

Out of Home Placement Measurements





LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 30

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
30	% of all children who were placed in (a) family settings, (b) with relatives, (c) in congregate care and (d) in other settings (by type)
Key Data	
Source	CJAMS
Data	<p>The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home" (Out-of-Home Placement or "OHP") and the most current, open placement for every child in OHP at the end of each 6-months reporting period or the last placement prior to ending OHP during the 6-month reporting period. Each person who is involved in a services case is assigned a program area with a start and end date. Only those children with an "out of home" program assignment without a closed date will be included in the case of those still open at the end of the 6-month report period. For children who exited OHP during the 6-month report period, the last place a child was placed will be identified.</p> <p>Each child who has an "out of home" program assignment has a placement, which includes a placement structure which would identify the specific setting (i.e., living arrangement or provider placement) needed for this measure</p>
Measure Calculation Method	
Definitions	N/A
Denominator	All children served in OHP during the 6-month report period.
Numerator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All children in the Denominator who are in non-relative family settings (i.e., public resource family, treatment foster home, pre-adoptive) b. All children in the Denominator who are with relatives (i.e., formal kinship, restricted foster home, trial home visit) c. All children in the Denominator who are in congregate care (staffed 24/7) d. All children in the Denominator who are in other settings (by type)

Exclusion(s)	Children in care less than 8 days
Report Calculation Methodology	For each of the categories above, the number of children in each placement type will be determined on the last day of the reporting period by a review of OHP Milestone. Children who were closed during the 6-month report period will also be examined to determine their last placement prior to closure and will be allocated as appropriate. The number in each category will then be divided by the total number of children in OHP. This will provide a percentage for a-d in the measure.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 18-19
	<p>D. Outcomes:</p> <p>1. Each child shall be placed promptly in the least restrictive appropriate placement type for that child's needs.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "Least restrictive placement" means placement in the most family-like setting and in the closest proximity possible to the child's family consistent with the child's best interest and special needs as determined by a thorough assessment of the child's placement needs. Placement with relatives and with siblings should be priorities and, where this is not possible, the placement priorities should emphasize the ability (unless safety dictates otherwise) to have meaningful contact with parents, siblings, relatives, and friends.</p> <p>(2. – 6.)</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1) Percent of all children who were placed in:</p> <p>(a) family settings;</p> <p>(b) with relatives;</p> <p>(c) in congregate care, and</p> <p>(d) in other settings (by type).</p> <p>(2. – 3)</p>

<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>42 U.S.C. § 675(5)</p>
	<p>(5) The term "case review system" means a procedure for assuring that— (A) each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-525(f)(2)</p>
	<p>(2) To the extent consistent with the best interests of the child in an out-of-home placement, the local department shall consider the following permanency plans, in descending order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i); (ii) placing the child with relatives to whom adoption, custody and guardianship, or care and custody, in descending order of priority, are planned to be granted; (iii) adoption in the following descending order of priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. by a current foster parent with whom the child has resided continually for at least the 12 months prior to developing the permanency plan or for a sufficient length of time to have established positive relationships and family ties; or 2. by another approved adoptive family; or (iv) for a child at least 16 years old, another planned permanent living arrangement
	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-1305(5)</p>
	<p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by:</p> <p>(5) the percentage of children in an out-of-home placement living in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) kinship care homes; (ii) restricted foster homes; (iii) regular foster homes; (iv) treatment foster homes;

	<p>(v) group homes;</p> <p>(vi) residential treatment centers; and</p> <p>(vii) other specified types of placements;</p>
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.11.11 Out-of-Home Placement
	<p>Out-of-Home Placement</p> <p>A. In order of preference, a child shall be placed with a relative caregiver, in a foster home, or in a group care setting.</p> <p>B. A foster home used by the local department shall meet the standards for foster homes established under COMAR 07.02.25 and, except as outlined in Regulation .28 of this chapter, shall be located within the State.</p> <p>C. A child shall be placed in the least restrictive setting appropriate to the child's needs</p>
SSA Policy	SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 31

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
31	Percent of children in OHP placed with siblings
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	<p>The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home", relationships, and the most current, open placement for each sibling in the services case who are in OHP at the end of each 6-months reporting period.</p> <p>Each person who is involved in a services case is assigned a program area with a start and end date. Only those children with an "out of home" program assignment without a closed date will be included.</p> <p>If more than one child in the services/family case has an "out of home" program assignment, the relationship will be examined to identify siblings.</p> <p>Each sibling with an "out of home" program assignment will be reviewed to determine if they are in the same placement</p>
	Measure Calculation Method
Definitions	"Sibling" means a child that shares at least one parent with another child through blood relation or adoption and resided in the same home prior to placement
Denominator	All children in OHP who have at least one sibling who entered OHP from the same services/family case.
Numerator	All Children in the Denominator who have at least one sibling who entered OHP from the same services/family case and are placed together
Exclusion(s)	<p>Voluntary placements;</p> <p>Children in college, corrections or secure detention facilities, inpatient/hospital care, the military, semi-independent living programs, or their own apartments;</p> <p>Children for whom there is a valid reason for separation of siblings;</p> <p>Children in care less than 8 days</p>

Report Calculation Methodology	All sibling groups in out of home care will be identified on the last day of each 6-months reporting period by looking at those in the same services/family case and have a sibling relationship identified in Relationship. Once these children are identified, the count of those who are in the same placement will be determined and then divided by the number of all siblings in OHP.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 18-19
	<p>D. Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each child shall be placed promptly in the least restrictive appropriate placement type for that child's needs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Definitions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) "Least restrictive placement" means placement in the most family-like setting and in the closest proximity possible to the child's family consistent with the child's best interest and special needs as determined by a thorough assessment of the child's placement needs. Placement with relatives and with siblings should be priorities and, where this is not possible, the placement priorities should emphasize the ability (unless safety dictates otherwise) to have meaningful contact with parents, siblings, relatives, and friends. (2. – 6.) b. Internal Success Measures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) ... (2) Percent of children in OHP placed with siblings. (3) ...

Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(31)
	<p>(a) In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>(31) provides that reasonable efforts shall be made—</p> <p>(A) to place siblings removed from their home in the same foster care, kinship guardianship, or adoptive placement, unless the State documents that such a joint placement would be contrary to the safety or well-being of any of the siblings; and</p> <p>(B) in the case of siblings removed from their home who are not so jointly placed, to provide for frequent visitation or other ongoing interaction between the siblings, unless that State documents that frequent visitation or other ongoing interaction would be contrary to the safety or well-being of any of the siblings;</p>
	Children's Bureau, Child and Family Services Reviews, Round 3, Permanency Outcome 2: The Continuity of Family Relationships and Connections is Preserved for Children, Item 7: Placement with Siblings
	Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, concerted efforts were made to ensure that siblings in foster care are placed together unless a separation was necessary to meet the needs of one of the siblings.
State Law	Maryland Code, Family Law § 5-525.2
	<p>(b)(1) A local department shall place together siblings who are in an out-of-home placement under § 5-525 of this subtitle if:</p> <p>(i) it is in the best interests of the siblings to be placed together; and</p> <p>(ii) placement of the siblings together does not conflict with a specific health or safety regulation.</p> <p>(2) If placement of the siblings together conflicts with a specific health or safety regulation, the local department may place the siblings together if the local department makes a written finding describing how placement of the siblings together serves the best interests of the siblings.</p> <p>(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to place siblings together the local department may place more than two children who require treatment in an eligible treatment foster care home if:</p> <p>(i) the local department makes a written finding explaining why placement of the siblings together:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is in the best interests of the siblings; and 2. will not harm other children placed at the same treatment foster care home; and <p>(ii) the local department notifies the Administration of the placement.</p>
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-1305

	<p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by:</p> <p>(3) the percentage of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, who have siblings living in different placements;</p>
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.11.03
	<p>A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>B. Terms Defined.</p> <p>C. Definitions (1-56)... (57) "Sibling" means a child that shares at least one parent with another child through blood relation or adoption.</p>
SSA Policy	SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



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Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
32	% of all children in congregate care who had a step-down plan
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	<p>The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home", an open, current placement for identified as congregate care, and the date of the most recent administratively-approved permanency progress plan at the end of each 6-months reporting period.</p> <p>Each child who has an "out of home" program assignment with a placement structure that is a congregate care structure would then have the date of their most current administratively approved "permanency progress plan" identified.</p>
	Measure Calculation Method
Definitions	<p>2. a. Definition:</p> <p>"Congregate care" means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers. I.e. therapeutic group homes, residential child care/group homes, diagnostic and evaluation treatment programs, alternative living units, and residential treatment centers.</p>
Denominator	All children in congregate care as defined in the consent decree who have been in OHP at least 60 days
Numerator	All children in the denominator with an administratively approved permanency progress plan, or its equivalent that documents plans for step-down
Exclusion(s)	Youth in OHP less than 60 days
Report Calculation Methodology	Each child who has been in OHP for at least 60 days who is placed in a congregate care placement will be identified on the last day of the 6-months reporting period. The date of their most current administratively approved permanency progress' plan will be identified to determine if step-down plans are documented within it.
Exit Standard	N/A Internal Success

Criteria	
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ Consent Decree (MCD), 10/09/09, ppgs. 17-19
	<p>A. Statement of Principle: Out-of-Home Placement ("OHP") should be a stable, appropriate, nurturing and safe placement for children and youth.</p> <p>B. DHR/BCDSS Responsibility: DHR/BCDSS shall establish and maintain a continuum of out-of-home placements and caregiver supports that is reasonably calculated to ensure that each child in OHP is placed in a stable, least restrictive and appropriate placement. The appropriateness of a placement considers the proximity to the child's home prior to entering OHP and utilization of available extended family members (kin) or other available individuals known to the child.</p> <p>C. Definitions: None.</p> <p>D. Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each child shall be placed promptly in the least restrictive appropriate placement type for that child's needs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Definitions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) "Least restrictive placement" means placement in the most family-like setting and in the closest proximity possible to the child's family consistent with the child's best interest and special needs as determined by a thorough assessment of the child's placement needs. Placement with relatives and with siblings should be priorities and, where this is not possible, the placement priorities should emphasize the ability (unless safety dictates otherwise) to have meaningful contact with parents, siblings, relatives, and friends.

<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>42 U.S.C. § 675(1)(A)-(B)</p>
	<p>As used in this part or part B of this title:</p> <p>(1) The term "case plan" means a written document which meets the requirements of section 475A and includes at least the following:</p> <p>(A) A description of the type of home or institution in which a child is to be placed, including a discussion of the safety and appropriateness of the placement and how the agency which is responsible for the child plans to carry out the voluntary placement agreement entered into or judicial determination made with respect to the child in accordance with section 472(a)(1).</p> <p>(B) A plan for assuring that the child receives safe and proper care and that services are provided to the parents, child, and foster parents in order to improve the conditions in the parents' home, facilitate return of the child to his own safe home or the permanent placement of the child, and address the needs of the child while in foster care, including a discussion of the appropriateness of the services that have been provided to the child under the plan.</p>
	<p>42 U.S.C. § 675(5)(A)(i), (B)</p>

	<p>As used in this part or part B of this title:</p> <p>....</p> <p>(5) The term "case review system" means a procedure for assuring that—</p> <p>(A) each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child, which—</p> <p>(i) if the child has been placed in a foster family home or child-care institution a substantial distance from the home of the parents of the child, or in a State different from the State in which such home is located, sets forth the reasons why such placement is in the best interests of the child, and</p> <p>(B) the status of each child is reviewed periodically but no less frequently than once every six months by either a court or by administrative review (as defined in paragraph (6)) in order to determine the safety of the child, the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the placement, the extent of compliance with the case plan, and the extent of progress which has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating placement in foster care, and to project a likely date by which the child may be returned to and safely maintained in the home or placed for adoption or legal guardianship, and, for a child for whom another planned permanent living arrangement has been determined as the permanency plan, the steps the State agency is taking to ensure the child's foster family home or child care institution is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard and to ascertain whether the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities (including by consulting with the child in an age-appropriate manner about the opportunities of the child to participate in the activities);</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Courts and Judicial Proceedings Art. § 3-816.1(c)(4)-(5),(7)</p>
	<p>(c) Considerations. -- In making its findings in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, the court shall consider:</p> <p>....</p> <p>(4) Whether the child's placement has been stable and in the least restrictive setting appropriate, available, and accessible for the child during the period since the most recent hearing held by the court;</p> <p>(5) Whether a local department notified the court and all parties before any change of placement for the child, or, if emergency conditions made a change necessary, as soon as possible after the change of placement;</p> <p>....</p> <p>(7) Whether a local department has provided appropriate and timely services to help maintain the child in the child's existing placement, including all services and benefits available in accordance with State law, regulations, state and federal court orders, stipulated agreements, or professional standards regarding the provision of services to children in out-of-home placements.</p>

<p>State Law</p>	<p>Courts and Judicial Proceedings Art. § 3-816.2</p>
	<p>(a) In general. --</p> <p>(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the court shall conduct a hearing to review the status of each child under its jurisdiction within 6 months after the filing of the first petition under this subtitle and at least every 6 months thereafter.</p> <p>(2) At a review hearing under this section, the court shall:</p> <p>(i) Evaluate the safety of the child;</p> <p>(ii) Determine the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of any out-of-home placement;</p> <p>(iii) Determine the appropriateness of and extent of compliance with the case plan for the child;</p> <p>(iv) Determine the extent of progress that has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating the court's jurisdiction; and</p> <p>(v) Project a reasonable date by which the child may be returned to and safely maintained in the home or placed for adoption or under a legal guardianship.</p> <p>....</p> <p>(c) Hearing under § 3-823(h). -- If a permanency plan for the child has been determined under § 3-823 of this subtitle, a review hearing conducted by the court under § 3-823(h) of this subtitle shall satisfy the requirements of this section.</p>
<p>State Regulations</p>	<p>COMAR 07.02.11.03: Definitions</p> <p>A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>B. Terms Defined</p> <p>(24) Group Care</p> <p>(a) "Group care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed in a licensed group facility.</p> <p>(29) "Least restrictive setting" means the most family-like setting consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child.</p>
	<p>COMAR 07.02.11.13. Case Planning for Permanency</p> <p>B. The local department shall:</p> <p>(10) Describe the type of home or institution in which the child has been, or is to be, placed, and discuss the safety and appropriateness of the placement with documentation describing how the placement is:</p> <p>(a) The least restrictive setting available...</p>
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p>SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care</p> <p>(PG 5.) Ongoing Assessment of Placement</p>

	<p>"At the time of reconsideration (case plan completed at least every 6 months to assess the appropriateness of OHP services), the LDSS shall conduct an individual assessment for all children to identify whether the child may be able to transition to a foster family, kinship adoptive home or to their family of origin, and to update the child's permanency plan. The assessment shall be documented on Case plan 2, under Placement Services.</p> <p>Process for Assessment Review: The process for assessing each child should include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reassess and identify child and family strengths; 2. Speak with the child and their parents; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. inform them about the assessment process and their role in family meetings; b. determine what they want for the future; and c. identify potential permanent family resources including kin/relatives and other adults the child identifies as being significant to them. 3. Develop a recommendation based upon the following (this is a list of options, not an exhaustive list); <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Child and family's strengths and needs; b. Effectiveness of current services and interventions; c. A plan for future services, and d. Assessment of safety and risk of future abuse/neglect. 4. If the recommendation is to transition the child;
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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QSR Measures 33



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 34

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
34	Number of children placed in congregate care by age groups (a) under seven and (b) seven to twelve.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	<p>The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home", a placement structure of congregate care and date of birth identifying children under the age of 12 at the end of each 6-months reporting period.</p> <p>Each person who is involved in a services case is assigned a program area with a start and end date. Only those children with an "out of home" program assignment without a closed date will be included.</p> <p>The date of birth for each child in OHP who are identified as being in a congregate care placement will be utilized to determine the age and only children who are under the age of 12 will be included.</p>
	Measure Calculation Method
Definitions	<p>"Congregate care" means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers. I.e. therapeutic group homes, residential child care/group homes, diagnostic and evaluation treatment programs, alternative living units, and residential treatment centers.</p> <p>This measure requires a breakdown by age group, specifically under age seven and ages seven to twelve.</p>
Measurement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of children in congregate care who are under the age of seven 2. The number of children in congregate care who are ages seven through twelve
Exclusion(s)	<p>Children in care less than 8 days</p> <p>Children in placements that are non-congregate care settings</p> <p>Children age thirteen and over</p>

Report Calculation Methodology	At the end of each 6-months reporting period, the children in OHP who are under the age of 13 placed in congregate care will be identified and the count of those under the age of 7 and those who are 7 through 12 will be calculated.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 19
	<p>2. No child under the age of thirteen shall be placed in congregate care unless it is medically or therapeutically necessary and the child is placed in a program that has services specifically designed to meet that child's needs.</p> <p>a. Definition: "Congregate care" means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures: (1) Number of children placed in congregate care by age groups: (a) under seven; and (b) seven to twelve.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	Social Security Act Sec. 479A. [42 U.S.C. 679b] (a)(7)(A)(i)(I-IV)
State Law	<p>Maryland Code, Family Law § 5-1305</p> <p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by:</p> <p>(5) the percentage of children in an out-of-home placement living in:</p> <p>(i) kinship care homes;</p> <p>(ii) restricted foster homes;</p> <p>(iii) regular foster homes;</p> <p>(iv) treatment foster homes;</p> <p>(v) group homes;</p> <p>(vi) residential treatment centers; and</p> <p>(vii) other specified types of placements;</p>
State Regulations	<p>COMAR 07.02.11.11</p> <p>A. In order of preference, a child shall be placed with a relative caregiver, in a foster home, or in a group care setting.</p> <p>B.</p>

	<p>C. A child shall be placed in the least restrictive setting appropriate to the child's needs and: . . .</p> <p>(1) In the local jurisdiction where the child's parent or legal guardian resides; or</p> <p>(2) In another jurisdiction in the State if there is a compelling reason that it is in the best interests of the child because:</p> <p>(a) :</p> <p>(b) Necessary specialized services are not available to the child in the local jurisdiction but are available in another jurisdiction in the State; or</p> <p>(c) There are no placements available in the jurisdiction to meet the individualized placement needs of the child.</p> <p>D.</p> <p>E. The local department shall place a child in a foster care or pre adoptive home, except when the child requires extra care and supervision which cannot be provided in a foster care or pre-adoptive home.</p>
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p>SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care Placement protocol requires special signoff for placing children under 13 in a congregate care placement</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 35

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
35	Percent of children under age 13 placed in congregate care for whom the placement was medically or therapeutically necessary and the placement included services to meet the child's needs.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS & Quality Assurance Review
Data	QA format to be developed for the 100% record review of all youth 0 - 13 in congregate care <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CJAMS Placement field - all congregate care 2. Record review completed by Quality Assurance
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	Congregate Care means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers. i.e. therapeutic group homes, residential child care/group homes, diagnostic and evaluation treatment programs, alternative living units, and residential treatment centers.
Denominator	Children under age 13 placed in congregate care i.e. therapeutic group homes, residential child care/group homes, diagnostic and evaluation treatment programs, alternative living units, and residential treatment centers.
Numerator	Results of 100% record review to ascertain that the placement is medically or therapeutically necessary, and that the placement offered services that met the child's needs.
Exclusion(s)	Children age 13 and over Children in care less than 8 days Children in VPA for Disabilities
Report Calculation Methodology	All children in congregate care under the age of 13 will be identified in CJAMS and a 100% record review will be completed by Quality Assurance to determine whether the placement was medically or therapeutically necessary and the placement included services to meet the child's needs

Exit Standard Criteria	N/A
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 19
	<p>2. No child under the age of thirteen shall be placed in congregate care unless it is medically or therapeutically necessary and the child is placed in a program that has services specifically designed to meet that child's needs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Definition:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">"Congregate care" means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(1)...</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(2) Percent of children under age thirteen placed in congregate care for whom the placement was medically or therapeutically necessary and the placement included services that met the child's needs.</p>

<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>Social Security Act Sec 475. [42 U.S.C. 675] (1)(A) and (B) As used in this part or part B of this title: (1) The term "case plan" means a written document which meets the requirements of section 475A and includes at least the following: (A) A description of the type of home or institution in which a child is to be placed, including a discussion of the safety and appropriateness of the placement and how the agency which is responsible for the child plans to carry out the voluntary placement agreement entered into or judicial determination made with respect to the child in accordance with section 472(a)(1). (B) A plan for assuring that the child receives safe and proper care and that services are provided to the parents, child, and foster parents in order to improve the conditions in the parents' home, facilitate return of the child to his own safe home or the permanent placement of the child, and address the needs of the child while in foster care, including a discussion of the appropriateness of the services that have been provided to the child under the plan.</p>
<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>Social Security Act Sec 475. [42 U.S.C. 675] (5)(A)(i) and (B) (5) The term "case review system" means a procedure for assuring that— (A) each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child, which— (i) if the child has been placed in a foster family home or child-care institution a substantial distance from the home of the parents of the child, or in a State different from the State in which such home is located, sets forth the reasons why such placement is in the best interests of the child, and (B) the status of each child is reviewed periodically but no less frequently than once every six months by either a court or by administrative review (as defined in paragraph (6)) in order to determine the safety of the child, the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the placement, the extent of compliance with the case plan, and the extent of progress which has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating placement in foster care, and to project a likely date by which the child may be returned to and safely maintained in the home or placed for adoption or legal guardianship, and, for a child for whom another planned permanent living arrangement has been determined as the permanency plan, the steps the State agency is taking to ensure the child's foster family home or child care institution is following the reasonable and prudent parent standard and to ascertain whether the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities (including by consulting with the child in an age-appropriate manner about the opportunities of the child to participate in the activities);</p>

<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)</p>	<p>Social Security Act Sec. 479A. [42 U.S.C. 679b] (a)(7)(A)(i)(I-IV) In general. —The Secretary, in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, shall (7) include in the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2016 or any succeeding fiscal year, State- by-State data on (A) children in foster care who have been placed in a childcare institution or other setting that is not a foster family home, including (i) with respect to each such placement— (I) the type of the placement setting, including whether the placement is shelter care, a group home and if so, the range of the child population in the home, a residential treatment facility, a hospital or institution providing medical, rehabilitative, or psychiatric care, a setting specializing in providing prenatal, post-partum, or parenting supports, or some other kind of child-care institution and if so, what kind; (II) the number of children in the placement setting and the age, race, ethnicity, and gender of each of the children; (III) for each child in the placement setting, the length of the placement of the child in the setting, whether the placement of the child in the setting is the first placement of the child and if not, the number and type of previous placements of the child, and whether the child has special needs or another diagnosed mental or physical illness or condition; and (IV) the extent of any specialized education, treatment, counseling, or other services provided in the setting;</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>State Regulations</p>	<p>COMAR 07.02.11.11 Out-of-Home Placement</p>
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p>SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
36	For 99% of children under age thirteen placed in congregate care, the placement was medically or therapeutically necessary and the placement included services that met the child's needs
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS & Quality Assurance Review
Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CJAMS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. DOB b. Placement fields - All congregate care 2. 100% review of the records of all youth 0 - 13 in congregate care to ascertain medical/therapeutic necessity and
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Congregate Care" means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers. [NOTE: THIS DEFINITION WILL BE UPDATED TO ALIGN WITH OTHER MEASURES]
Denominator	Children under age 13 placed in congregate care i.e. therapeutic group homes, residential child care/group homes, diagnostic and evaluation treatment programs, alternative living units, and residential treatment centers.
Numerator	Results of 100% record review to ascertain that the placement is medically or therapeutically necessary, and that the placement offered services that met the child's needs
Exclusion(s)	<p>Children age 13 and over</p> <p>Children in care less than 8 days</p> <p>Voluntary Placements for Disabilities agreement</p>
Report Calculation Methodology	All children in congregate care under the age of 13 will be identified in CJAMS and a 100% record review will be completed by Quality Assurance to determine whether the placement was medically or therapeutically necessary and the placement included services to meet the child's needs

<p>Exit Standard Criteria</p>	<p>Compliance for this measure will be achieved when 99% of the children under age 13 are placed in congregate care to meet a medical and/or therapeutic need, and services are available in the placement to meet the child's needs</p>
<p>Source/Criteria</p>	
<p>L.J. Consent Decree</p>	<p>LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 19</p>
	<p>2. No child under the age of thirteen shall be placed in congregate care unless it is medically or therapeutically necessary and the child is placed in a program that has services specifically designed to meet that child's needs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Definition: "Congregate care" means an OHP setting where children are supervised by shift workers.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Exit Standard:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(1) For 99 Percent of children under age thirteen placed in congregate care, the placement was medically or therapeutically necessary and the placement included services that met the child's needs.</p>
<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>Social Security Act Sec 475. [42 U.S.C. 675] (1)(A) and (B)</p>
	<p>As used in this part or part B of this title:</p> <p>(1) The term "case plan" means a written document which meets the requirements of section 475A and includes at least the following:</p> <p>(A) A description of the type of home or institution in which a child is to be placed, including a discussion of the safety and appropriateness of the placement and how the agency which is responsible for the child plans to carry out the voluntary placement agreement entered into or judicial determination made with respect to the child in accordance with section 472(a)(1).</p> <p>(B) A plan for assuring that the child receives safe and proper care and that services are provided to the parents, child, and foster parents in order to improve the conditions in the parents' home, facilitate return of the child to his own safe home or the permanent placement of the child, and address the needs of the child while in foster care, including a discussion of the appropriateness of the services that have been provided to the child under the plan.</p>
	<p>Social Security Act Sec. 479A. [42 U.S.C. 679b] (a)(7)(A)(i)(I-IV)</p>

	<p>In general. —The Secretary, in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, shall</p> <p>(7) include in the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2016 or any succeeding fiscal year, State- by-State data on</p> <p>(A) children in foster care who have been placed in a childcare institution or other setting that is not a foster family home, including</p> <p>(i) with respect to each such placement—</p> <p>(I) the type of the placement setting, including whether the placement is shelter care, a group home and if so, the range of the child population in the home, a residential treatment facility, a hospital or institution providing medical, rehabilitative, or psychiatric care, a setting specializing in providing prenatal, post-partum, or parenting supports, or some other kind of child-care institution and if so, what kind;</p> <p>(II) the number of children in the placement setting and the age, race, ethnicity, and gender of each of the children;</p> <p>(III) for each child in the placement setting, the length of the placement of the child in the setting, whether the placement of the child in the setting is the first placement of the child and if not, the number and type of previous placements of the child, and whether the child has special needs or another diagnosed mental or physical illness or condition; and</p> <p>(IV) the extent of any specialized education, treatment, counseling, or other services provided in the setting;</p>
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.11.11 Out-of-Home Placement
SSA Policy	SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



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Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
37	Number of placements available to BCDSS by type
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	List of open providers where the provider categories identify: Regular Foster Home [LDSS], Treatment Foster Homes, Residential Child Care [Group Homes (all types), Teen Mother Programs, Alternative Living Units], RTC, and Independent Living Residential Programs. In addition, the number of approved and/or contracted beds for each provider will be included as well as the open and closed date for each provider as part of their profile.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	Number of approved and/or contracted placements beds available to BCDSS
Exclusion(s)	Any provider who either opened or closed during the 6 months reporting period as those placement beds would not have been available throughout the entire reporting period for BCDSS
Report Calculation Methodology	The number of approved and/or contracted beds available continuously during the full 6-months reporting period located in public or private foster homes, Residential Child Care programs, RTC's and Independent Living Residential Programs. (bed was approved on the first day and remained available through the last day of the reporting period). Simple numerical count for each category.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 19-20
	<p>3. DHS/BCDSS shall maintain a continuum of placements reasonably calculated to assure that each child is placed in the least restrictive placement for that child.</p> <p>a. Definition: The continuum shall include the types and quantities of placements determined by the needs assessment including emergency foster homes.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1) Number of placements available to BCDSS by type.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	42 U.S.C. § 675(5)
	(5) The term "case review system" means a procedure for assuring that— (A) each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-1305(6)
	<p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by:</p> <p>(6) the number of foster homes and treatment foster homes available for children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency;</p>
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



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Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
38	Number of emergency foster homes on retainer and the number of beds available in each home
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	BCDSS local department home providers with a placement structure of emergency foster homes as found in the resource parent provider record identifying the number of approved beds along with any payments to these resource parent providers identified as "retainer fees."
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	
Measurement	Number of Emergency Foster Home Beds Number of Emergency Foster Home Beds receiving retainer payment
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Report Calculation Methodology	BCDSS local department homes with a placement structure of emergency foster homes will be identified along with the number of beds available in each. Any retainer payments will be identified through the payments made to these homes as documented in the provider record.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 19
	<p>3. DHR/BCDSS shall maintain a continuum of placements reasonably calculated to assure that each child is placed in the least restrictive placement for that child.</p> <p>a. Definition: The continuum shall include the types and quantities of placements determined by the needs assessment including emergency foster homes.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1)...</p> <p>(2) Number of emergency foster homes on retainer and the number of beds available in each home.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	N/A
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	<p>COMAR 07.02.11.31 State Standards for Out-of-Home Placement under the Direct Supervision of a Local Department.</p> <p>(A. – I.)</p> <p>J. Retainer Fee. Foster parents who are approved as emergency foster homes may be paid a separate retainer fee, contingent on availability of funds, in accordance with State guidelines.</p>
SSA Policy	SSA-CW #19-16: Guidelines for Foster Care Board Rate and Expenditures
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



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Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
39	The array of current placements matched the recommendation of the biennial needs assessment
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	List of all open providers where the provider categories identify: Regular Foster Home [LDSS], Treatment Foster Homes, Residential Child Care [Group Homes (all types), Teen Mother Programs, Alternative Living Units], RTC, and Independent Living Residential Programs. For each provider, the number of approved and/or contracted beds will be provided.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	N/A
Measurement	The array of placements available to BCDSS at the end of the 6-months reporting period shall be compared to the recommendations of the biennial needs assessment
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Report Calculation Methodology	Using the information regarding the total array of placements (types of providers and number of beds) available to BCDSS at the end of the 6-months reporting period, a narrative comparison to the recommendations of the biennial needs assessment shall be provided.
Exit Standard Criteria	Compliance shall be based on an assessment of substantial rather than total matching of the biennial needs assessment to the array of placements available to BCDSS

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 20
	<p>3. <i>DHR/BCDSS shall maintain a continuum of placements reasonably calculated to assure that each child is placed in the least restrictive placement for that child.</i></p> <p>a. <i>Definition: The continuum shall include the types and quantities of placements determined by the needs assessment including emergency foster homes.</i></p> <p>b. [...]</p> <p>c. <i>Exit Standard:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) <i>The array of current placements matched the recommendation of the biennial needs assessment.</i></p>

Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	N/A
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-1305
	<p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(5) the percentage of children in an out-of-home placement living in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) kinship care homes; (ii) restricted foster homes; (iii) regular foster homes; (iv) treatment foster homes; (v) group homes; (vi) residential treatment centers; and (vii) other specified types of placements; <p>(6) the number of foster homes and treatment foster homes available for children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency;</p>
	Family Law Art. § 5-1309(a)-(b)
	<p>(a) Development and implementation of process. -- The Department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with an entity that has expertise in child welfare best practices to assist in the development and implementation of a local department self-assessment process to monitor the quality of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) child welfare services provided by the local departments; and (2) the management of the child welfare system by the Administration. <p>(b) Timing. -- A local department self-assessment shall be conducted every 3 years.</p>
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



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Internal Success


Measure #	Measure
43	Percent of children not placed with their siblings who have visitation with their siblings twice a month
Key Data	
Source	CJAMS
Data	<p>The data elements that will be used for reporting on this measure include the program assignment of "out of home", identification for each sibling in the services case who are in OHP along with the most current, open placement for each sibling in the services case to exclude those who are placed together and contact notes where "sibling visit" is identified in the contact purpose along with the contact date for each of these visits identified at the end of each 6-months reporting period.</p> <p>Each person who is involved in a services case is assigned a program area with a start and end date. Only those children with an "out of home" program assignment without a closed date will be included.</p> <p>If more than one child in the services/family case has an "out of home" program assignment, the relationship will be examined to identify siblings.</p> <p>Each sibling with an "out of home" program assignment will be reviewed to determine if they are in the same placement. For those siblings who are not in the same placement, contact notes will be reviewed to identify sibling visits that have occurred along with the dates of those visits.</p>
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<p>"Siblings" means children who share at least one parent with another child through blood relations or adoption and were removed from the same household;</p> <p>"visitation with their siblings" means the following: For each child in OHP, BCDSS shall facilitate frequent and meaningful contact between the child and each of the child's siblings in OHP... Visitation may not be denied unless there is a clinical basis for such denial. Visitation may not be curtailed as a means of punishing a child.</p>

	<p>(a) "Frequent and meaningful" means, where possible, overnight and weekend visits but no less frequent than one visit every two weeks that provides an opportunity for age-appropriate activities for the siblings</p> <p>(b) "Meaningful contact" does not include meetings, therapy sessions, court hearings, medical appointments, school conferences, and other meetings.</p>
Denominator	Children in OHP with a sibling in OHP.
Numerator	All Children in the Denominator who visit at least twice monthly
Exclusion(s)	<p>A. Children in college, corrections facilities or secure detention facilities, the military, semi-independent living programs, their own apartment, or inpatient/hospital care</p> <p>B. Voluntary placement agreements</p> <p>C. Siblings who reside more than 45 miles apart</p> <p>D. a clinical basis for denial of visitation</p>
Report Calculation Methodology	For all children in OHP placement who are not placed with their siblings, contact notes documenting sibling visits and dates of those visits will be reviewed at the end of the 6-months reporting period to determine if there were two visits each month.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 20
	<p>D. Outcomes:</p> <p>4. Each child in OHP and the child's caregiver shall be provided those services necessary and sufficient (1) to meet the child's immediate and long-term needs; (2) to support the stability of the child's placement and to support the caregiver's ability to meet the child's needs; (3) to avoid placement of the child in a more restrictive setting; and (4) to move the child, if appropriate given the child's needs, to a less restrictive setting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Definitions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(1)...</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(2) For this outcome, "visitation with their siblings" means the following: For each child in OHP, BCDSS shall facilitate frequent and meaningful contact between the child and each of the child's siblings in OHP. For each child in OHP, BCDSS shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate meaningful contact between the child and each of the child's siblings not in OHP. Visitation may not be denied unless there is a clinical basis</p>

	<p>for such denial. Visitation may not be curtailed as a means of punishing a child.</p> <p>(a) "Frequent and meaningful" means, where possible, overnight and weekend visits but no less frequent than one visit every two weeks that provides an opportunity for age-appropriate activities for the siblings.</p> <p>(b) "Meaningful contact" does not include meetings, therapy sessions, court hearings, medical appointments, school conferences, and other meetings.</p> <p>(3) For any child, male or female, in OHP who is a parent or is expecting a child, BCDSS shall identify in the case plan and provide services and assistance appropriate and sufficient to assist the child to acquire parenting skills.</p> <p>(4) Caregivers and children must have an emergency number through which the caseworker or the caseworker's supervisor can be reached at any time.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1 - 3)...</p> <p>(4) Percent of children not placed with their siblings who have visitation with their siblings twice a month.</p>
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Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(31)(B)
	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(31) provides that reasonable efforts shall be made—</p> <p>(A) ...</p> <p>(B) in the case of siblings removed from their home who are not so jointly placed, to provide for frequent visitation or other ongoing interaction between the siblings, unless that State documents that frequent visitation or other ongoing interaction would be contrary to the safety or well-being of any of the siblings;</p>
	Children's Bureau, Child and Family Services Review, Round 3, Permanency Outcome 2: The Continuity of Family Relationships and Connections is Preserved for Children, Item 8: Visiting with Parents and Siblings in Foster Care
	Purpose of Assessment: To determine whether, during the period under review, concerted efforts were made to ensure that visitation between a child in foster care and his or her mother, father, and siblings is of sufficient frequency and quality to promote continuity in the child's relationship with these close family members.
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-525.2(a), (c)
	<p>(a) Definitions. --</p> <p>(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>(2) "Sibling" means a brother or sister of the whole or half blood or by adoption.</p> <p>....</p> <p>(c) Visitation rights. --</p> <p>(1) Any siblings who are separated due to a foster care or adoptive placement may petition a court, including a juvenile court with jurisdiction over one or more of the siblings, for reasonable sibling visitation rights.</p> <p>(2) If a petitioner under this subsection petitions a court to issue a visitation decree or to amend an order, the court:</p> <p>(i) may hold a hearing to determine whether visitation is in the best interest of the children;</p>

	<p>(ii) shall weigh the relative interests of each child and base its decision on the best interests of the children promoting the greatest welfare and least harm to the children; and</p> <p>(iii) may issue an appropriate order or decree.</p>
<p>State Regulations</p>	<p><u>COMAR 07.02.11.03</u> Definitions</p> <p>A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>B. Terms Defined.</p> <p>C. Definitions</p> <p>(1-56)...</p> <p>(57) "Sibling" means a child that shares at least one parent with another child through blood relation or adoption.</p>
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p><u>SSA Policy Directive 15-18</u> (2/1/2005) Parent/child and Sibling Visitation</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
45	Percent of kinship providers who received written notification of the right to apply for foster homes licensing within 10 days of placement
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	List of open formal kinship care providers as identified in the placement structure along with the date of the placement of a child(ren) in their home. Electronic file cabinet for uploaded documents.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	"Kinship providers" means the home of a relative related by blood or marriage within the 5th degree of consanguinity or affinity providing continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency.
Denominator	Number of kinship caregivers with whom children in OHP were newly placed during the review period.
Numerator	Number of kinship caregivers in the denominator to whom the required information was delivered within ten (10) days of placement of the child(ren).
Exclusion(s)	Kinship caregivers with whom children were placed for less than eight days
Report Calculation Methodology	Following the identification of formal kinship identified through the placement structure and those that have had a child placed during the 6-months reporting period, identification of uploaded documentation provided to the formal kinship provider regarding their right to become licensed foster parents along with the date the information was provided to determine if it was within 10 days.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 21
	<p>5. Each kinship care provider shall be informed promptly of his or her right to apply to become a licensed foster parent, and each application for licensure shall be timely processed with retroactive benefits provided to the date of application. Each kinship care provider will be given an application and afforded the opportunity to file an application on the date the child is placed in the home. An application will be deemed to have been made when the caregiver indicates in writing his or her desire to become a licensed foster parent. Each kinship care provider shall be afforded the same opportunities for training and other services as licensed foster parents.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1) Percent of kinship care providers who received written notification of the right to apply for foster home licensing within ten days of placement.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	42 U.S.C. § 627(a)(1)

(a) In general

The Secretary of Health and Human Services may make matching grants to State, local, or tribal child welfare agencies, private nonprofit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements, and institutions of higher education (as defined under section 1001 of title 20), for the purpose of helping children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care reconnect with family members through the implementation of—

- (1) a kinship navigator program to assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and their own needs, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served, which program—
 - (A) shall be coordinated with other State or local agencies that promote service coordination or provide information and referral services, including the entities that provide 2–1–1 or 3–1–1 information systems where available, to avoid duplication or fragmentation of services to kinship care families;
 - (B) shall be planned and operated in consultation with kinship caregivers and organizations representing them, youth raised by kinship caregivers, relevant government agencies, and relevant community-based or faith-based organizations;
 - (C) shall establish information and referral systems that link (via toll-free access) kinship caregivers, kinship support group facilitators, and kinship service providers to—
 - (i) each other;
 - (ii) eligibility and enrollment information for Federal, State, and local benefits;
 - (iii) relevant training to assist kinship caregivers in caregiving and in obtaining benefits and services; and
 - (iv) relevant legal assistance and help in obtaining legal services;
 - (D) shall provide outreach to kinship care families, including by establishing, distributing, and updating a kinship care website, or other relevant guides or outreach materials;
 - (E) shall promote partnerships between public and private agencies, including schools, community based or faith-based organizations, and relevant government agencies, to increase their knowledge of the needs of kinship care families and other individuals who are willing and able to be foster parents for children in foster care under the responsibility of the State who are themselves parents to promote better services for those families;
 - (F) may establish and support a kinship care ombudsman with authority to intervene and help kinship caregivers access services; and
 - (G) may support any other activities designed to assist kinship caregivers in obtaining benefits and services to improve their caregiving;

	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(29)
	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(29) provides that, within 30 days after the removal of a child from the custody of the parent or parents of the child, the State shall exercise due diligence to identify and provide notice to the following relatives: all adult grandparents, all parents of a sibling of the child, where such parent has legal custody of such sibling, and other adult relatives of the child (including any other adult relatives suggested by the parents), subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence, that—</p> <p>(A) specifies that the child has been or is being removed from the custody of the parent or parents of the child;</p> <p>(B) explains the options the relative has under Federal, State, and local law to participate in the care and placement of the child, including any options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice;</p> <p>(C) describes the requirements under paragraph (10) of this subsection to become a foster family home and the additional services and supports that are available for children placed in such a home; and</p> <p>(D) if the State has elected the option to make kinship guardianship assistance payments under paragraph (28) of this subsection, describes how the relative guardian of the child may subsequently enter into an agreement with the State under section 673(d) of this title to receive the payments;</p>
State Regulations	N/A
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-534(a), (e)
	<p>(a) Definitions. --</p> <p>(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>(2) "Kinship caregiver" means an individual:</p> <p>(i) with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and</p> <p>(ii) who is approved by the local department under subsection (e) of this section.</p> <p>(3) "Kinship parent" means an individual who is related by blood or marriage within five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule to a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department and with whom the child may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than</p>

	<p>adoption.</p> <p>....</p> <p>(e) Approval by local department. --</p> <p>(1) The local department may approve an individual as a kinship caregiver only if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the individual is related to the child by blood or marriage beyond five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law or rule or is a close family friend of the child or the child's family; (ii) the individual has a strong familial or other significant bond to the child or the child's family; (iii) the individual has maintained regular contact with the child or the child's family sufficient to demonstrate strong familiarity with the child's activities and daily needs; and (iv) placement with the individual is in the child's best interest. . . .
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p>SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 46

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
46	Percent of kinship care providers who received written notification of BCDSS training opportunities
Key Data	
Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJAMS • Kinship Navigator documentation
Data	List of open formal kinship care providers as identified in the placement structure who have a child placed with them.
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<p>"Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver</p> <p>"Kinship caregiver" means an individual:</p> <p>(i) with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and</p> <p>(ii) who is approved by the local department under subsection (e) of this section.</p>
Denominator	Total number of kinship care providers with whom children in OHP are placed
Numerator	Total number of Kinship care providers in Denominator who were notified in writing of BCDSS training opportunities
Exclusion(s)	Kinship caregivers with whom children were placed for less than 8 days
Report Calculation Methodology	Following the identification of formal kinship identified through the placement structure and those that have had a child placed during the 6-months reporting period, identification of uploaded documentation showing the formal kinship provider was provided information regarding trainings available to them.
Exit Standard	N/A

Criteria	
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 21
	<p>5. Each kinship care provider shall be informed promptly of his or her right to apply to become a licensed foster parent, and each application for licensure shall be timely processed with retroactive benefits provided to the date of application. Each kinship care provider will be given an application and afforded the opportunity to file an application on the date the child is placed in the home. An application will be deemed to have been made when the caregiver indicates in writing his or her desire to become a licensed foster parent. Each kinship care provider shall be afforded the same opportunities for training and other services as licensed foster parents.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Definition: None.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Internal Success Measures: (1) ... (2) Percent of kinship care providers who received written notification of BCDSS training opportunities.</p>

Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	42 U.S.C. § 627(a)(1)
	<p>(a) In general</p> <p>The Secretary of Health and Human Services may make matching grants to State, local, or tribal child welfare agencies, private nonprofit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements, and institutions of higher education (as defined under section 1001 of title 20), for the purpose of helping children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care reconnect with family members through the implementation of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a kinship navigator program to assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and their own needs, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served, which program— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) shall be coordinated with other State or local agencies that promote service coordination or provide information and referral services, including the entities that provide 2–1–1 or 3–1–1 information systems where available, to avoid duplication or fragmentation of services to kinship care families; (B) shall be planned and operated in consultation with kinship caregivers and organizations representing them, youth raised by kinship caregivers, relevant government agencies, and relevant community-based or faith-based organizations; (C) shall establish information and referral systems that link (via toll-free access) kinship caregivers, kinship support group facilitators, and kinship service providers to— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) each other; (ii) eligibility and enrollment information for Federal, State, and local benefits; (iii) relevant training to assist kinship caregivers in caregiving and in obtaining benefits and services; and (iv) relevant legal assistance and help in obtaining legal services; (D) shall provide outreach to kinship care families, including by establishing, distributing, and updating a kinship care website, or other relevant guides or outreach materials;
	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(29)

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(29) provides that, within 30 days after the removal of a child from the custody of the parent or parents of the child, the State shall exercise due diligence to identify and provide notice to the following relatives: all adult grandparents, all parents of a sibling of the child, where such parent has legal custody of such sibling, and other adult relatives of the child (including any other adult relatives suggested by the parents), subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence, that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) specifies that the child has been or is being removed from the custody of the parent or parents of the child; (B) explains the options the relative has under Federal, State, and local law to participate in the care and placement of the child, including any options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice; (C) describes the requirements under paragraph (10) of this subsection to become a foster family home and the additional services and supports that are available for children placed in such a home; and (D) if the State has elected the option to make kinship guardianship assistance payments under paragraph (28) of this subsection, describes how the relative guardian of the child may subsequently enter into an agreement with the State under section 673(d) of this title to receive the payments;
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-534(a), (e)
	Family Law 5-501(e) Kinship care. -- "Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver, as those terms are defined in § 5-534 of this subtitle.
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 47

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
47	Percent of kinship care providers who reported having been informed about training and licensing opportunities
Key Data	
Source	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CJAMS to identify kinship care provider 2. Kinship provider survey
Data	List of open formal kinship care providers as identified in the placement structure along with the date of the placement of a child(ren) in their home along with identification of documentation relating to training and licensing opportunities.
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<p>(e) Kinship care. -- "Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver, as those terms are defined in § 5-534 of this subtitle.</p> <p>"Kinship caregiver" means an individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and (ii) who is approved by the local department under subsection (e) of this section. <p>"Kinship Care Survey" means multi-question poll administered by telephone to a representative sample of kinship care providers. ., is a.</p> <p>For this measure, "kinship care providers" means both formal kinship care placements and placements under the living arrangement of "relative".</p>
Denominator	Total number of kinship care providers, inclusive of Formal Kinship Care placements and living arrangements of 'relative,' who accepted a placement during the reporting period
Numerator	Kinship care providers reporting in the Kinship Care Survey" as having been informed about training and licensing opportunities
Exclusion(s)	Kinship care providers open less than 2 days

Report Calculation Methodology	Survey results compiled to determine compliance
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg.21
	<p>5. Each kinship care provider shall be informed promptly of his or her right to apply to become a licensed foster parent, and each application for licensure shall be timely processed with retroactive benefits provided to the date of application. Each kinship care provider will be given an application and afforded the opportunity to file an application on the date the child is placed in the home. An application will be deemed to have been made when the caregiver indicates in writing his or her desire to become a licensed foster parent. Each kinship care provider shall be afforded the same opportunities for training and other services as licensed foster parents.</p> <p>a. Definition: None.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures: (1. - 2.) (3) Percent of kinship care providers who reported having been informed about training and licensing opportunities.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 627(a)(1)

	<p>(a) In general</p> <p>The Secretary of Health and Human Services may make matching grants to State, local, or tribal child welfare agencies, private nonprofit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements, and institutions of higher education (as defined under section 1001 of title 20), for the purpose of helping children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care reconnect with family members through the implementation of—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a kinship navigator program to assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and their own needs, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served, which program— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (A) shall be coordinated with other State or local agencies that promote service coordination or provide information and referral services, including the entities that provide 2–1–1 or 3–1–1 information systems where available, to avoid duplication or fragmentation of services to kinship care families; (B) shall be planned and operated in consultation with kinship caregivers and organizations representing them, youth raised by kinship caregivers, relevant government agencies, and relevant community-based or faith-based organizations; (C) shall establish information and referral systems that link (via toll-free access) kinship caregivers, kinship support group facilitators, and kinship service providers to— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) each other; (ii) eligibility and enrollment information for Federal, State, and local benefits; (iii) relevant training to assist kinship caregivers in caregiving and in obtaining benefits and services; and (iv) relevant legal assistance and help in obtaining legal services; (D) shall provide outreach to kinship care families, including by establishing, distributing, and updating a kinship care website, or other relevant guides or outreach materials; (E) shall promote partnerships between public and private agencies, including schools, community based or faith-based organizations, and relevant government agencies, to increase their knowledge of the needs of kinship care families and other individuals who are willing and able to be foster parents for children in foster care under the responsibility of the State who are themselves parents to promote better services for those families; (F) may establish and support a kinship care ombudsman with authority to intervene and help kinship caregivers access services; and (G) may support any other activities designed to assist kinship caregivers in obtaining benefits and services to improve their caregiving;
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	<p>42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(29)</p>
	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(29) provides that, within 30 days after the removal of a child from the custody of the parent or parents of the child, the State shall exercise due diligence to identify and provide notice to the following relatives: all adult grandparents, all parents of a sibling of the child, where such parent has legal custody of such sibling, and other adult relatives of the child (including any other adult relatives suggested by the parents), subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence, that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) specifies that the child has been or is being removed from the custody of the parent or parents of the child; (B) explains the options the relative has under Federal, State, and local law to participate in the care and placement of the child, including any options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice; (C) describes the requirements under paragraph (10) of this subsection to become a foster family home and the additional services and supports that are available for children placed in such a home; and (D) if the State has elected the option to make kinship guardianship assistance payments under paragraph (28) of this subsection, describes how the relative guardian of the child may subsequently enter into an agreement with the State under section 673(d) of this title to receive the payments;
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Family Law 5-534</p> <p>(a) Definitions</p> <p>(2) "Kinship caregiver" means an individual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and (ii) who is approved by the local department under subsection (e) of this section. <p>(3) "Kinship parent" means an individual who is related by blood or marriage within five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule to a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department and with whom the child may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption.</p> <p>(e) Approval by local department. --</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The local department may approve an individual as a kinship caregiver only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the individual is related to the child by blood or marriage beyond five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law or rule or is a close family friend of the child or the child's family; (ii) the individual has a strong familial or other significant bond to the child or the child's family;

	<p>(iii) the individual has maintained regular contact with the child or the child's family sufficient to demonstrate strong familiarity with the child's activities and daily needs; and</p> <p>(iv) placement with the individual is in the child's best interest.</p> <p>(2) A prospective kinship caregiver shall submit to the local department an affidavit that includes specific facts to enable the local department to determine whether the individual meets the criteria specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.</p> <p>(f) Regulations. -- The Administration shall adopt regulations to implement this section that are consistent with the provisions of this section.</p>
	<p>Family Law 5-501(e) Kinship care. -- "Kinship care" means continuous 24 hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver, as those terms are defined in § 5-534 of this subtitle.</p>
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 48

Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
48	90 percent of kinship care providers received written notification of the right to apply for foster home licensing within ten days of placement.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	List of open formal kinship care providers as identified in the placement structure along with the date of the placement of a child(ren) in their home. Electronic file cabinet for uploaded documents.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	"Kinship providers" means the home of a relative related by blood or marriage within the 5th degree of consanguinity or affinity providing continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency.
Denominator	Number of kinship caregivers with whom children in OHP were newly placed during the review period.
Numerator	Number of kinship caregivers in the denominator to whom the required information was delivered within ten (10) days of placement of the child(ren).
Exclusion(s)	Kinship caregivers with whom children were placed for less than eight days
Report Calculation Methodology	Following the identification of formal kinship identified through the placement structure and those that have had a child placed during the 6-months reporting period, identification of uploaded documentation provided to the formal kinship provider regarding their right to become licensed foster parents along with the date the information was provided to determine if it was within 10 days.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 21
	<p>5. Each kinship care provider shall be informed promptly of his or her right to apply to become a licensed foster parent, and each application for licensure shall be timely processed with retroactive benefits provided to the date of application. Each kinship care provider will be given an application and afforded the opportunity to file an application on the date the child is placed in the home. An application will be deemed to have been made when the caregiver indicates in writing his or her desire to become a licensed foster parent. Each kinship care provider shall be afforded the same opportunities for training and other services as licensed foster parents.</p> <p>C. Exit Standard</p> <p>(1) 90 percent of kinship care providers received written notification of the right to apply for foster home licensing within ten days of placement.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	42 U.S.C. § 627(a)(1)

	<p>(a) In general</p> <p>The Secretary of Health and Human Services may make matching grants to State, local, or tribal child welfare agencies, private nonprofit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements, and institutions of higher education (as defined under section 1001 of title 20), for the purpose of helping children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care reconnect with family members through the implementation of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a kinship navigator program to assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and their own needs, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served, which program— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) shall be coordinated with other State or local agencies that promote service coordination or provide information and referral services, including the entities that provide 2–1–1 or 3–1–1 information system where available, to avoid duplication or fragmentation of services to kinship care families; (B) shall be planned and operated in consultation with kinship caregivers and organizations representing them, youth raised by kinship caregivers, relevant government agencies, and relevant community-based or faith-based organizations; (C) shall establish information and referral systems that link (via toll-free access) kinship caregivers, kinship support group facilitators, and kinship service providers to— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) each other; (ii) eligibility and enrollment information for Federal, State, and local benefits; (iii) relevant training to assist kinship caregivers in caregiving and in obtaining benefits and services; and (iv) relevant legal assistance and help in obtaining legal services; (D) shall provide outreach to kinship care families, including by establishing, distributing, and updating a kinship care website, or other relevant guides or outreach materials; (E) shall promote partnerships between public and private agencies, including schools, community based or faith-based organizations, and relevant government agencies, to increase their knowledge of the needs of kinship care families and other individuals who are willing and able to be foster parents for children in foster care under the responsibility of the State who are themselves parents to promote better services for those families; (F) may establish and support a kinship care ombudsman with authority to intervene and help kinship caregivers access services; and (G) may support any other activities designed to assist kinship caregivers in obtaining benefits and services to improve their caregiving;
	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(29)

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(29) provides that, within 30 days after the removal of a child from the custody of the parent or parents of the child, the State shall exercise due diligence to identify and provide notice to the following relatives: all adult grandparents, all parents of a sibling of the child, where such parent has legal custody of such sibling, and other adult relatives of the child (including any other adult relatives suggested by the parents), subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence, that—</p> <p>(A) specifies that the child has been or is being removed from the custody of the parent or parents of the child;</p> <p>(B) explains the options the relative has under Federal, State, and local law to participate in the care and placement of the child, including any options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice;</p> <p>(C) describes the requirements under paragraph (10) of this subsection to become a foster family home and the additional services and supports that are available for children placed in such a home; and</p> <p>(D) if the State has elected the option to make kinship guardianship assistance payments under paragraph (28) of this subsection, describes how the relative guardian of the child may subsequently enter into an agreement with the State under section 673(d) of this title to receive the payments;</p>
State Regulations	N/A
State Law	Family Law Art. § 5-534(a), (e)
	<p>(a) Definitions. --</p> <p>(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>(2) "Kinship caregiver" means an individual:</p> <p>(i) with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and</p> <p>(ii) who is approved by the local department under subsection (e) of this section.</p> <p>(3) "Kinship parent" means an individual who is related by blood or marriage within five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule to a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department and with whom the child may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption.</p> <p>....</p> <p>(e) Approval by local department. --</p> <p>(1) The local department may approve an individual as a kinship caregiver only if:</p> <p>(i) the individual is related to the child by blood or marriage beyond five</p>

	<p>degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law or rule or is a close family friend of the child or the child's family;</p> <p>(ii) the individual has a strong familial or other significant bond to the child or the child's family;</p> <p>(iii) the individual has maintained regular contact with the child or the child's family sufficient to demonstrate strong familiarity with the child's activities and daily needs; and</p> <p>(iv) placement with the individual is in the child's best interest. . . .</p>
SSA Policy	SSA 10-11: Policy regarding Placement of Children in DHR's Care
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 49

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
49	Number of Special Support team positions funded by the Department, by type.
	Key Data
Source	Innovations
Data	Hand-count
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<p>(1) "Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p>(2) These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p>
Measurement	A list of Special Support team positions funded by the Department, by type.
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Report Calculation Methodology	Innovations will conduct a hand-count at the conclusion of each reporting period and maintain the record.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A - Internal Success Measure

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 22
	<p>6. BCDSS shall employ a staff of specialists to provide technical assistance to caseworkers and supervisors for cases that require specialized experience and/or knowledge.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p>(2) These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1) Number of Special Support team positions funded by the Department, by type.</p> <p>(2) ...</p> <p>(3) ...</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	N/A
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 50

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
50	Number of Special Support positions filled, by type.
	Key Data
Source	Innovations
Data	# of filled positions by type using a hand-count
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<p>(1) "Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p>(2) These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p>
Measurement	A list of Special Support positions filled, by type.
Exclusion(s)	N/A
Report Calculation Methodology	Hand-count at the conclusion of each reporting period
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 22
	<p>6. BCDSS shall employ a staff of specialists to provide technical assistance to caseworkers and supervisors for cases that require specialized experience and/or knowledge.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p>(2) These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1) ...</p> <p>(2) Number of Special Support positions filled, by type.</p> <p>(3) ...</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	N/A
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 51

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
51	MCDSS MS-100 (job descriptions for all positions).
Key Data	
Source	Innovations
Data	Completed MS-100's
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<p>MCDSS MS-100 job descriptions for all Specialist positions.</p> <p>"Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p>These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p>
Measurement	A list of MS-100 job descriptions for all Specialist positions.
Exclusion(s)	Contract Specialists without MS-100
Report Calculation Methodology	In collaboration with Human Resources, Innovations will complete a hand-count each reporting period
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 22
	<p>6. BCDSS shall employ a staff of specialists to provide technical assistance to caseworkers and supervisors for cases that require specialized experience and/or knowledge.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p>(2) These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1) ...</p> <p>(2) ...</p> <p>(3) MCDSS MS-100 (job descriptions for all positions).</p> <p>...</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	N/A
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 52

Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
52	BCDSS employed a staff of non-case carrying specialists to provide technical assistance to caseworkers and supervisors for cases that require specialized experience and/or knowledge.
	Key Data
Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Resources - Names, qualifications, job duties and dates of employment) BCDSS Administration - See above, plus dates of availability to BCDSS of contract specialists Office of Communications - Regular notification to staff about, and online publishing of, availability of specialists with contact information
Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of available specialists by subject matter area, names, resumes, unit assignments, MS-22 (scope of work), dates of employment. If includes contractual staff, copy of contract(s) and scope of work. Documentation of how staff is notified on a regular basis of the availability of the specialists. Documentation that staff is not carrying cases when acting as specialists.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By agreement of the parties; "employ a staff of specialists" includes obtaining the services of individuals with specialized experience and/or knowledge whose services are available to caseworkers and supervisors by contract with BCDSS/DHS. "Specialists" includes but is not limited to individuals with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education. "Notification to staff" means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly reminders to all staff, and list of names and contact information for all specialists available to provide technical assistance maintained on-line
Denominator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of available specialists with necessary information. If applicable, copy of contract(s) and scope of work for contractual employees.

	<p>3. Examples of regular notification sent to staff</p> <p>4. Documentation that 'specialists' are not case carrying</p>
Numerator	Not applicable; descriptive information only (see above)
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	Compliance will be achieved when BCDSS employs a staff of non-case-carrying specialists to provide technical assistance to BCDSS staff to identify, locate and obtain resources in cases that require specialized experience and/or knowledge and notifies BCDSS staff of the availability of those specialists.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	1. According to the LJ Modified Consent Decree (MCD, 10/9/09), p. 22:
	<p>6. BCDSS shall employ a staff of specialists to provide technical assistance to and/or knowledge. caseworkers and supervisors for cases that require specialized experience</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) "Specialists" include but are not limited to staff with knowledge and experience in substance (alcohol and drug) abuse services; mental health services; developmental disabilities; independent living; housing; and education services, including special education.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) These specialized staff shall not have individual case responsibility or perform routine casework functions but will assist casework staff in identifying, locating and obtaining resources.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)	N/A
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	N/A
SSA Policy	N/A
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 53

Internal Success

Measure # 53	Measure
53	Percent of all foster home applications that were approved/denied within 120 days of application
Key Data	
Source	CJAMS
Data	Provider applications with program types identified as regular or restricted resource home with an opening date during the 6-months reporting period or during the last 119 days in the previous 6-months reporting period. Date of the approval of denial of the provider applicant will also be identified in the provider profile.
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the purposes of this measure, "foster parent", "resource parent" and "restricted resource home" may be used synonymously • "Reconsideration" means the reapproval of a foster home provider required each year by the anniversary date of first approval
Denominator	Number of prospective resource parenting applicants reaching day 120 days during the reporting period or whose application had been started 119 days or less in the previous 6-months reporting period
Numerator	Number of applicants in the denominator whose home study was approved/denied by the 120 th day from date of application
Exclusion(s)	Pending providers whose application date is less than 120 by the end of the 6-month reporting period
Report Calculation Methodology	The percentage of resource homes applications completed timely will be calculated on a monthly basis for each six-month reporting period.
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 22
	<p>7. Each child's placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law.</p> <p>a. Definitions: (1) "Legal requirements" include statutes, regulations, circular letters and transmittals, SOPs issued by BCDSS, or the equivalent policy statements.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures: (1) Percent of all foster home applications that were approved/denied within 120 days of application.</p>

<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(10)</p>
	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(10) provides—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for the establishment or designation of a State authority or authorities that shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for foster family homes and child care institutions which are reasonably in accord with recommended standards of national organizations concerned with standards for the institutions or homes, including standards related to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights, and which shall permit use of the reasonable and prudent parenting standard; (B) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the State to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under this part or part B and shall require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child care institution to provide foster care, the presence on-site of at least 1 official who, with respect to any child placed at the child care institution, is designated to be the caregiver who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities, and who is provided with training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the same manner as prospective foster parents are provided the training pursuant to paragraph (24); (C) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall include policies related to the liability of foster parents and private entities under contract by the State involving the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, to ensure appropriate liability for caregivers when a child participates in an approved activity and the caregiver approving the activity acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard; and (D) that a waiver of any standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be made only on a case-by-case basis for non safety standards (as determined by the State) in relative foster family homes for specific children in care;
<p>State Law</p>	<p>FL § 5-525(j)(5)</p>
	<p>The Administration shall adopt regulations that establish criteria for investigating and approving foster homes, including requirements for window coverings in accordance</p>

	with § 5-505 of this subtitle;
State Regulations	<p>COMAR 07.02.25.06 Resource Home Study Process</p> <p>(A. – D.)</p> <p>E. Method of Resource Home Study.</p> <p>(1) The resource home study process shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Home visits; (b) Questions to the prospective resource parents; and (c) Training and evaluation. <p>(2) The prospective resource parents shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Sign a resource parent application and the consent to release confidential information forms; (b) Complete resource home application materials; (c) Attend 27 hours of pre-service training; and (d) Meet the technical requirements for resource home care to be approved as a resource home. <p>F. Recommendation of Resource Home for Approval.</p> <p>(1) A local department shall notify a prospective resource parent in writing, and within 120 days of the date on which the local department accepts the application provided for in §E(2) of this regulation of the decision of approval or denial.</p>
SSA Policy	SSA-CW #19-15: Resource Parent Home Standards
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 54

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
54	Percent of all foster home caregivers who received all training required by law
Key Data	
Source	CJAMS
Data	For providers whose program type is regular or restricted resource home, the training completed field(s) in the CJAMS provider record would be identified. The completion dates and the number of hours completed for each resource home provider would be identified along with the date of the Initial or reconsideration approval dates.
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Foster parent" means an individual approved by a local department to provide 24-hour care for a foster child in the home where the individual resides. • "Resource family" means an individual or family unit dually approved to be available as both foster care and adoptive caregivers. • "Restricted resource home" means a family resource home approved to serve a specific foster child or children and only that child or children. • "Required training" as defined in COMAR 07.02.25.14, which as of this writing means having completed 10 hours per year
Denominator	All resource home providers due for reconsideration during the reporting period
Numerator	All resource home providers in the Denominator who had an approved reconsideration during the reporting period
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	All resource home providers with program type of regular or restrictive resource home whose redetermination date occurs during the 6-months reporting period. The training dates and number of hours of each of the providers in each of the resource homes would be identified to ensure that the appropriate number of hours was completed for the reconsideration.

Exit Standard Criteria	N/A
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 22
	<p>7. Each child's placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1)...</p> <p>(2) Percent of all foster home caregivers who received all training required by law.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(24).
	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(24) includes a certification that, before a child in foster care under the responsibility of the State is placed with prospective foster parents, the prospective foster parents will be prepared adequately with the appropriate knowledge and skills to provide for the needs of the child, that the preparation will be continued, as necessary, after the placement of the child, and that the preparation shall include knowledge and skills relating to the reasonable and prudent parent standard for the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities, including knowledge and skills relating to the developmental stages of the cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral capacities of a child, and knowledge and skills relating to applying the standard to decisions such as whether to allow the child to engage in social, extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities, including sports, field trips, and overnight activities lasting 1 or more days, and to decisions involving the signing of permission slips and arranging of transportation for the child to and from extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities;</p>
	45 C.F.R. § 1355.34(c)(4)(v)
	<p>(c) Criteria related to title IV-E agency capacity to deliver services leading to improved outcomes for children and families. In addition to the criteria related to outcomes contained in paragraph (b) of this section, the title IV-E agency also must satisfy criteria related to the delivery of services.</p> <p>....</p>

	<p>(4) Staff training: The title IV-E agency is operating a staff development and training program (45 CFR 1357.15(l)) that:</p> <p>....</p> <p>(v) Provides training for current or prospective foster parents, adoptive parents, and the staff of State/Tribal-licensed or State/Tribal-approved child care institutions providing care to foster and adopted children receiving assistance under title IV-E that addresses the skills and knowledge base needed to carry out their duties with regard to caring for foster and adopted children.</p>
	<p>Children's Bureau, National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards (ACYF-CB-IM-19-01) (Feb. 4, 2019)</p>
	<p>G. Training: Applicants must complete pre-licensing training on the following topics: rights, roles, responsibilities and expectations of foster parents; agency structure, purpose, policies, and services; laws and regulations; the impact of childhood trauma; managing child behaviors; first aid (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the ages of the children in placement) and medication administration; and the importance of maintaining meaningful connections between the child and parents, including regular visitation. Foster parents must participate in ongoing training to receive instruction to support their parental roles and ensure the parent is up to date with agency requirements. Further, this training may also include child-specific training and/or may address issues relevant to the general population of children in foster care.</p> <p>Summary - Training</p> <p>The training standards include both pre-licensing and ongoing training and include mandatory pre-licensing training topics. The purpose of the pre-licensing training standards is to provide information to applicants so they can make an informed decision about their commitment to foster a child. In addition, the pre-service training is to prepare the applicant to be licensed as a foster parent. The ongoing training is to ensure the foster parents receive ongoing instruction to support their parental roles and remain up to date on policies, requirements, and services. Therefore, there are no mandatory training topics, as these depend on agency priorities and specific individual foster parent needs or the needs of specific populations of children in the state's or tribe's foster care system.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Footnote xi: We did not intend that training on CPR would necessarily include completion of a CPR certification course.</p>
State Law	N/A
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.25.06 Resource Home Study Process
	<p>(A. – C.)</p> <p>D. A home study shall provide in-depth information about foster care and adoption to a prospective resource parent, which include:</p>

	<p>(1.- 17.)</p> <p>(18) The requirement that resource parents attend 27 hours of pre-service dual-approval training and at least ten hours per year of continuing training as approved and made available by the Administration.</p>
	<p>COMAR. 07.02.25.14. Resource Parent Training</p>
	<p>A. Pre-service Training. A local department shall provide or arrange for a minimum of 27 hours of pre-service training during the recruitment and mutual selection process of resource parents before formal approval of a home and before placing a child in the home...</p> <p>B. Continuing Training.</p> <p>(1) A local department shall provide or arrange continuing training for resource parents.</p> <p>(2) Resource parents shall acquire a minimum of 10 hours of training a year as approved by the Administration, including two hours of training in behavior management every other year.</p>
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p>SSA-CW 19-15 Resource Parent Home Standards</p>
	<p>(A. – F.)</p> <p>G. Training: Pre-service training requirements (27 hours) and In-service training...The in-service hour requirement is 10 hours per reconsideration year. Two hours of in-service behavioral management training are to be completed every other year. Training must also consist of first aid (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and medication administration.</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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PT100000017473	5069740	01/26/2016	09:00 - 10:00	6	In-Service Training		Yes	Yes	
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PT100000019020	AH00000056327	04/01/2014	09:00 - 12:00	27	Pre-Service Training		Yes	Yes	
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Pre-Service Training | Session Type

Course Title

Training Provider : Other, Training Provider Organization : Foster | Jurisdiction

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Training Provider : Other, Training Provider Organization : Foster College | Training Agency

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LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 55

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
55	Number of foster homes licenses rescinded by the Department due to lack of compliance.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS
Data	Reason for the closure of resource home providers with a program type of regular or restricted where the provider was closed during the 6-months reporting period would be identified in the provider module to determine if any of the following categories were selected in the CJAMS revocation pick-list: fraud, agency decision, health and safety, abuse/neglect
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<p>"Foster Homes" means the number of foster home caregivers, also known as 'resource home providers' and inclusive of restricted foster homes (those approved for a specific child), for whom approval was rescinded due to noncompliance.</p> <p>"License" for the purpose of this measure means 'approved' to operate as a foster home (DHS does not "license" foster homes, DHS "approves" foster homes)</p>
Measurement	The number of foster home providers for whom approval was rescinded during the 6 month reporting period with the reason for closure related to noncompliance (i.e. fraud, agency decision, health and safety, abuse/neglect)
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	<p>During the six month reporting period, each closed foster home provider will be identified in CJAMS to determine reason for closure, and those with a reason related to noncompliance (fraud, abuse/neglect, health/safety, agency decision) will be totalled and provided at the end of the reporting period</p> <p>Simple numerical count</p>
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 22-23
	<p>7. Each child's placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures:</p> <p>(1. – 2.)...</p> <p>(3) Number of foster homes licenses rescinded by the Department due to lack of compliance.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(10)

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(10) provides—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) for the establishment or designation of a State authority or authorities that shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for foster family homes and child care institutions which are reasonably in accord with recommended standards of national organizations concerned with standards for the institutions or homes, including standards related to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights, and which shall permit use of the reasonable and prudent parenting standard; (B) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the State to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under this part or part B and shall require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child care institution to provide foster care, the presence on-site of at least 1 official who, with respect to any child placed at the child care institution, is designated to be the caregiver who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities, and who is provided with training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the same manner as prospective foster parents are provided the training pursuant to paragraph (24); (C) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall include policies related to the liability of foster parents and private entities under contract by the State involving the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, to ensure appropriate liability for caregivers when a child participates in an approved activity and the caregiver approving the activity acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard; and (D) that a waiver of any standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be made only on a case-by-case basis for non safety standards (as determined by the State) in relative foster family homes for specific children in care;
	<p>Children’s Bureau, National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards (ACYF-CB-IM-19-01) (Feb. 4, 2019)</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-525(j)(5)</p>
	<p>(j) Rules and regulations. -- The Administration shall adopt regulations that:</p> <p>...</p>

	(5) establish criteria for investigating and approving foster homes, including requirements for window coverings in accordance with § 5-505 of this subtitle;
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.25.04. Technical Requirements for Resource Home Approval and Reapproval
	COMAR 07.02.25.05. Resource Parent Standards
	COMAR 07.02.25.08. Responsibilities of a Resource Parent.
	COMAR 07.02.25.17. Suspension and Revocation
	C. Revocation. (1) The local department may revoke an approval for a violation of these regulations.
SSA Policy	SSA-CW 19-15 Resource Parent Home Standards
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 56

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
56	Percent of all foster homes and kinship care placements that met the COMAR licensing requirements.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS Provider Module
Data	<p>For resource home providers with a program type of regular or restricted with reconsideration date during the 6-months reporting period, completion of all requirements for reconsideration completed as shown by an administratively approved reconsideration within 12-months of their initial approval or prior reconsideration.</p> <p>Formal kinship providers who were either opened or reopened during the 6-months reporting period would be identified to determine if the following criteria are documented in their provider record:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) State and federal criminal background checks and child protective services clearances for providers and any other adult over 18 in the home. (2) An assessment of the relative... (3) Initial Home Inspection. (4) Administrative approval of the placement structure
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Foster parent" means an individual approved by a local department to provide 24-hour care for a foster child in the home where the individual resides. • "Resource family" means an individual or family unit dually approved to be available as both foster care and adoptive caregivers. • "Restricted resource home" means a family resource home approved to serve a specific foster child or children and only that child or children. • "Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver, as those terms are defined in Family Law Article 5-534. • "Kinship caregiver" means an individual: with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and who is approved by the local department because the individual is related to the child by blood or marriage beyond five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law or rule or is a close family friend of the child or the child's family; the individual has a strong familial or other significant bond to the child or the child's family; the individual has maintained regular contact with the child or the child's family sufficient to demonstrate strong

	<p>familiarity with the child's activities and daily needs; and placement with the individual is in the child's best interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Kinship parent" means an individual who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) related by blood or marriage within five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule to a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of a local department; and (b) Who is not an approved resource parent, but has been designated by the local department as the temporary 24-hour caregiver of the child. • "Licensing" means approval for resource parenting or formal kinship caregiving consistent with Maryland regulatory requirements
Denominator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of resource providers open in CJAMS as a regular or restricted home during the 6-months reporting period. 2. The number of kinship caregivers opened or re-opened in CJAMS as a formal kinship placement provider during the 6-months reporting period
Numerator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of resource providers in the Denominator who have had a successful reconsideration within 12 months of their previous initial approval or reconsideration 2. The number of formal kinship care providers in the Denominator that met the COMAR approval requirements.
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	<p>Identification of all regular and restricted resource homes requiring reconsideration during the 6-months reporting period based on their initial or prior reconsideration to determine if an administrative approval occurred within 12-months.</p> <p>Identification of all new and reopened kinship care providers during the 6-months reporting period to determine if clearances (federal & state criminal and child abuse) were completed for all adults in the home, relative and home assessments were completed and an administrative approval occurred.</p>
Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 22-23
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Each child's placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Definitions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) "Legal requirements" include statutes, regulations, circular letters and transmittals, SOPs issued by BCDSS, or the equivalent policy statements.

	<p>(2)...</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures: (1. – 3.) (4) Percent of all foster homes and kinship care placements that met the COMAR licensing requirements.</p>
<p>Federal Law & Reg (including CFR)</p>	<p>42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(10)</p>
	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>... provides—</p> <p>(10) provides—</p> <p>(A) for the establishment or designation of a State authority or authorities that shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for foster family homes and child care institutions which are reasonably in accord with recommended standards of national organizations concerned with standards for the institutions or homes, including standards related to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights, and which shall permit use of the reasonable and prudent parenting standard;</p> <p>(B) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the State to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under this part or part B and shall require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child care institution to provide foster care, the presence on-site of at least 1 official who, with respect to any child placed at the child care institution, is designated to be the caregiver who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities, and who is provided with training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the same manner as prospective foster parents are provided the training pursuant to paragraph (24);</p> <p>(C) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall include policies related to the liability of foster parents and private entities under contract by the State involving the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, to ensure appropriate liability for caregivers when a child participates in an approved activity and the caregiver approving the activity acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard; and</p> <p>(D) that a waiver of any standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be made only on a case-by-case basis for non safety standards (as determined by the State) in relative foster family homes for specific children in care;</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Maryland Code, Family Law § 5-501(e)</p>

	Family Law Art. § 5-525(j)(5)
	(j) Rules and regulations. -- The Administration shall adopt regulations that: ... (5) establish criteria for investigating and approving foster homes, including requirements for window coverings in accordance with § 5-505 of this subtitle;
	Family Law Art. § 5-1305(7)
	The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by: ... (7) the percentage of foster homes and kinship care homes in which the following have been conducted according to regulation: (i) required criminal background checks; (ii) fire and safety inspections; (iii) health and safety checks; (iv) reconsiderations, as applicable; and (v) any other safety measures adopted by regulation;
State Regulations	CHAPTER 07.02.25. LDSS Resource Home Requirements
	Sec. 07.02.25.04 Technical Requirements for Resource Home Approval
	Sec. 07.02.25.05 Resource Parent Standards
	Sec. 07.02.25.10. Provisions for Kinship Care
SSA Policy	SSA-CW 19-15 Resource Parent Home Standards
	<p>Resource Parent Home Eligibility</p> <p>A foster family home approval includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Family Characteristics/Dynamics: b. Physical and Mental Health: c. Background Checks: d. Home Study: B. Foster Family Home Health and Safety C. Foster Family Home Capacity: D. Foster Family Home Sleeping Arrangements: E. Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Evacuation Plans F. Transportation G. Training: H. Alternative I. Foster Parent Assurances

	<p>Documentation</p> <p>The below forms provide a verification that the home study assessment, eligibility requirements and communication with prospective resource parents around their assurances have been followed and completed. This information should be documented in CHESSIE/CJAMS and, where applicable supporting documentation should be uploaded into the system.</p> <p>Forms</p> <p>Resource Parent Application SAFE Home Study Questionnaire I SAFE Questionnaire II SAFE home study narrative Applicant/Child Medical Forms Home/Health Inspection Resource Parent Agreement</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 57

Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
57	95% of all foster homes and kinship care placements met all legal requirements.
	Key Data
Source	CJAMS Provider Module
Data	<p>For resource home providers with a program type of regular or restricted with reconsideration date during the 6-months reporting period, completion of all requirements for reconsideration completed within 12-months of their initial approval or prior reconsideration.</p> <p>These requirements would be documented in the checklist for reconsideration and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resource Parent Application <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. SAFE Home Study <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questionnaire I SAFE Questionnaire II 2. SAFE home study narrative ii. Applicant/Child Medical Forms b. Home/Health Inspection c. Resource Parent Agreement d. Required annual training completed e. Administratively approved reconsideration completed timely <p>Formal kinship providers who were either opened or reopened during the 6-months reporting period would be identified to determine if the following criteria are documented in their provider record:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) State and federal criminal background checks and child protective services clearances. (2) An assessment of the relative [...] (3) Initial Home Inspection.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Foster parent" means an individual approved by a local department to provide 24-hour care for a foster child in the home where the individual resides. • "Resource family" means an individual or family unit dually approved to be available as both foster care and adoptive caregivers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Restricted resource home" means a family resource home approved to serve a specific foster child or children and only that child or children. ● "Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services provided for a child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a kinship parent or kinship caregiver, as those terms are defined in Family Law Article 5-534. ● "Kinship caregiver" means an individual: with whom a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of the local department may be placed for temporary or long-term care other than adoption; and who is approved by the local department because the individual is related to the child by blood or marriage beyond five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law or rule or is a close family friend of the child or the child's family; the individual has a strong familial or other significant bond to the child or the child's family; the individual has maintained regular contact with the child or the child's family sufficient to demonstrate strong familiarity with the child's activities and daily needs; and placement with the individual is in the child's best interest. ● "Kinship parent" means an individual who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) related by blood or marriage within five degrees of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule to a child who is in the care, custody, or guardianship of a local department; and (b) Who is not an approved resource parent, but has been designated by the local department as the temporary 24-hour caregiver of the child ● "Licensing" means approval for resource parenting as Maryland local department homes are approved after completing the requirements rather than licensed.
Denominator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of families open in CJAMS as a resource family provider during the reporting period. 2. The number of kin caregivers open in CJAMS as a formal kinship placement provider during the reporting period
Numerator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of resource families in the Denominator administratively approved in CJAMS as placement providers 2. The number of formal kinship families in the Denominator administratively approved in CJAMS as placement providers
Exclusion(s)	None
Report Calculation Methodology	<p>Identification of all regular and restricted resource homes requiring reconsideration during the 6-months reporting period based on their initial or prior reconsideration to determine if an administrative approval occurred within 12-months.</p> <p>Identification of all new and reopened kinship care providers during the 6-months reporting period to determine if clearances (federal & state criminal and child abuse)</p>

	were completed for all adults in the home, relative and home assessments were completed and an administrative approval occurred.
Exit Standard Criteria	Compliance will be achieved when a minimum of 95% of all resource families and formal kinship placements met all legal requirements for approval/licensing during the six month reporting period.
Source/Criteria	
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 22-23
	<p>7. Each child's placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "Legal requirements" include statutes, regulations, circular letters and transmittals, SOPs issued by BCDSS, or the equivalent policy statements.</p> <p>(2)...</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures...</p> <p>c. Exit Standards:</p> <p>(1) 95 percent of all foster homes and kinship care placements met all legal requirements.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(10)

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(10) provides—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) for the establishment or designation of a State authority or authorities that shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for foster family homes and child care institutions which are reasonably in accord with recommended standards of national organizations concerned with standards for the institutions or homes, including standards related to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights, and which shall permit use of the reasonable and prudent parenting standard;(B) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the State to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under this part or part B and shall require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child care institution to provide foster care, the presence on-site of at least 1 official who, with respect to any child placed at the child care institution, is designated to be the caregiver who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities, and who is provided with training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the same manner as prospective foster parents are provided the training pursuant to paragraph (24);(C) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall include policies related to the liability of foster parents and private entities under contract by the State involving the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, to ensure appropriate liability for caregivers when a child participates in an approved activity and the caregiver approving the activity acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard; and(D) that a waiver of any standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be made only on a case-by-case basis for non safety standards (as determined by the State) in relative foster family homes for specific children in care;
	<p>42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(20)</p>

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(20)</p> <p>(A) provides procedures for criminal records checks, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases (as defined in section 534(f)(3)(A) of title 28), for any prospective foster or adoptive parent before the foster or adoptive parent may be finally approved for placement of a child regardless of whether foster care maintenance payments or adoption assistance payments are to be made on behalf of the child under the State plan under this part, including procedures requiring that—</p> <p>(i) in any case involving a child on whose behalf such payments are to be so made in which a record check reveals a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, for spousal abuse, for a crime against children (including child pornography), or for a crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery, if a State finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed at any time, such final approval shall not be granted; and</p> <p>(ii) in any case involving a child on whose behalf such payments are to be so made in which a record check reveals a felony conviction for physical assault, battery, or a drug-related offense, if a State finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed within the past 5 years, such final approval shall not be granted;</p> <p>(B) provides that the State shall—</p> <p>(i) check any child abuse and neglect registry maintained by the State for information on any prospective foster or adoptive parent and on any other adult living in the home of such a prospective parent, and request any other State in which any such prospective parent or other adult has resided in the preceding 5 years, to enable the State to check any child abuse and neglect registry maintained by such other State for such information, before the prospective foster or adoptive parent may be finally approved for placement of a child, regardless of whether foster care maintenance payments or adoption assistance payments are to be made on behalf of the child under the State plan under this part;</p>
	<p>Children's Bureau, National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards (ACYF-CB-IM-19-01) (Feb. 4, 2019)</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Maryland Code, Family Law § 5-501</p>

	<p>2015 Maryland Code FAMILY LAW Title 5 - CHILDREN Subtitle 5 - CHILD CARE; FOSTER CARE Part I - DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS § 5-501 - Definitions</p>
	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-525(j)(5)</p>
	<p>(j) Rules and regulations. -- The Administration shall adopt regulations that: ... (5) establish criteria for investigating and approving foster homes, including requirements for window coverings in accordance with § 5-505 of this subtitle;</p>
	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-1305(7)</p>
	<p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by: ... (7) the percentage of foster homes and kinship care homes in which the following have been conducted according to regulation: (i) required criminal background checks; (ii) fire and safety inspections; (iii) health and safety checks; (iv) reconsiderations, as applicable; and (v) any other safety measures adopted by regulation;</p>
State Regulations	<p>COMAR 07.02.25 LDSS Resource Home Requirements</p>
	<p>COMAR 07.02.25.04 Technical Requirements for Resource Home Approval</p>
	<p>COMAR 07.02.25.05 Resource Parent Standards</p>
	<p>COMAR 07.02.25.10 Provisions for Kinship Care</p>
SSA Policy	<p>SSA-CW #19-15: Resource Parent Home Standards</p>
	<p>Resource Parent Home Eligibility</p> <p>A foster family home approval includes the following: a. Family Characteristics/Dynamics: b. Physical and Mental Health: c. Background Checks: d. Home Study: B. Foster Family Home Health and Safety C. Foster Family Home Capacity:</p>

	<p>D. Foster Family Home Sleeping Arrangements: E. Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Evacuation Plans F. Transportation G. Training: H. Alternative I. Foster Parent Assurances</p> <p>Documentation</p> <p>The below forms provide a verification that the home study assessment, eligibility requirements and communication with prospective resource parents around their assurances have been followed and completed. This information should be documented in CHESSE/CJAMS and, where applicable supporting documentation should be uploaded into the system.</p> <p>Forms</p> <p>Resource Parent Application SAFE Home Study Questionnaire I SAFE Questionnaire II SAFE home study narrative Applicant/Child Medical Forms Home/Health Inspection Resource Parent Agreement</p>
<p>Other Relevant Standards or Requirements</p>	<p>N/A</p>



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 58

Exit Standard

Measure #	Measure
58	90 percent of all foster homes were approved and reapproved on a timely basis.
Key Data	
Source	CJAMS
Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date of signed application to become a resource parent b. Date home study was completed and administratively approved 2. Date reconsideration completed and administratively approved
Measure Calculation Method	
Definition(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the purposes of this measure, "foster parent", "resource parent" and "restricted resource home" may be used synonymously • "Reconsideration" means the reapproval/recertification of a foster home provider required each year by the anniversary date of first approval
Denominator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Resource homes approved during the reporting period B. Number of resource parents with an anniversary of the date of approval during the reporting period
Numerator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Number of resource homes in denominator A with an approval date 120 days or less from the date of application B. Number of resource homes in denominator B with a reconsideration date no later than the anniversary date of initial approval.
Exclusion(s)	Resource parenting applicants who were denied during the reporting period
Report Calculation Methodology	The percentage of resource homes approvals and reconsiderations completed timely will be calculated on a monthly basis for each six-month reporting period.
Exit Standard Criteria	Compliance will be achieved when 90% of resource home approvals and reapprovals/reconsiderations are completed timely

	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pgs. 22-23
	<p>7. Each child's placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "Legal requirements" include statutes, regulations, circular letters and transmittals, SOPs issued by BCDSS, or the equivalent policy statements.</p> <p>(2) BCDSS shall develop and implement a plan to ensure the input of children and caseworkers in the reassessment, recertification and relicensing of any placement.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measures</p> <p>c. Exit Standards:</p> <p>(1) ...</p> <p>(2) 90 percent of all foster homes were approved and reapproved on a timely basis.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (Including CFR)	42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(10)

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>... .</p> <p>(10) provides—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(A) for the establishment or designation of a State authority or authorities that shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for foster family homes and child care institutions which are reasonably in accord with recommended standards of national organizations concerned with standards for the institutions or homes, including standards related to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights, and which shall permit use of the reasonable and prudent parenting standard;(B) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the State to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under this part or part B and shall require, as a condition of each contract entered into by a child care institution to provide foster care, the presence on-site of at least 1 official who, with respect to any child placed at the child care institution, is designated to be the caregiver who is authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to decisions involving the participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities, and who is provided with training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard in the same manner as prospective foster parents are provided the training pursuant to paragraph (24);(C) that the standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall include policies related to the liability of foster parents and private entities under contract by the State involving the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, to ensure appropriate liability for caregivers when a child participates in an approved activity and the caregiver approving the activity acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard; and(D) that a waiver of any standards established pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be made only on a case-by-case basis for non safety standards (as determined by the State) in relative foster family homes for specific children in care;
	<p>42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(20)</p>

	<p>(a) Requisite Features of State Plan</p> <p>In order for a State to be eligible for payments under this part, it shall have a plan approved by the Secretary which—</p> <p>...</p> <p>(20)</p> <p>(A) provides procedures for criminal records checks, including fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases (as defined in section 534(f)(3)(A) of title 28), for any prospective foster or adoptive parent before the foster or adoptive parent may be finally approved for placement of a child regardless of whether foster care maintenance payments or adoption assistance payments are to be made on behalf of the child under the State plan under this part, including procedures requiring that—</p> <p>(i) in any case involving a child on whose behalf such payments are to be so made in which a record check reveals a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, for spousal abuse, for a crime against children (including child pornography), or for a crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery, if a State finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed at any time, such final approval shall not be granted; and</p> <p>(ii) in any case involving a child on whose behalf such payments are to be so made in which a record check reveals a felony conviction for physical assault, battery, or a drug-related offense, if a State finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed within the past 5 years, such final approval shall not be granted;</p> <p>(B) provides that the State shall—</p> <p>(i) check any child abuse and neglect registry maintained by the State for information on any prospective foster or adoptive parent and on any other adult living in the home of such a prospective parent, and request any other State in which any such prospective parent or other adult has resided in the preceding 5 years, to enable the State to check any child abuse and neglect registry maintained by such other State for such information, before the prospective foster or adoptive parent may be finally approved for placement of a child, regardless of whether foster care maintenance payments or adoption assistance payments are to be made on behalf of the child under the State plan under this part;</p>
	<p>Children's Bureau, National Model Foster Family Home Licensing Standards (ACYF-CB-IM-19-01) (Feb. 4, 2019)</p>
<p>State Law</p>	<p>Family Law Art. § 5 501</p>

	<p>2015 Maryland Code FAMILY LAW Title 5 - CHILDREN Subtitle 5 - CHILD CARE; FOSTER CARE Part I - DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS § 5-501 - Definitions</p>
	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-525(j)(5)</p>
	<p>(j) Rules and regulations. -- The Administration shall adopt regulations that:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(5) establish criteria for investigating and approving foster homes, including requirements for window coverings in accordance with § 5-505 of this subtitle;</p>
	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-1305(7)</p>
	<p>The effectiveness of efforts to address permanency and stability in the living situations of children in the custody of a local department, or a placement agency, shall be measured by:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(7) the percentage of foster homes and kinship care homes in which the following have been conducted according to regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) required criminal background checks; (ii) fire and safety inspections; (iii) health and safety checks; (iv) reconsiderations, as applicable; and (v) any other safety measures adopted by regulation;
State Regulations	<p>COMAR 07.02.25 LDSS Resource Home Requirements</p>
	<p>COMAR 07.02.25.04 Technical Requirements for Resource Home Approval</p>
	<p>COMAR 07.02.25.05 Resource Parent Standards</p>
	<p>COMAR.07.02.25.15 Resource Home Study Process</p>
	<p>F. Recommendation of Resource Home for Approval</p> <p>(1) A local department shall notify a prospective resource parent in writing, and within 120 days of the date on which the local department accepts the application provided for in Section E(2) of this regulation of the decision of approval or denial.</p>
	<p>COMAR .07.02.25.15 Annual Reconsideration.</p>
	<p>A. A local department shall:</p> <p>(1) Conduct an annual reconsideration of each resource home which includes</p>

	<p>at least one home visit, to determine continuing compliance with the resource home regulations;</p> <p>(2) Complete the review and decide whether to reapprove the resource home before the anniversary of the date of approval.</p> <p>(3) Complete a review whenever there are major changes in the lives of the resource parents that could affect their ability to care for foster children, and that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Illness or death of a member of the resource family; (b) marital problems; (c) Change in employment status of the resource parents; (d) Move to a new residence; (e) Suspected abuse or neglect in the home, or both, or (f) Change in marital status of resource parents such as separation, divorce or remarriage
<p>SSA Policy</p>	<p>SSA-CW #19-15: Resource Parent Home Standards</p>
	<p>Resource Parent Home Eligibility</p> <p>A foster family home approval includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Family Characteristics/Dynamics: b. Physical and Mental Health: c. Background Checks: d. Home Study: B. Foster Family Home Health and Safety C. Foster Family Home Capacity: D. Foster Family Home Sleeping Arrangements: E. Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Evacuation Plans F. Transportation G. Training: H. Alternative I. Foster Parent Assurances <p>Documentation</p> <p>The below forms provide a verification that the home study assessment, eligibility requirements and communication with prospective resource parents around their assurances have been followed and completed. This information should be documented in CHESSE/CJAMS and, where applicable supporting documentation should be uploaded into the system.</p> <p>Forms</p> <p>Resource Parent Application SAFE Home Study Questionnaire I SAFE Questionnaire II</p>

	SAFE home study narrative Applicant/Child Medical Forms Home/Health Inspection Resource Parent Agreement
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 59

Internal Success

Measure #	Measure
59	Percent of all placements in which the caregivers received a complete Child Placement Information Form at the time of 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", a new placement in a formal kinship, restrictive, or regular resource home, and a document with the title "Child Placement Information [child name-signed date]" in uploaded documents as well as the date of the upload at the end of each 6-months reporting period.
	Measure Calculation Method
Definition(s)	<p>ONLY PUBLIC HOMES AND KINSHIP HOME PLACEMENTS</p> <p>"All available information" means the reasons for the child's initial entry into OHP and, if applicable, the reason for the current placement; medical, psychological or behavioral concerns; on-going treatment the child is receiving; and the child's recent grade and attendance record in school.</p>
Denominator	Number of new placements or replacements in public resource family homes and kinship home providers that occurred within the reporting period.
Numerator	Number of placements in the Denominator that occurred within the reporting period for which there is a Child Placement Information Form in the case file in CJAMS which was uploaded into the system within 10 days of placement.
Exclusion(s)	<p>Children who enter care 10 days or less before the 6-months reporting period ends;</p> <p>Children in placements other than public resource family homes or kinship homes.</p>
Report Calculation Methodology	At the end of each 6-months reporting period, children with an OHP program assignment who had a placement or new placement in either a formal kinship, restrictive or regular resource home will be identified. A review of documents to identify one titled "Child Placement Information [child name-signed date]" will be made to determine if the form was uploaded within 10 days of the placement or replacement.

Exit Standard Criteria	N/A Internal Success
	Source/Criteria
L.J. Consent Decree	LJ v. Massinga, Modified Consent Decree (MCD), pg. 23
	<p>8. For each child, DHR/BCDSS shall provide the caregiver with all available information about the child's status, background, and needs.</p> <p>a. Definitions:</p> <p>(1) "All available information" means the reasons for the child's initial entry into OHP and, if applicable, the reason for the current placement; medical, psychological or behavioral concerns; on-going treatment the child is receiving; and the child's recent grade and attendance record in school.</p> <p>(2) Such information must be provided prior to placement (unless the child is placed emergently, in which case the information shall be provided as soon as possible) and on an ongoing basis thereafter.</p> <p>(3) If DHR/BCDSS holds a staffing about the child, the prospective and current caregiver(s) must be invited and encouraged to attend.</p> <p>b. Internal Success Measure:</p> <p>(1) Percent of all placements in which the caregiver received a complete Child Placement Information Form at the time of placement.</p>
Federal Law & Reg (including CFSR)	25 C.F.R. § 20.509 What must the social services worker do when a child is placed in foster care or residential care facility?
	<p>When a child is placed in foster care or a residential care facility the social services worker must do all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Discuss with foster parents or caretakers, the child's special needs, including disabilities;</p> <p>(b) Provide counseling or referral to available resources;</p> <p>(c) Refer any child requiring medical, substance abuse, or behavioral (mental) health services to an appropriate health services to be assessed and to receive services;</p>
State Law	<p>Family Law Art. § 5-504 (2019)</p> <p>(a) Foster parents in this State have the following rights:</p>

	<p>(1) the right, at the initial placement, at any time during the placement of a child in foster care, and as soon as practicable after new information becomes available, to receive full information from the caseworker, except for information about the family members that may be privileged or confidential, on the physical, social, emotional, educational, and mental history of a child which would possibly affect the care provided by a foster parent;</p> <p>(2) with regard to the local department case planning, the right to:</p> <p>(i) except for meetings covered by the attorney-client privilege or meetings in which confidential information about the natural parents is discussed, be notified of, and when applicable, be heard at scheduled meetings and staffings concerning a child in order to actively participate, without superseding the rights of the natural parents to participate and make appropriate decisions regarding the child, in the case planning, administrative case reviews, interdisciplinary staffings, and individual educational planning and mental health team meetings;</p> <p>(ii) be informed of decisions made by the courts or a child welfare agency concerning a child; and</p> <p>(iii) provide input concerning the plan of services for a child and to have that input given full consideration by the local department; and</p> <p>(3) the right to be given reasonable written notice, waived only in cases of a court order or when a child is determined to be at imminent risk of harm, of plans to terminate the placement of a child with a foster parent.</p> <p>(b) This section does not create, and may not be construed to create, a cause of action for foster parents.</p>
State Regulations	COMAR 07.02.25.07-1 Rights of a Foster Parent
	A. At the initial placement, at any time during the placement of a child in foster care, and as soon as practicable after new information becomes available, the foster parent has the right to receive full information from the caseworker on the physical, social, emotional, educational, and mental history of a child which would possibly affect the care provided by a foster parent except for information about the family members that may be privileged or confidential.
SSA Policy	SSA 06-11: Child Placement Information Form
Other Relevant Standards or Requirements	N/A