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Contract Oversight and Accountability	Section 2.1.1 of the Settlement Agreement requires the Department to amend the contracts between DCF and the four CMPs to clarify responsibilities arising from the lawsuit.	Met obligation CY2021 Maintained CY2022 Maintained CY2023 Maintained CY2024	 Maintained
Community Accountability Structure	Section 2.1.2 of the Settlement Agreement requires the State to develop an independent advisory group intended to “inform action planning and program improvement and to assist in the implementation of the Settlement Agreement.”	Met obligation CY2021 Maintained CY2022 Maintained CY2023 Maintained CY2024	 Maintained
Incarceration Reporting	Section 2.1.3a of the Settlement Agreement requires DCF to track and report annually on all Class Members placed in a jail, correctional facility, detention facility, or other juvenile justice system placement, and the duration of such placements.	Met obligation CY2021 Maintained CY2022 Maintained CY2023 Maintained CY2024	 Maintained
Caseload and Supervisor Reporting	Section 2.1.3b The Neutral, DCF, and CMPs collaboratively developed a uniform reporting format all CMPs use for CY 2022. Caseloads are provided randomly throughout the month within 48 hours and phone survey to validate.	In process CY2021 In process CY2022 Met CY2023 Maintained CY2024	 Maintained

Outcomes

Placement stability	2.9.3 In a random sample of all Class Members in DCF custody during a twelve (12) month period 91% of children and youth were in a stable placement DCF exceeded the year 2 target of 85% and met final target goal of 90%	Met outcome goal in CY2021 and CY2022 Decreased in CY2023 Met outcome CY2024 92% Goal 90%	  Met
Addressing mental and behavioral health needs	2.9.2 At least the following percentages of a statistically significant, representative, random sample of all Class Members in DCF custody during a twelve (12) month period shall have had their mental and behavioral health needs addressed.	In progress Increased meeting needs by 14% 52% to 66%	 Increased performance; goal not met
Initial Mental Health and Trauma Screens	2.9.5 Class Members entering DCF custody during twelve (12) month period shall have received a timely Initial Mental Health and Trauma Screen conducted by a Qualified Mental Health Professional within thirty (30) days upon each entry into the foster care system.	Met outcome goal 94% Goal 90%	 Met
Placement moves	2.9.4 At least the following percentages of all Class Members in DCF custody at any point during the twelve (12) month reporting period shall have one (1) or fewer Placement Moves in twelve (12) months immediately preceding the last date of that reporting period.	In progress Maintained 83% from CY2023 TO CY2024 Goal 90%	Maintained progress from previous year; goal not met

Placement moves per 1,000 days	Section 2.9.1 All Class Members entering DCF custody in a twelve(12) month period shall have a rate of Placement Moves that does not exceed the specified number of moves per 1,000 days in care during their current episode.	In progress Increased performance by decreasing from 7.94 in CY2023 to 7.24 CY 2024 performance goal is 4.44	 Performance increased; goal not met
Practice Improvements			
Licensed Capacity	2.5.2 DCF shall ensure that no placement exceeds its licensed capacity without an approved exception to DCF's "Policy: Exception Requests for Foster Homes, 6/20/18 Rev.10/21/2019."	Met commitment CY2023 Maintained CY2024 Exiting out of this commitment for CY2025	 Met
Provision of mental health treatment without regard placement stability	2.5.3 Defendants shall not delay authorization and provision of medically necessary mental health treatment services until placement stability is achieved or otherwise link access to medically necessary mental health treatment services with placement stability.	In progress Decreased number youth experiencing delay due to placement stability by 9% 20% CY2023 down to 11% CY2024	 Performance increased; goal not met
Crisis Intervention Services	2.5.4 Ensure Crisis intervention services available to Class members statewide.	Met commitment DCF Family Helpline, 988 crisis services available	 Met
Temporary housing (Failure to Place)	2.5.1 DCF shall end the practice of utilizing any non-child welfare housing or temporary accommodations absent extraordinary circumstances, including but not limited to motels, hotels, agency offices or annexes.	In progress Failure to Place totals increased in CY2024	 Performance decreased; goal not met
Night-to-Night and Short-Term Placements	2.5.5 DCF shall end the practice of Night-to-Night Placements of Class Members by the end of Period 1 (CY 2021) and end the practice of Short-Term Placements of Class Members by the end of Period 3 (CY 2023) .	In progress Short term placements decreased slightly from CY2023 to in CY2024	Maintained progress from previous year, slight increase in performance; goal not met

The settlement agreement was structured around ensuring substantial progress and compliance would be made in key performance areas over a multi-year period. Performance areas include accountability, reporting and implementation, practice improvements and outcomes. The settlement recognized that the outcomes and practice improvements would not all be accomplished in one year. For the outcomes, goals were set for a three-to-four-year period.

Summary for calendar year 2024. Met four (4) of ten (10) practice improvements and outcome goals. Maintained obligations for accounting and reporting and will exit out of one practice improvement commitment. Of the six (6) goals not met, performance increased or was maintained for five (5) and decreased for one (1).