

LJ v. Massinga Reporting

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Measure #	Measure
61 & 62	61. Number of children in OHP for whom a CPS report was made
	62. Number of children in OHP for whom a CPS investigation was opened.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	Children in OHP identified as a victim of child abuse or neglect in a CPS investigation during the six month reporting period
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	 "Report" - for purposes of this measure a report is information provided that results in the initiation of a CPS investigation "Investigation" - for the purpose of this measure:
	(1) A report that is not assigned for an alternative response shall be assigned for an investigation. (2) Reports that are not eligible for an alternative response and must be investigated are: (a) (b) Reports of child abuse or neglect occurring in an out-of-home placement;
	 According to the LJ Consent Decree, "the measurement for maltreatment in foster care in this Decree is the measurement used by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Child and Family Services Reviews, which means the percentage of children who were found to be victims of indicated maltreatment by perpetrators who are relative foster parents, non- relative foster parents, and group home or residential facility staff. "Relative foster parents" include unlicensed kinship care providers with whom BCDSS placed children in OHP."
<i>§</i>	For the purposes of this measurement BCDSS will measure any maltreatment reported, no matter who the alleged perpetrator is identified to be, consistent with

	the current standard of the United States Department of Health and Human
	the current standard of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Child and Family Services Reviews.
	"Alleged victim" means a child named in a report as having been abused or neglected. (COMAR 07.02.07.02)
	"Report" means an allegation of child abuse or neglect made or received by any state, county, or municipal corporation, with sufficient information to screen the report for an appropriate CPS or other response. (COMAR 07.02.07.02)
	"Receiving a report" means obtaining sufficient information about suspected child abuse or neglect to make a decision as to what CPS or other response is appropriate. (COMAR 07.02.07.02)
	"Screen the report" means reviewing a report of suspected child abuse or neglect and determining whether the report meets the criteria for a CPS response or referral to other programs or services
Measurement	Numeric count
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Report Calculation Methodology	Identification of all new CPS investigations where a child with an "out-of-home" program assignment is identified as a victim child during the 6-months reporting period.
	Simple numerical count.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 23-24
	9. Each child shall be protected from maltreatment in the child's placement to the maximum extent possible. b. Internal Success Measures:
	(1) Number of children in OHP for whom a CPS report was made.
	(2) Number of children in OHP for whom a CPS investigation was opened.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671

State Law	N/A
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.07.02 Definitions
	See above (definitions)
	COMAR 07.02.11.23
SSA Policy	SSA #10-05: Child Fatality/Serious Physical Injury/Critical Incident Protocol
	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



Measure #	Measure
63	Percent of children in OHP for whom a report of maltreatment while in OHP was indicated
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	Children with a program assignment of OHP who were identified as a victim of child abuse or neglect in a CPS investigation that concluded during the six month reporting period with a finding of indicated or unsubstantiated.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	For purposes of this measure indicated also will include unsubstantiated findings
	 For the purposes of this measurement BCDSS will measure any maltreatment reported, no matter who the alleged perpetrator is identified to be, consistent with the current standard of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Child and Family Services Reviews.
Denominator	All children in OHP during the 6-months reporting period
Numerator	All children for whom an investigation of child abuse or neglect was begun during an episode of OHP that resulted in an indicated or unsubstantiated finding during the 6-months reporting period without regard to whether child's OHP case is still open at the time of the finding
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Report Calculation Methodology	The number of indicated or unsubstantiated findings where the victim was in OHP at the time of the incident, will be compiled at the end of the reporting period and compared to the total number of children in OHP during that period. This calculation will be used to determine the percentage of children in OHP for whom there was no finding of 'indicated' or 'unsubstantiated' child abuse or neglect during the reporting period.

Exit Standard Criteria	N/A The second of the second o
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD),pg. 24
	9. Each child shall be protected from maltreatment in the child's placement to the maximum extent possible.
	b. Internal Success Measures:
	(1. – 2.)
	(3.) Number of children in OHP for whom a report of maltreatment while in OHP was indicated.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671
1000	Children's Bureau, Child and Family Services Reviews, Round 3, Statewide Data Indicators
	Indicator: Maltreatment in foster care National Performance: 9.67 victimizations per 100,000 days in care
State Law	Courts and Judicial Proceedings Art. § 3-816.1(c)(6)
	(c) Considerations In making its findings in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the court shall consider:
	(6) On receipt of a report of maltreatment of a child occurring while the child is in the custody of a local department, whether the local department provided the appropriate parties, including the child's attorney, a report or notice of a report of the suspected maltreatment of the child and of the disposition of the investigation within the time required by regulation and court order;
	Family Law Art. § 5-1304
	The effectiveness of efforts to protect children removed from their homes from abuse and neglect shall be measured by:
	(1) the incidence of indicated or unsubstantiated findings of child abuse or neglect of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, for placements:
	(i) in foster care homes;
	(ii) in kinship care homes;
	(iii) in residential treatment centers or group homes;

In round	(iv) with family members; and (v) in other forms of substitute care;
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.07.02 Definitions
	_A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated. B. Terms defined.
	(21) "Final determination" means a finding of the local department after all timely appeals. (22) "Finding" means a disposition at the end of an investigation that child abuse or neglect is indicated, unsubstantiated, or ruled out and the identification of an individual responsible for unsubstantiated or indicated child abuse or neglect.
	COMAR 07.02.07.03 Eligibility for a CPS Response
	C. Investigation. (1) A report that is not assigned for an alternative response shall be assigned for an investigation. (2) Reports that are not eligible for an alternative response and must be investigated are: (a) (b) Reports of child abuse or neglect occurring in an out-of-home placement
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



Measure #	Measure Measure
64	Percent of CPS investigations which were initiated in a timely manner
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	Children in OHP identified as a victim of child abuse or neglect in a CPS investigation during the six month reporting period will have the date of the approval of the CPS investigation and the date of the case initiation (face-to-face contact with child in OHP) identified to determine if the case was initiated timely. CPS investigations opened in the previous 6-month reporting period where the ability to determine timelines was not possible will also be included.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	- "Timely investigations" (COMAR 07.02.07.08): • For physical or sexual abuse, contact made within 24 hours by local department, or by agreement, local law enforcement • For neglect other than Mental Injury, within 5 days of the report • Abuse and Neglect involving mental Injury, within 5 days of the report
Denominator	All Investigations of child abuse and neglect of children in OHP initiated within the reporting period
Numerator	All Investigations in the Denominator initiated within the timelines indicated in the definitions above
Exclusion(s)	CPS reports of incidents that occurred prior to the child's placement in OHP CPS investigations initiated at the end of the reporting period where the timeframe confirming timeliness would be outside of the reporting period
Report Calculation Methodology	Identification of all new CPS investigations where a child with an "out-of-home" program assignment is identified as a victim child during the 6-months reporting period or near the end of the previous 6-months reporting period where timeliness would not have been able to be determined. The approval date for the CPS investigation and the date of initiation (date of face-to-face contact with the victim child) will be identified and determination of timeliness will be made depending on whether the CPS investigation was identified as either abuse or neglect. Abuse investigations (physical and sexual) require contact within 24 hours and neglect investigations and mental injury abuse

	cases require contact within 5 days. The number of cases in each group will be determined and then divided by all investigations initiated during the 6-months reporting period to determine the percentage completed timely.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 23-24
	 9. Each child shall be protected from maltreatment in the child's placement to the maximum extent possible. b. Internal Success Measures: (1. – 3.) (4.) Percent of CPS investigations which were initiated in a timely manner.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 5106a
	Children's Bureau, Child and Family Services Reviews, Round 3, Safety Outcome 1: Children are, First and Foremost, Protected from Abuse and Neglect, Item 1: Timeliness of Initiating Investigations of Reports of Child Maltreatment
	Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether responses to all accepted child maltreatment reports received during the period under review were initiated, and face-to-face contact with the child(ren) made, within the time frames established by agency policies and state statutes.
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-706(b)-(c)
8	(b) In general Promptly after receiving a report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child who lives in this State that is alleged to have occurred in this State, the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency, or both, if jointly agreed on, shall make a thorough investigation of a report of suspected abuse or neglect to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the child or children. (c) Time for initiation; actions to be taken Within 24 hours after receiving a report of suspected physical or sexual abuse of a child who lives in this State that is alleged to have occurred in this State, and within 5 days after receiving a report of suspected neglect or suspected mental injury of a child who lives in this State that is alleged to have occurred in this State, the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency shall: (1) see the child;
	(1) see the child, (2) attempt to have an on-site interview with the child's caretaker;

Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A
SSA Policy	SSA-CW #18-06: Child Protective Services Screening and Case Determination Process
	 abuse, the local department or, by joint agreement with the appropriate law enforcement agency, a law enforcement officer, shall: (1) Initiate an on-site investigation; B. Neglect - Other Than Mental Injury. Within 5 days of receiving a report of alleged child neglect, the local department shall follow the procedures under §A of this regulation. C. Abuse and Neglect - Mental Injury. (1) Within 5 days of receiving a report of alleged child abuse or neglect involving mental injury, a local department shall follow the procedures under §A of this regulation.
1	COMAR 07.02.07.08 On-site Investigation A. Physical and Sexual Abuse. Within 24 hours of receiving a report of suspected child
	See above (definitions)
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.07.02 Definitions
	(3) decide on the safety of the child, wherever the child is, and of other children in the household; and(4) decide on the safety of other children in the care or custody of the alleged abuser.



Internal Success		
Measure #	Measure	
65	99.68 percent of children in OHP were not maltreated in their placement, as defined in federal law.	
	Key Data	
Source	CJAMS	
Data	Children with a program assignment of OHP who were identified as a victim of child abuse or neglect in a CPS investigation that concluded during the six month reporting period with a finding of indicated or unsubstantiated.	
	Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	 For purposes of this measure "indicated" also will include "unsubstantiated" findings For the purposes of this measurement BCDSS will measure any maltreatment reported, no matter who the alleged perpetrator is identified to be, consistent with the current standard of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Child and Family Services Reviews. "Alleged victim" means a child named in a report as having been abused or neglected. "Report" means an allegation of child abuse or neglect made or received by any state, county, or municipal corporation, with sufficient information to screen the report for an appropriate CPS or other response. For the purpose of this measure, screened out referrals of neglect or abuse are not considered "reports." "Finding" means a disposition at the end of an investigation that child abuse or neglect is indicated, unsubstantiated, or ruled out and the identification of an individual responsible for unsubstantiated or indicated child abuse or neglect. "Indicated" means a finding that there is credible evidence, which has not been satisfactorily refuted, that child abuse or neglect occurred. "Unsubstantiated" means there is insufficient evidence to support a finding of "indicated" or "ruled out" 	
Denominator	All children for whom an investigation of child abuse or neglect was begun during an episode of OHP that resulted in an indicated or unsubstantiated finding during the 6-	

	months reporting period without regard to whether child's OHP case is still open at the time of the finding
Numerator	All children served in OHP during the reporting period
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	The number of indicated or unsubstantiated findings where the victim was in OHP at the time of the incident, will be compiled at the end of the reporting period and compared to the total number of children in OHP during that period. This calculation will be used to determine the percentage of children in OHP for whom there was no finding of 'indicated' or 'unsubstantiated' child abuse or neglect during the reporting period.
Exit Standard Criteria	Compliance will be achieved when 99.68 percent of children in OHP were not maltreated in their placement
NEW YORK	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	According to the L.J. Modified Consent Decree, p. 23 - 25
	9. Each child shall be protected from maltreatment in the child's placement to the maximum extent possible.
	(a. – b.) c. Exit Standards:
	(1) 99.68 percent of children in OHP were not maltreated in their
	placement, as defined in federal law.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671
	Children's Bureau, Child and Family Services Reviews, Round 3, Statewide Data
	Indicators Indicator: Maltreatment in foster care
	National Performance: 9.67 victimizations per 100,000 days in care
State Law	Courts and Judicial Proceedings Art. § 3-816.1(c)(6)
	(c) Considerations In making its findings in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the court shall consider:

v.	(6) On receipt of a report of maltreatment of a child occurring while the child is in the custody of a local department, whether the local department provided the appropriate parties, including the child's attorney, a report or notice of a report of the suspected maltreatment of the child and of the disposition of the investigation within the time required by regulation and court order;
	Family Law Art. § 5-1304
	The effectiveness of efforts to protect children removed from their homes from abuse and neglect shall be measured by:
	(1) the incidence of indicated or unsubstantiated findings of child abuse or neglect of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, for placements: (i) in foster care homes;
	(ii) in kinship care homes;
	(iii) in residential treatment centers or group homes;
	(iv) with family members; and
	(v) in other forms of substitute care;
State Regulations	COMAR .7.02.07.02 Definitions.
	A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated. B. Terms defined. ****
2	(21) "Final determination" means a finding of the local department after all timely appeals.
a	(22) "Finding" means a disposition at the end of an investigation that child abuse or neglect is indicated, unsubstantiated, or ruled out and the identification of an individual responsible for unsubstantiated or indicated child abuse or neglect. ***
	(41) "Receiving a report" means obtaining sufficient information about suspected child abuse or neglect to make a decision as to what CPS or other response is appropriate.
	COMAR .07.02.07.09 Completing the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse or Neglect.
	A. A local department shall complete and document an investigation using assessment tools and forms required by the Administration. B. A local department or, in a joint investigation, a law enforcement agency shall:
	(1) To the extent possible, complete an investigation within 10 days of receiving a report; or(2) If additional time is required, complete the investigation within 60 days of receiving a report.

	C. An investigation is complete when the local department has completed the requirements of Regulation .07A of this chapter and a supervisor has approved the finding.
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure	
66	In 95% of cases of alleged maltreatment of a child in OHP, BCDSS provided the child's attorney and Plaintiff's counsel the report of the alleged maltreatment within five days of the report and the disposition within 5 days of its completion	
	Key Data	
Source	CJAMS QA Electronic record review for evidence of compliance	
Data	 1. Use CJAMS data to identify the total population of children in OHP meeting the following criteria for each required report to the child's attorney and plaintiff: A. Notification within 5 days of CPS report alleging a child with an OHP program assignment to be a victim of child abuse or neglect during the six month reporting period, using the fields "maltreatment report" and "date" in CJAMS B. Notification within 5 days of the completion of the CPS investigation and disposition of maltreatment report of any child in OHP at the time of the report; date of disposition is automatically recorded when supervisor approves submission by caseworker: Quality Assurance review of representative sample of electronic records completed to determine compliance with the required notification 	
Definition(s)	- "The measurement for maltreatment in foster care in this Decree is the percentage of children found to be victims of indicated maltreatment by perpetrators who are relative foster parents, non-relative foster parents, and group home or residential facility staff. "Relative foster parents" include unlicensed kinship care providers with whom BCDSS placed children in OHP" - "Alleged victim" means a child named in a report as having been abused or neglected. - "Report" means an allegation of child abuse or neglect made or received by any state, county, or municipal corporation, with sufficient information to screen the report for an appropriate CPS or other response. For the purpose of this	

	 measure, screened out referrals of neglect or abuse are not considered "reports." "Finding" means a disposition at the end of an investigation that child abuse or neglect is indicated, unsubstantiated, or ruled out and the identification of an individual responsible for unsubstantiated or indicated child abuse or neglect. "Indicated" means a finding that there is credible evidence, which has not been satisfactorily refuted, that child abuse or neglect occurred. "Unsubstantiated" means there is insufficient evidence to support a finding of "indicated" or "ruled out"
Denominator	A. Number of reports received during the review period of alleged maltreatment of a child in OHP, and B. Number of dispositions completed during the review period of alleged maltreatment of a child in OHP (wo/ regard to whether child is in OHP at the time of disposition).
Numerator	A. Number of reports in Denominator A where a copy of the report was provided within five business days of the report's receipt to the child's attorney, Plaintiffs' counsel and child's parents and their attorney (unless prohibited or their whereabouts or identity are unknown); and B. Number of children in Denominator B where a copy of the disposition was provided within five business days of the completed disposition to the child's attorney, Plaintiffs' counsel and child's parents and their attorney (unless prohibited or their whereabouts or identity are unknown).
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	To identify: a. all children in OHP during the report period who are alleged to be a victim in a CPS report b. all children in OHP at the start of an investigation concluded during the reporting period for whom a disposition was made
	 2. Of those children, QA record review will be conducted to identify: Evidence that the CPS reports were sent to the child's attorney and the Plaintiff within 5 days and Evidence that the CPS disposition was sent to the child's attorney and the Plaintiff within 5 days of disposition
Exit Standard Criteria	The percentage of reports and dispositions that met this standard will be calculated for each six-month reporting period. Compliance is achieved when the measure calculation for all six months totaled is at least 95 percent.

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD),pg. 24
	Each child shall be protected from maltreatment in the child's placement to the maximum extent possible.
	a. Definitions:
	employee has reason to suspect abuse, neglect, or other maltreatment of a child in OHP or receives a report of suspected abuse, neglect, or other maltreatment of a child in OHP: (a) [] (b) [] Within five business days of receipt of a report, BCDSS shall notify the attorney for the child, the child's parents and their attorney (unless prohibited or their whereabouts or identity are unknown), Plaintiffs' counsel, caseworkers or other persons responsible for other children in the home or for the home or facility itself, and any other persons that are entitled to notice under state law or regulation. An unredacted (except the name of and identifying information about the reporter and privileged attorney-client material) copy of the report must be provided to the child's attorney and Plaintiffs' counsel. The completed unredacted (except the name of and identifying information about the reporter and privileged attorney-client material) disposition report must be provided to the child's caseworker, child's attorney and to Plaintiffs' counsel within five business days of its completion. Parents (except where clinically contraindicated) and other parties entitled to be provided copies under state law or regulation shall receive redacted copies within five business days of completion.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	N/A
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	COMAR 07.05.02.14 Abuse of Neglect by a Foster Parent
	A. Initial Action. (1) If a child placement worker or other agency employee observes that a child placed with a certified foster parent is in serious and immediate danger, the child placement worker shall: (a) Immediately notify: (i) The child protective services unit of the local department in the jurisdiction where the certified foster parent's home is located; and

(ii) If the child is in the custody of a local department or the Department of Juvenile Services, the worker for the child or the worker's supervisor; (b) Immediately notify the agency's chief administrator and the Administration of the suspected abuse or neglect; and (c) Arrange a staffing for the child with appropriate professionals to plan the child's continued protection and treatment.
COMAR 07.02.07.06 Initial Response to a Report of Child Abuse
G. Report Concerning Out-of-Home Placement. If a report of suspected child abuse or neglect concerns a child in an out-of-home placement, the local department shall: (1) Notify the Administration; (2) In the case of an out-of-home placement licensed by a child placement agency, notify the child placement agency; (3) In the case of an out-of-home placement licensed by a local department: (a) Notify: (i) The caseworker for the alleged victim; (ii) The caseworker for the out-of-home placement; and (iii) If the alleged maltreator is a child in the out-of-home placement, the worker for the alleged maltreator; and (b) Coordinate the CPS response with the caseworker for the out-of-home placement and the alleged victim; and (4) Exchange information with the Administration, caseworkers, and a child placement agency regarding: (a) Actions taken regarding the out-of-home placement or children in the out-of-home placement; (b) Information having a bearing on the safety of children in the out-of-home placement; and (c) The disposition of the child abuse or neglect investigation.
COMAR .7.02.07.02 Definitions.
A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated. B. Terms defined. **** (22) "Finding" means a disposition at the end of an investigation that child abuse or neglect is indicated, unsubstantiated, or ruled out and the identification of an individual responsible for unsubstantiated or indicated child abuse or neglect. **** (41) "Receiving a report" means obtaining sufficient information about suspected child abuse or neglect to make a decision as to what CPS or other response is appropriate.
COMAR .07.02.07.09 Completing the Investigation of Alleged Child Abuse or Neglect

SSA Policy Other Relevant	N/A N/A
	A. A local department shall complete and document an investigation using assessment tools and forms required by the Administration. B. A local department or, in a joint investigation, a law enforcement agency shall: (1) To the extent possible, complete an investigation within 10 days of receiving a report; or (2) If additional time is required, complete the investigation within 60 days of receiving a report. C. An investigation is complete when the local department has completed the requirements of Regulation .07A of this chapter and a supervisor has approved the finding.



Measure #	Measure	
67	Number of children who spend four hours or more in an office, motel, hotel or other unlicensed facility	
	Key Data	
Source	Extended Hours Log	
Data	Data: Number of children who experienced a stay of four hours or longer in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility outside of business hours	
	Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	"Housed" means stays of four hours or longer in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility For the purpose of this Measure, the parties agree that:	
	a. " a stay outside of regular business hours of four hours or longer in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility.	
	b. "working day" and "business day" have the same meaning.	
Measurement	Number of children who spent tour hours or more in an office, motel, hotel or other unlicensed facility during the six month reporting period	
Exclusion(s)	None -	
Report Calculation Methodology	Documentation from the Extended Hours Log will be compiled for the six month reporting period to produce number	
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A	
	Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 25	

	10. No child may be housed in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility.	
for some a	a. Definition:	
	(1) "Housed" means stays of four hours or longer, b. Internal Success Measure:	
	(1) Number of children who spend four hours or more in an office, motel, or unlicensed facility.	
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	N/A	
State Law	N/A	
State Regulations	N/A	
SSA Policy	N/A	
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A	



Exit Standard

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Measure #	Measure
68	99.8 percent of children in OHP were not housed outside regular business hours in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility. If any child is so housed, BCDSS shall notify Plaintiffs' counsel within one working day of the reasons for the placement, the name of the child's CINA attorney, and the steps that BCDSS is taking to find an appropriate placement. Barring extraordinary circumstances, no child may be housed in an office for consecutive nights.
	Key Data
Source	Extended Hours Log Child Welfare System of Record BCDSS Director's Office or Designee
Data	Number of children who experienced a stay of four hours or longer in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility outside of business hours
	Email providing required notice to PlaIntlffs' Counsel
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	"Housed" means stays of four hours or longer in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility
	For the purpose of this Measure, the parties agree that:
	a. " a stay outside of regular business hours of four hours or longer in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility.
	b. "working day" and "business day" have the same meaning.
Denominator A	Number of children who were in OHP during the reporting period
Numerator A	Number of children in the denominator who experienced an overstay.
Denominator B	Number of incidents of overstays for children in OHP during the reporting period.
Numerator B	Number of incidents in the denominator for which the required notice was provided to Plaintiffs' counsel.

Exclusion(s)	Part A - Children not in OHP during the reporting period; and Part B – Incidents of overstays for children not in OHP during the reporting period.	
Report Calculation Methodology General	This Exit Standard requires that two separate conditions be satisfied for any reporting period – (a) 99.8 % of children in OHP not have an overstay; (b) for each incidence of an overstay for a child in OHP, the required notice to Plaintiffs' counsel be provided. Therefore, for the purposes of measurement and reporting, this Exit Standard is being divided into Part A and Part B calculations, both of which must be met for compliance with this Exit Standard.	
Exit Standard Criteria General	The percentage of children who met this standard will be calculated by BCDSS for each six-month reporting period. Compliance is achieved when: Part A: at least 99.8% of children in OHP during the reporting period did not experience an overstay; and Part B: for 100% of the overstays for children in OHP that occurred during the reporting period, the required notice was provided to Plaintiffs' counsel.	
Exit Standard Criteria A	The percentage of children who met this standard will be calculated by BCDSS for each six-month reporting period by subtracting the results of the calculation(numerator/denominator) from 100%. Compliance is achieved when the measure calculation for the six-month reporting period is no less than 99.8%.	
Exit Standard Criteria B	The percentage of children who met this standard will be calculated by BCDSS on a monthly basis for each six-month reporting period. Compliance is achieved when, for 100% of overstays for children in OHP that did occur, the required notice was provided to Plaintiffs' counsel.	
	Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 25	
	10. No child may be housed in an office, motel, hotel, or other unlicensed facility. a. Definition: (1) "Housed" means stays of four hours or long. C Exit Standards: (1) 99.8 percent of children in OHP were not housed outside regular business hours in an office, motel, hot or other unlicensed facility. If any child is so housed, BCDSS shall notify Plaintiffs' counsel within one working day of the reasons for the placement, the name of the child's CINA attorney, and the steps that BCDSS is taking to find an appropriate placement. Barring extraordinary circumstances, it child may be housed in an office for consecutive nights.	
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	N/A	

State Law	N/A	
State Regulations	N/A	
SSA Policy	N/A	183
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A	



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Measure #	Measure	
71	Percent of children who had documented visits from their caseworker once monthly in the child's placement	
	Key Data	
Source	CJAMS	
Data	The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home" and contact notes for each month during each month during the 6-months reporting period where the contact purpose is "Monthly Visit" and the contact details include "Face to Face" as type of contact, contact location is "Child Residence" and the contact is "Completed".	
	Measure Calculation Method	
Definitions	(1) A "visit" means an assessment of:	
	(a) the quality of care provided to the child;	
	(b) the child's adjustment to the OHP, the supervising adults,	
	any other individuals in the OHP, and school; and	
	(c) the appropriateness and success of the placement and the	
	adequacy of services provided to meet the child's needs and the ability of the child's caregiver to meet the child's needs.	
	(2) The visit should be of sufficient duration and privacy to make the	
	required assessments.	
	(3) The caseworker must indicate the date and summarize the results	
	of each visit in the child's case record.	
	 Of the number of children who were in OHP for the entire month under review the percent with a documented worker visit in the child's placement during the month 	
Denominator	# of children in OHP who were in OHP for an entire month under review	

Numerator	# of children in the denominator with a documented worker visit in the child's placement during the month under review.
Exclusion(s)	Children in OHP less than 30 days during the reporting period
Report Calculation Methodology	Each month during the 6-months reporting period, all children who were in OHP the entire month will be identified. Contact notes with the contact purpose of "monthly visit" will be identified for each of these children and information about the contact location will be obtained. All children who had a monthly visit in the child residence will be identified and the percentage will be determined. The percentage for each month will be averaged to develop a percentage for the 6-months reporting period.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg 26
	12. Each child in OHP shall be visited by the child's assigned caseworker or designated substitute at least once every month in the child's placement. a. Definitions: (1) A "visit" means an assessment of: (a) the quality of care provided to the child; (b) the child's adjustment to the OHP, the supervising adults, any other individuals in the OHP, and school; and (c) the appropriateness and success of the placement and the adequacy of services provided to meet the child's needs and the ability of the child's caregiver to meet the child's needs. (2) The visit should be of sufficient duration and privacy to make the required assessments. (3) The caseworker must indicate the date and summarize the results of each visit in the child's case record. b. Internal Success Measure: (1) Percent of children who had documented visits from their caseworker once monthly in the child's placement.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 622(b)(17)
	(b) Requisite features of State plans Each plan for child welfare services under this subpart shall—

(17) not later than October 1, 2007, describe the State standards for the content and frequency of caseworker visits for children who are in foster care under the responsibility of the State, which, at a minimum, ensure that the children are visited on a monthly basis and that the caseworker visits are well-planned and focused on issues pertinent to case planning and service delivery to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children;
42 U.S.C. § 624(f)(1)-(2)
(f) Child visitation by caseworkers (1) A. Each State shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the total number of visits made by caseworkers on a monthly basis to children in foster care under the responsibility of the State during a fiscal year is not less than 90 percent (or, in the case of fiscal year 2015 or thereafter, 95 percent) of the total number of such visits that would occur during the fiscal year if each such child were so visited once every month while in such care. B. If the Secretary determines that a State has failed to comply with subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, then the percentage that would otherwise apply for purposes of subsection (a) for the fiscal year shall be reduced by— (i) 1, if the number of full percentage points by which the State fell short of the percentage specified in subparagraph (A) is less than 10; (ii) 3, if the number of full percentage points by which the State fell short, as described in clause (i), is not less than 10 and less than 20; or
(iii) 5, if the number of full percentage points by which the State fell short, as described in clause (i), is not less than 20.
 (2) A. Each State shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that not less than 50 percent of the total number of visits made by caseworkers to children in foster care under the responsibility of the State during a fiscal year occur in the residence of the child involved. B. If the Secretary determines that a State has failed to comply with subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, then the percentage that would otherwise apply for purposes of
subsection (a) for the fiscal year shall be reduced by— (i) 1, if the number of full percentage points by which the State fell short of the percentage specified in subparagraph (A) is less than 10;
(ii) 3, if the number of full percentage points by which the State fell short, as described in clause (i), is not less than 10 and less than 20; or
(iii) 5, if the number of full percentage points by which the State fell short, as described in clause (i), is not less than 20.
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care needs, medical status; and educational needs. C. A child placed out-of-State in a foster home or a kinship home shall:
(1) The caseworker shall have a face-to-face visit with the child within 5 working days of placement, and subsequently at least once a month; (2) The majority of the monthly visits shall occur in the placement where the child lives; and (3) The caseworker shall have a face-to-face visit with the out-of-home placement provider at least once every 3 months to obtain information about the child's progress,
.17 Visitation with the Child in Out-of-Home Placement. A. The local department caseworker shall have regular visits with the child in out-of-home placement, as required in this regulation. However, the visits shall be more frequent than as indicated in this regulation when, in the caseworker's professional judgment, it is appropriate to do so. B. For a child placed in a resource family home, group care a residential treatment facility, or a semi-independent living arrangement, the following apply:
2. the assigned caseworker visited the child at least once per month; COMAR 07.02.11.17 Visitation with the Child in Out-of-Home Placement.
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(c) In-depth child and family case reviews (3) The performance reviews shall determine whether:
Family Law Art. § 5-1308(c)(3)(iv)2.



Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
72	95 Percent of children had documented visits from their caseworker once monthly in the child's placement
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home" and contact notes for each month during each month during the 6-months reporting period where the contact purpose is "Monthly Visit" and the contact details include "Face to Face" as type of contact, contact location is "Child Residence" and the contact is "Completed".
	Measure Calculation Method
Definitions	(1) A "visit" means an assessment of:
	(a) the quality of care provided to the child;
	(b) the child's adjustment to the OHP, the supervising adults,
	any other individuals in the OHP, and school; and
	(c) the appropriateness and success of the placement and the
	adequacy of services provided to meet the child's needs and the ability of the child's caregiver to meet the child's needs.
	(2) The visit should be of sufficient duration and privacy to make the
	required assessments.
	(3) The caseworker must indicate the date and summarize the results
	of each visit in the child's case record.
	 Of the number of children who were in OHP for the entire month under review, the percent with a documented worker visit in the child's placement during the month
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Exit Standard Criteria	See above
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg 26
	12. Each child in OHP shall be visited by the child's assigned caseworker or designated substitute at least once every month in the child's placement.
	a. Definitions:
	(1) A "visit" means an assessment of:
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	(b) the child's adjustment to the OHP, the supervising adults, any other individuals in the OHP, and school; and
	(c) the appropriateness and success of the placement and the adequacy of services provided to meet the child's needs and the ability of the child's caregiver to meet the child's needs.
	(2) The visit should be of sufficient duration and privacy to make the required assessments.
	(3) The caseworker must indicate the date and summarize the results of each visit in the child's case record.
	b. Internal Success Measure:
	(1) 95% percent of children who had documented visits from their caseworker once monthly in the child's placement.
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 622(b)(17)
	(b) Requisite features of State plans

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	Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether the frequency and quality of visits between caseworkers and the child(ren) in the case are sufficient to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child(ren) and promote achievement of case goals.
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-1308(c)(3)(iv)2.
	(c) In-depth child and family case reviews (3) The performance reviews shall determine whether:
	(iv)
	2. the assigned caseworker visited the child at least once per month;
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.11.17 Visitation with the Child in Out-of-Home Placement
	.17 Visitation with the Child in Out-of-Home Placement. A. The local department caseworker shall have regular visits with the child in out-of-home placement, as required in this regulation. However, the visits shall be more frequent than as indicated in this regulation when, in the caseworker's professional judgment, it is appropriate to do so. B. For a child placed in a resource family home, group care a residential treatment facility, or a semi-independent living arrangement, the following apply: (1) The caseworker shall have a face-to-face visit with the child within 5 working days of placement, and subsequently at least once a month; (2) The majority of the monthly visits shall occur in the placement where the child lives; and (3) The caseworker shall have a face-to-face visit with the out-of-home placement provider at least once every 3 months to obtain information about the child's progress, care needs, medical status, and educational needs. C. A child placed out-of-State in a foster home or a kinship home shall: (1) Be visited monthly by the local department when geographically or fiscally feasible; or (2) Be visited monthly by the receiving state when placed in accordance with an approved Interstate Compact For the Placement of Children, and the receiving state shall provide Maryland with quarterly visitation reports. D. For a child placed in an out-of-State group home or residential treatment facility, the following apply: (1) The caseworker shall visit the child at the facility monthly if geographically or fiscally feasible; or (2) If it is not geographically or fiscally feasible for monthly visits, the caseworker shall visit the child in the placement quarterly.
SSA Policy	SSA-CW #16-03: Caseworker Visitation with Child
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A