

**EXPLANATION OF PERMANENCY MEASURES  
SUMMARY OF MINNESOTA PERFORMANCE ON FEDERAL MEASURES 2004 - 2006**

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<p><b>Measure C1.1: Exits to reunification in less than 12 months.</b> Of all children <b>discharged</b> from foster care to reunification in the fiscal year who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the most recent entry into foster care? This includes children who were reported to AFCARS as being placed in a <b>trial home visit</b> in less than 11 months from the date of removal from the home when they remained in the trial home visit until discharge to reunification.</p>
<p><b>Measure C1.2: Exits to reunification median stay.</b> Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the fiscal year who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what was the <b>median length of stay (in months)</b> from the date of the most recent entry into foster care until the date of reunification? For <b>trial home visits</b>, the length of stay for each child is calculated from the date of removal from home to the date the child was reported to AFCARS as being placed in trial home visit, IF, the trial home visit lasts longer than 30 days and is the last placement setting before the child's discharge to reunification.</p>
<p><b>Measure C1.3: Entry cohort reunification in less than 12 months.</b> Of all children <b>entering</b> foster care for the first time in the second 6 months of the prior fiscal year who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the first entry into foster care? This includes children who entered foster care in the second 6 months of the prior fiscal year who were reported to AFCARS as being placed in a <b>trial home visit</b> in less than 11 months from the date of entry into foster care when they remained in the trial home visit until discharge to reunification.</p>
<p><b>Measure C1.4: Re-entries to foster care in less than 12 months.</b> Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in the prior fiscal year, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?</p>
<p><b>Measure C2.1: Exits to adoption in less than 24 months.</b> Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in the fiscal year, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the most recent entry into foster care?</p>
<p><b>Measure C2.2: Exits to adoption, median length of stay.</b> Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in the fiscal year, what was the <b>median length of stay</b> in foster care (in months) from the date of the most recent entry into foster care to the date of discharge?</p>
<p><b>Measure C2.3: Children in care 17+ months adopted by the end of the year.</b> Of all children in foster care on the first day of the fiscal year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption before the end of the fiscal year?</p>
<p><b>Measure C2.4: Children in care 17+ months becoming legally free to adopt within 6 months.</b> Of all children in foster care on the first day of the fiscal year who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent became legally free for adoption (i.e., a termination of parental rights was granted for each living parent) in less than 6 months from the beginning of the fiscal year.</p>
<p><b>Measure C2.5: Legally free children adopted in less than 12 months.</b> Of all children who became legally free for adoption (i.e., a termination of parental rights was granted for each living parent) during the prior fiscal year, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months of becoming legally free?</p>
<p><b>Measure C3.1: Children legally free for adoption discharged to a permanent home prior to age 18.</b> Of all children who were discharged from foster care in the fiscal year and who were legally free for adoption (i.e., there was a termination of parental rights for each living parent), what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday? A permanent home is defined as having discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with a relative).</p>
<p><b>Measure C3.2: Children in foster care for two years or more discharged to permanent home prior to age 18.</b> Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of the fiscal year, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by the end of the fiscal year? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with a relative).</p>
<p><b>Measure C3.3: Children in foster care for three years or more reaching age 18 or discharged to emancipation.</b> Of all children who exited foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation prior to their 18th birthday or who reached their 18th birthday while in foster care, what percent were in foster care for 3 years or longer?</p>
<p><b>Measure C4.1: Children with two or fewer placement settings in less than 1 year.</b> Of all children in foster care in the fiscal year who were in foster care for (a) 8 days or longer and (b) less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?</p>
<p><b>Measure C4.2: Children with two or fewer placement settings within 1 to 2 years.</b> Of all children in foster care in the fiscal year who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?</p>
<p><b>Measure C4.3: Children with two or fewer placement settings in more than 2 years.</b> Of all children in foster care in the fiscal year who were in foster</p>