Understanding
The CFSR Review Periods
and
The Permanency Measures

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Establishing the Review Periods

• Review periods always span one year.
• A review period can begin on April 1 or October 1.
• HHS established Ohio’s review period to begin on April 1 and end on March 31.
• In addition to providing county specific reports on this review period, we provide overlapping reports with a review period between October 1 and September 30.
Review Period Vocabulary

• You may hear the following terms:
  ➢ 07A
  ➢ 07B
  ➢ 08A
  ➢ 08B

• These terms signify a 6 month review period.
  ➢ 07A = a review period of 10-1-06 to 3-31-07.
  ➢ 07B = a review period of 4-1-07 to 9-30-07.
  ➢ 08A = a review period of 10-1-07 to 3-31-08.
  ➢ 08B = a review period of 4-1-08 to 9-30-08.

• The patterns:
  ➢ A always beings on October 1
  ➢ B always begins on April 1
  ➢ 07 and 08 correspond to the Federal Fiscal Year
Six Month Reviews and One Year Reviews

• The 6 month review periods are combined into 1 year review periods:
  - 07a-07b = 10-1-06 to 9-30-07
  - 07b-08a = 4-1-07 to 3-31-08
  - 08a-08b = 10-1-07 to 9-30-08

• A confusing point: A one year review period uses data over a two year time period.
  - For example 08a-08b review uses data from
    - Oct 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008 and the previous year’s data
      (i.e., Oct. 1, 2006 to Sept. 30, 2007)
C1.1: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification between April 1 and March 31, and 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 latest removal from home?

Reunified is defined as having a Discharge Reason of (1) Reunification with parent(s) or primary caretakers, (2) Living with other relatives, or (3) VAC Expired.
C1.2: Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification between April 1 and March 31, and who had been in care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home until the date discharge to reunification?

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C1.3: Of all children entering foster care for the first time six months prior to April 1 and 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 latest removal from home?

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Re-entries to Foster Care in Less Than 12 Months

**C1.4:** Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification between April 1 and March 31, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?

Reunified is defined as having a Discharge Reason of (1) Reunification with parent(s) or primary caretakers, (2) Living with other relatives, or (3) VAC Expired.
C2.1: Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption between April 1 and March 31, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the latest removal from home?
C2.2: Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption between April 1 and March 31, what was the median length of stay in foster care (in months) from the date of the latest removal from home to the to the date of discharge to adoption?

- **Was the child in foster care during the review period?**
  - Yes → **Did the child exit foster care?**
    - Yes → **Was the discharge reason adoption?**
      - Yes → For the group, what’s the 50th percentile of the length of stay between their last removal from home and the discharge to adoption?
      - No → No Analysis
    - No → No Analysis
  - No → No Analysis
C2.3: Of all children in foster care on April 1, and who were in care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption by March 31?

- **Was the child in foster care on April 1?**
  - Yes
  - No: No Analysis

- **Was the child in foster care for at least 17 continuous months on this date?**
  - Yes
  - No: No Analysis

- **By March 31, were the child discharged from foster care with a discharge reason of live with relative, reunify, or guardianship?**
  - Yes
  - No: No Analysis

  **This child is in the denominator.**

- **By March 31, were the child discharged from foster care to finalized adoption?**
  - Yes
  - No: No Analysis

  **This child is in the numerator.**
Children in Care 17+ Months Achieving Legal Freedom Within 6 Months

C2.4: Of all children in foster care on April 1 for 17 continuous months or longer, and were not legally free for adoption prior to that date, what percent became legally free for adoption by September 30?

- Was the child in foster care on April 1? Yes
  - Was the child in care continuously for at least 17 months on this date? Yes
    - Was the child legally free for adoption prior to April 1? No
      - This child is in the denominator.
    - Did the child become legally free for adoption by September 30? Yes
      - This child is in the numerator.
Legally Free Children Adopted in Less Than 12 Months

Did the child become legally free for adoption between April 1 and March 31 of the previous review period?

Yes

This child is in the denominator

Was the child discharged from foster care to finalized adoption in less than 12 months?

Yes

This child is in the numerator

C2.5: Of all children who became legally free for adoption between April 1 and March 31*, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months of becoming legally free?

*The selection period is one year prior to the review period.
C3.1: Of all children who were in foster care for 24 months or longer on April 1, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday and by March 31?

**Count: Denominator**

**Count: Numerator**
**Exits to Permanency for Children with TPR**

**C3.2:** Of all children who were discharged from foster care between April 1 and March 31 who were legally free for adoption at the time of discharge what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18th birthday?

1. **Was the child discharged from foster care between April 1 and March 31?**
   - No: Analysis
   - Yes: Move to next step.

2. **Was the child legally free for adoption at the time of discharge?**
   - No: Analysis
   - Yes: Move to next step.

3. **Was the child discharged to a permanent home before his/her 18th birthday?**
   - No: Analysis
   - Yes: Count: Numerator

   **Count:** Denominator

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Children Emancipated Who Were in Foster Care for 3 Years or More

C3.3: Of all children who were either discharged from foster care between April 1 and March 31 with a discharge reason of emancipation, or (2) reached their 18th birthday by March 31 while in foster care, what percent were in foster care for 3 years or longer?

- Was the child in foster care between April 1 & March 31?
  - No Analysis
  - No
  - Yes
    - Was the child discharged?
      - No Analysis
      - No
      - Yes
        - Did the child have a discharge reason of emancipation?
          - No Analysis
          - No
          - Yes
            - Did the child reach his/her 18th birthday while in foster care?
              - No Analysis
              - No
              - Yes
                - Count: Denominator
                - No Analysis

- Was the child in foster care for three years or longer?
  - No Analysis
  - No
  - Yes
    - Count: Numerator
Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care for Less than 12 Months

C4.1: Of all children in foster care between April 1 and March 31 who were in foster care for at least 8 days but less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?
**Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care for 12 to 24 Months**

**C4.2:** Of all children in foster care between April 1 and March 31 and who were in foster care for at least 12 but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?

1. **Was the child in foster care between April 1 and March 31?**
   - Yes
   - No
     - No Analysis

2. **Was the child in for at least 12 months?**
   - Yes
   - No
     - No Analysis

3. **Was the child in for less than 24 months?**
   - Yes
     - Count Denominator
   - No
     - No Analysis

4. **Did the child have 2 or fewer placement settings?**
   - Yes
   - No
     - No Analysis

**Count Numerator**
Two or Fewer Placement Settings for Children in Care for 24+ Months

C4.3: Of all children in foster care between April 1 and March 31 and were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?

- Was the child in foster care between April 1 and March 31?
  - No
  - Yes

- Was the child in care for at least 24 months?
  - No
  - Yes → Count Denominator

- Did the child have 2 or fewer placement settings?
  - No → Analysis
  - Yes

Count Numerator