, what percent re-enter care within 12 months of their exit?	Number of children who exit to adoption in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who re-enter care within 12 months of their exit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the denominator, children in care < 8 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one exit during the 12-month period, only the earliest exit (and any re-entry associated with that exit) is included

Well-Being

Headline 3: Children, youth, families, and adults are healthy, resilient, and have stable and lasting connections

	Indicator	Description	Denominator	Numerator	Exclusions	Notes
3.1	Placement stability	Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what is the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days of care?	Of children who enter care in a 12-month period, total number of days these children were in care as of the end of the 12-month period	Of children in the denominator, total number of placement moves during the 12-month period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in care < 8 days The initial removal from home (and into care) is not counted as a placement move 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiply answer by 1,000 to get the rate of placement moves per 1,000 days in care
3.2	Completion of initial health assessment within 5 weekdays of entering care	Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what percent completed an initial health assessment within 5 weekdays of entering care?	Number of children who enter care in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who complete an initial health assessment within 5 weekdays of entering care	Children in care < 8 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one entry in the 12-month period, only the earliest episode is included
3.3	Completion of comprehensive health assessment within 60 days of entering care	Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what percent completed a comprehensive health assessment within 60 days of entering care?	Number of children who enter care in a 12-month period	Number of children in the denominator who complete a comprehensive health assessment within 60 days of entering care	Children in care < 8 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a child has more than one entry in the 12-month period, only the earliest episode is included
3.4	Completion of annual health assessment among children in care at least 1 year	Of all children who have been in care for at least 1 yr, what percent completed an annual health assessment within 1 year?	Number of children in care for at least 1 year	Number of children in the denominator who complete an annual health assessment		

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3.5 Completion of annual dental assessment among children in care at least 1 year	Of all children who have been in care for at least 1 yr, what percent completed a dental assessment within 1 year?	Number of children in care for at least 1 year	Number of children in the denominator who complete an annual dental assessment		
3.6 School enrollment within 5 days of entering care	Of all school-aged children who enter care in a 12-month period during an active school session, what percent have a school enrollment date within 5 days of entering care?	Number of school-aged children who enter care in a 12-month period during an active school session	Number of children in the denominator who have a school enrollment date within 5 days of entering care		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a child has more than one entry in the 12-month period, only the earliest episode is included
<i>CANS-based well-being items are under development</i>					