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April 30, 2023

The Honorable Ben Hansen Members of the Health and Human Services Committee Nebraska Legislature State Capitol Room 1117 Lincoln, NE 68509

The Honorable Robert Clements
Members of the Appropriations Committee
Nebraska Legislature
State Capitol Room 1305
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Outcomes Relating to Expenditures and Change or Movement of Funds Relating to Child Welfare Report

Dear Chairman Hansen and Chairman Clements:

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-3133(1)(b) requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Children and Family Services to report in writing beginning with the third calendar quarter of 2012 on its expenditures for each quarter and the outcomes related to such expenditures within 30 days after the quarter to the Appropriations and Health and Human Services committees. Pursuant to this law, DHHS is submitting a report of these expenditures and related outcomes for the quarter beginning January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

Additionally, the statute requires that the report shall identify any changes or movement of funds between subprograms in excess of \$250,000 relating to child welfare in Budget Program 347 or Budget Program 354. There were no changes or movement of funds between subprograms related to child welfare in Budget Program 354 during the period of this report.

Please feel free to contact the if you have any questions.

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Division of Children and Family Services

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3133(1)(b)

Introduction

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 81-3133(1)(b) requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) to report in writing beginning with the third calendar quarter of 2012 on its expenditures for each quarter and the outcomes related to such expenditures within 30 days after the quarter to the Appropriations and Health and Human Services committees. This statute also requires the report to identify any changes or movement of funds in excess of \$250,000 relating to child welfare between subprograms within Budget Program 347 and Budget Program 354.

Expenditures

CFS child welfare expenditures for the period of January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023, are listed on pages two and three of this report.

Outcomes

Outcomes related to the expenditures in this report are derived from Children's Outcomes Measured in Protection and Safety Statistics (COMPASS). COMPASS measures reflect federal performance indicators that DHHS is held accountable for by the Federal Administration for Children and Families. Outcome measures can be found on pages four through nine of this report.

Ongoing updates of the COMPASS measures are posted on the Department website at http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Pages/performancegauges.aspx. Each outcome report identifies the outcome measurement, provides a brief description of the measurement, numerical data by month for the State and each of the DHHS Service Areas, and provides the federal outcome measurement target. Each outcome report also provides a graph to depict the data over time. Measurement definitions and definitions of composite scores are included on each graph.

Movement of Funds

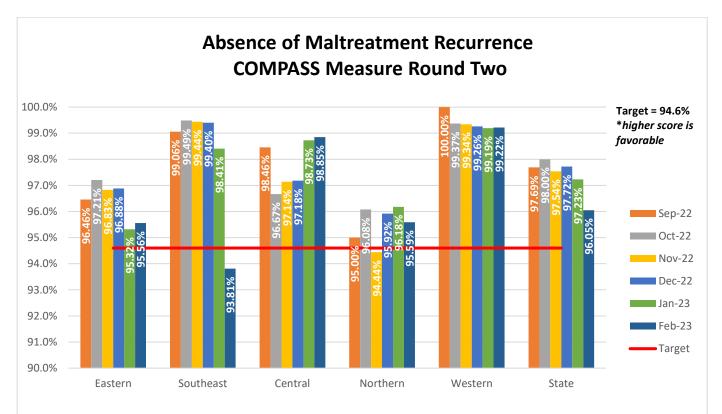
There were no changes or movement of funds in excess of \$250,000 between subprograms related to child welfare in Budget Program 354 during the period of this report.

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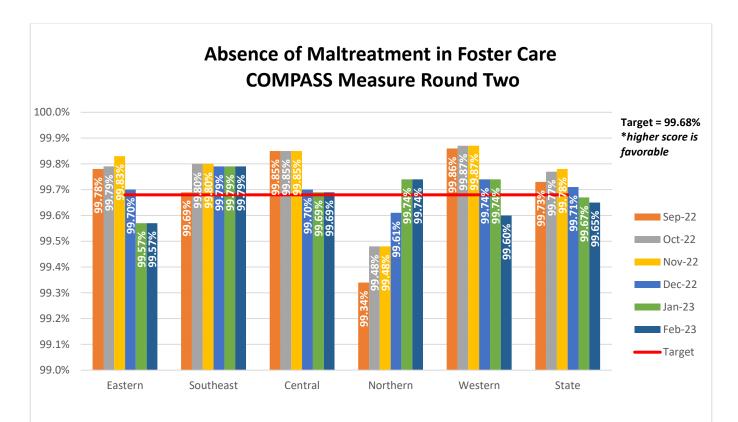


JANUARY- MARCH 2023 CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES			
CHILD WELFARE AID	EXPENDITURES		
17 Post-Adoption Guardianship	\$	378,494	
General Fund	\$	378,494	
18 Protection & Safety	\$	681,285	
General Fund	\$	682,000	
Federal Fund	\$	·	
30 IV-E Foster Care	\$	1,908,282	
General Fund	\$	676,025	
Federal Fund	\$	1,232,257	
31 IV-E Adoption Assistance	\$	10,413,403	
General Fund	\$	4,745,117	
Federal Fund	\$	5,668,286	
32 IV-E Guardianship	\$	96,530	
General Fund	\$	35,917	
Federal Fund	\$	60,613	
34 Subsidized Adoption	\$	949,656	
General Fund	\$	949,656	
Federal Fund		\$ -0-	
35 Domestic Violence Program	\$	1,297,840	
General Fund	\$	545,995	
Federal Fund	\$	751,845	
36 Education Assistance	\$	3,814,924	
General Fund		3,814,924	

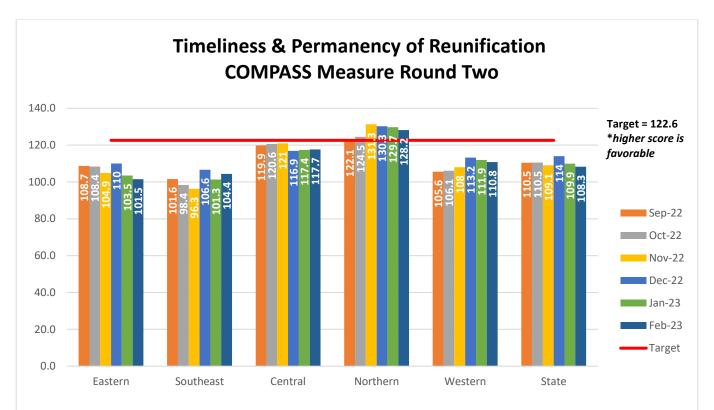
JANUARY- MARCH 2023 CHILD WELFARE	EXPEN	IDITURES
37 Subsidized Guardianship	\$	1,509,832
General Fund	\$	1,509,832
48 Child Welfare	\$:	36,888,275
General Fund	\$:	36,395,322
Federal Fund	\$	492,953
49 Tribal Child Welfare		1,204,628
General Fund	\$	1,204,628
50 Subsidized Independent Living	\$	92,600
General Fund	\$	92,600
51 IV-E Independent Living	\$	10,264
General Fund	\$	4,015
Federal Fund	\$	6,249
52 Adoption & Safe Families	\$	144,247
Federal Fund	\$	144,247
Child Welfare Total		59,390,259
General Fund	\$ 51,034,525	
Federal Fund	\$	8,355,734



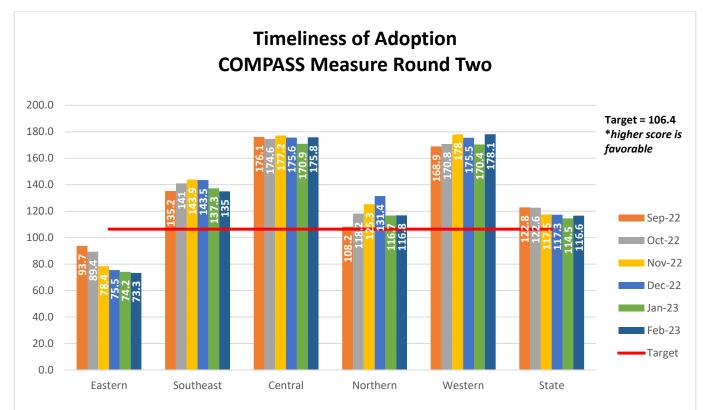
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The children included in this report were victims of abuse or neglect during the first 6 months of the 12-month period. If the child was a victim of a subsequent abuse or neglect incident within 6 months of the first incident of abuse or neglect, they appear on this report. Victims are defined as children where the court or DHHS has substantiated the allegations of abuse or neglect.



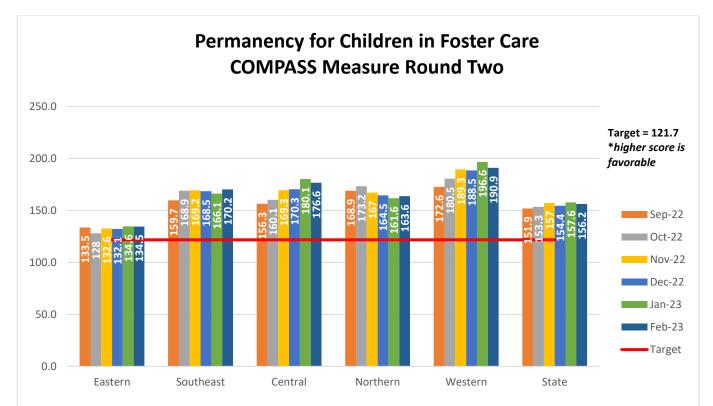
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. This measure is of all children who are placed outside of their parental home either in a foster home or group care, and the percent that were not abused or neglected by either a foster parent or a facility staff member.



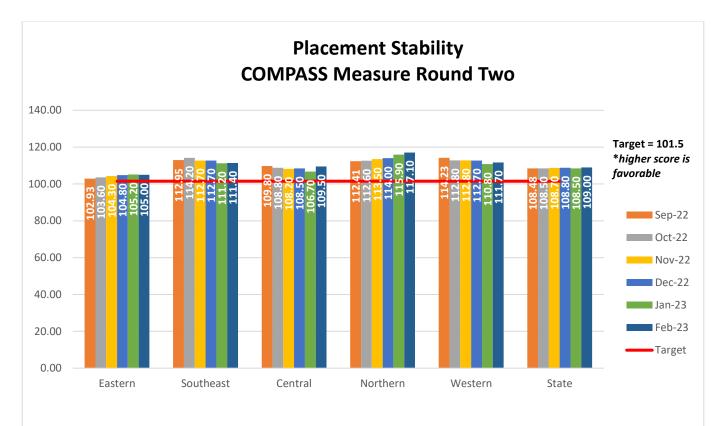
This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. This is a federal composite that reports on a rolling 12-month period. The Reunification Composite measures the timeliness of reunification and whether the reunification was permanent over a specific period of time. The Reunification Composite includes four measures: Reunification in Less Than 12 Months, Median Time to Reunification, Entry Cohort Reunification in Less Than 12 Months, and Permanence of Reunification.



This is a federal composite measure: Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. The Adoption Composite measures the timeliness of adoptions and includes the following five measures: Adoption in Less Than 24 Months, Median Time to Adoption, Children in Care for 17 Months or Longer Who Are Adopted by the End of the Year, Children in Care for 17 Months or Longer Who Are Legally Free for Adoption within 6 Months, and Children Who Are Legally Free for Adoption Who Are Adopted within 12 Months.



This is a federal composite measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The Permanency Composite measures the frequency that permanency is achieved for children and youth who have been in care for longer periods of time. Permanency is defined as exiting care to reunification, adoption or guardianship. The composite includes three measures: 1. Exits to Permanency Prior to the Child's 18th Birthday for Children in Care for 24 More Months or More; 2. Exits to Permanency for Children Who Are Free for Adoption; and 3. Children Emancipated Who Were in Foster Care for 3 Years or More.



This is the federal composite measure on Placement Stability. This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The national standard is 2 or fewer placements over specific periods of time. Placements are not counted for children who experience a brief hospitalization or for children who are on runaway status.