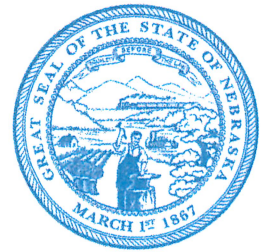


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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

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 me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Darnette R. Smith, MSW  
Chief Executive Officer, Department of Health and Human Services

# Division of Children and Family Services

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

**April 30, 2023**

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](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

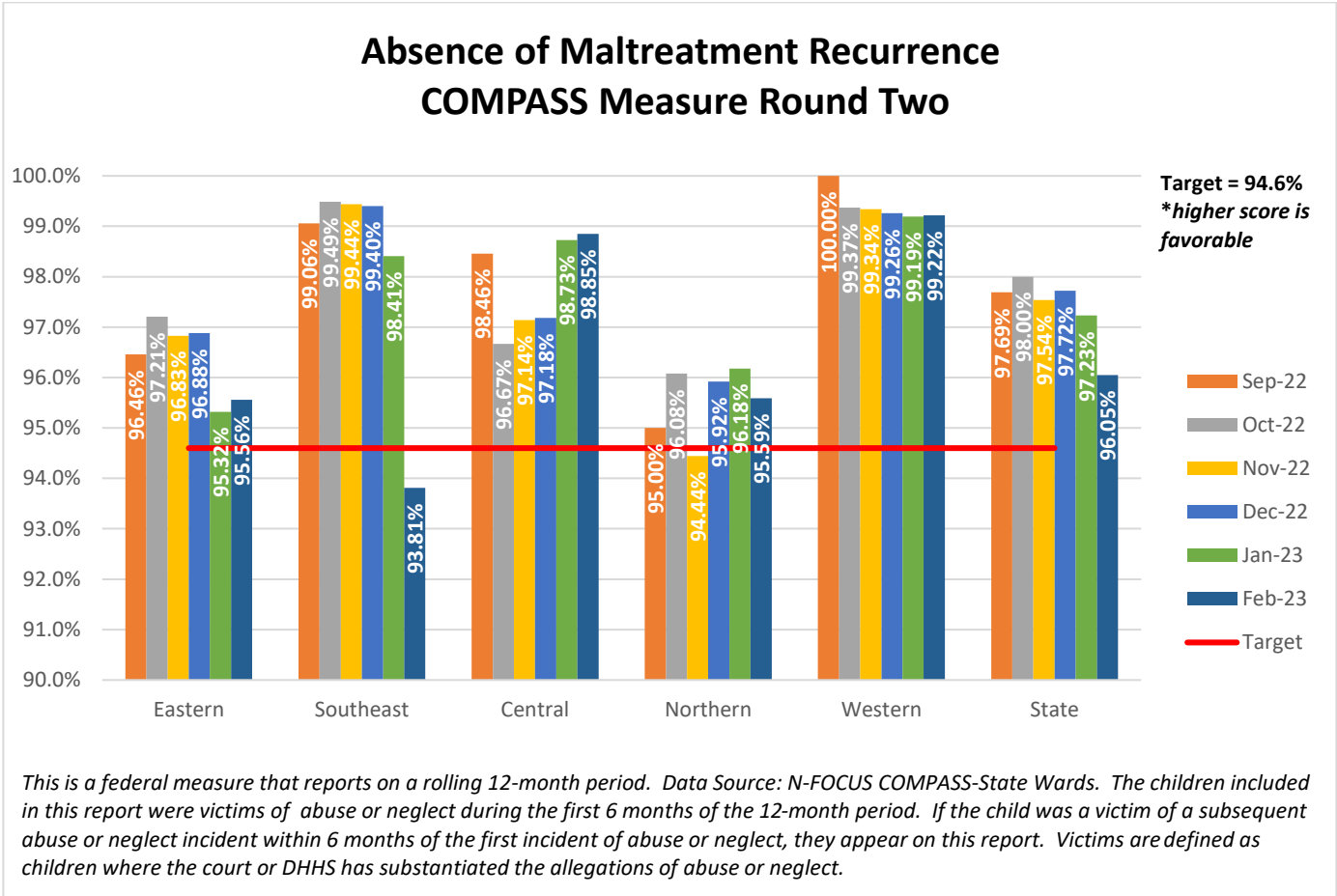
There were no changes or movement of funds in excess of \$250,000 between subprograms related to child welfare in Budget Program 354 during the period of this report.

<b>JANUARY- MARCH 2023 CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>CHILD WELFARE AID</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
17 Post-Adoption Guardianship	\$ 378,494
General Fund	\$ 378,494
18 Protection & Safety	\$ 681,285
General Fund	\$ 682,000
Federal Fund	\$ (715)
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

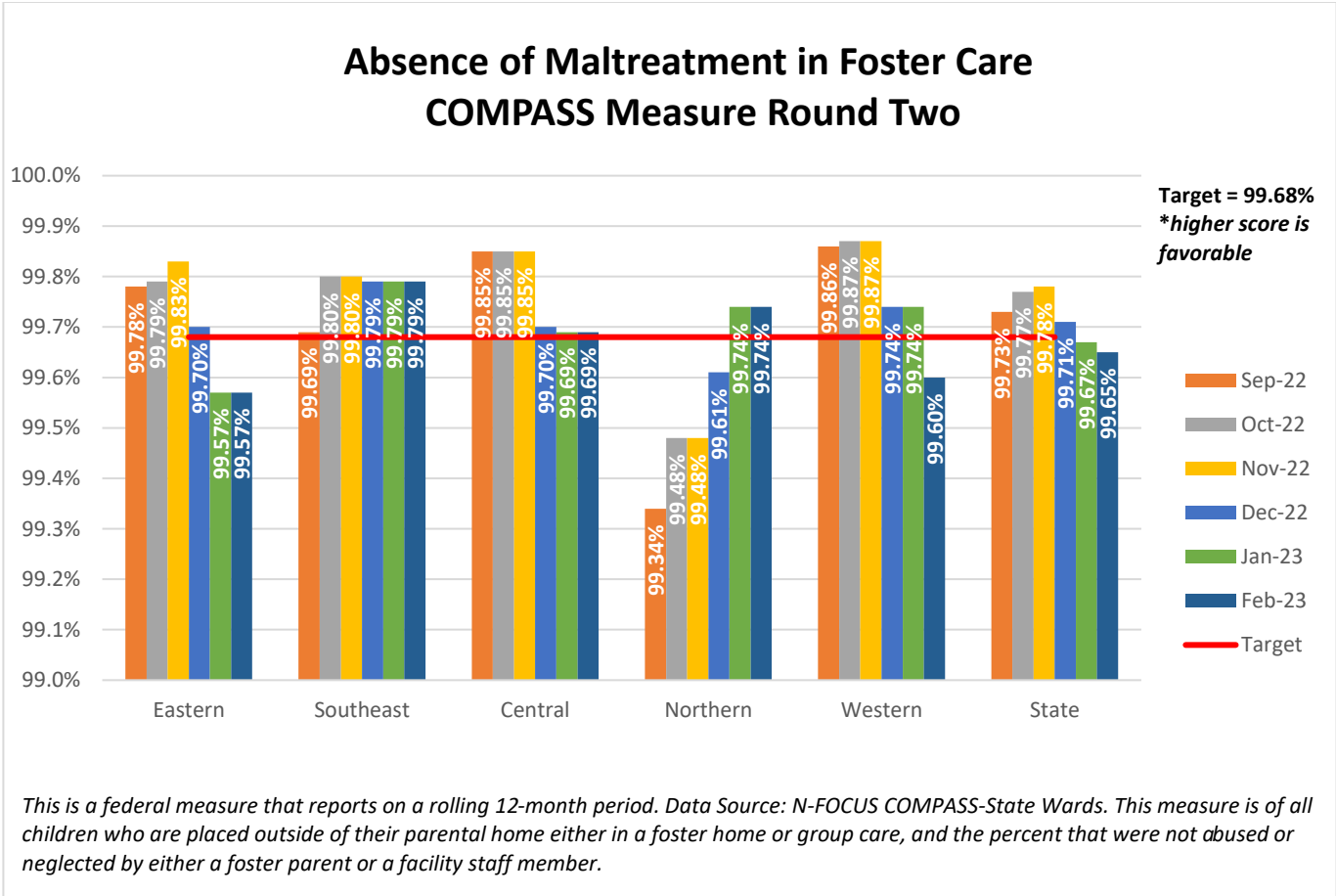
## JANUARY- MARCH 2023 CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES

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
<b>Child Welfare Total</b>	<b>\$ 59,390,259</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 51,034,525</b>
<b>Federal Fund</b>	<b>\$ 8,355,734</b>

# COMPASS Measures

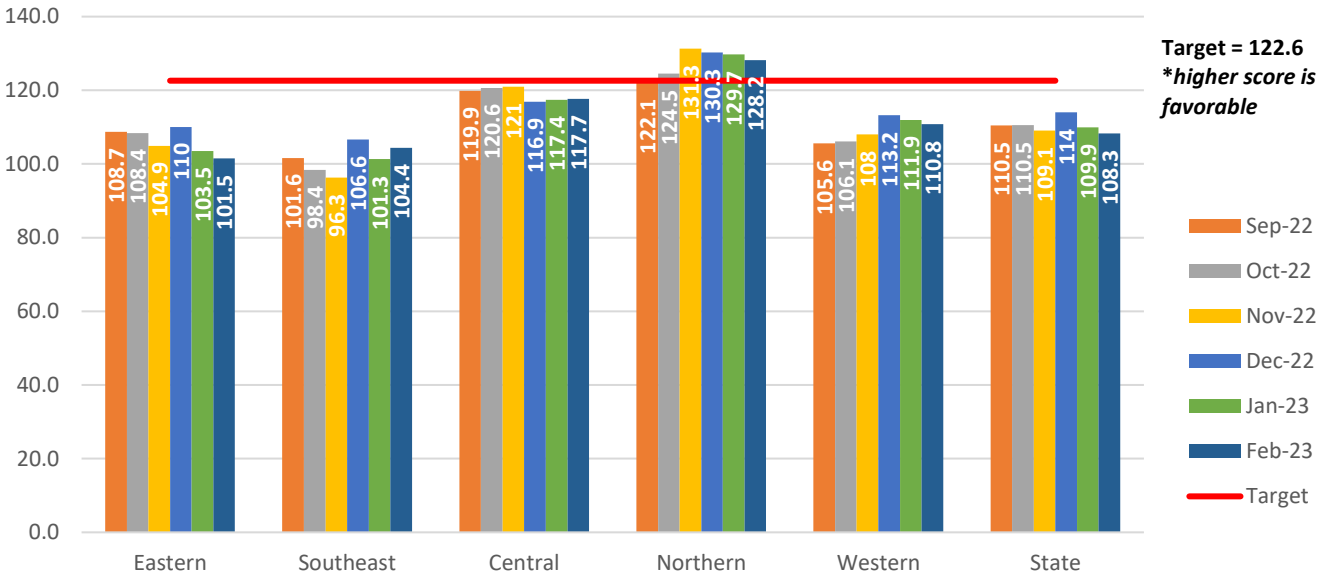


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## Timeliness & Permanency of Reunification COMPASS Measure Round Two

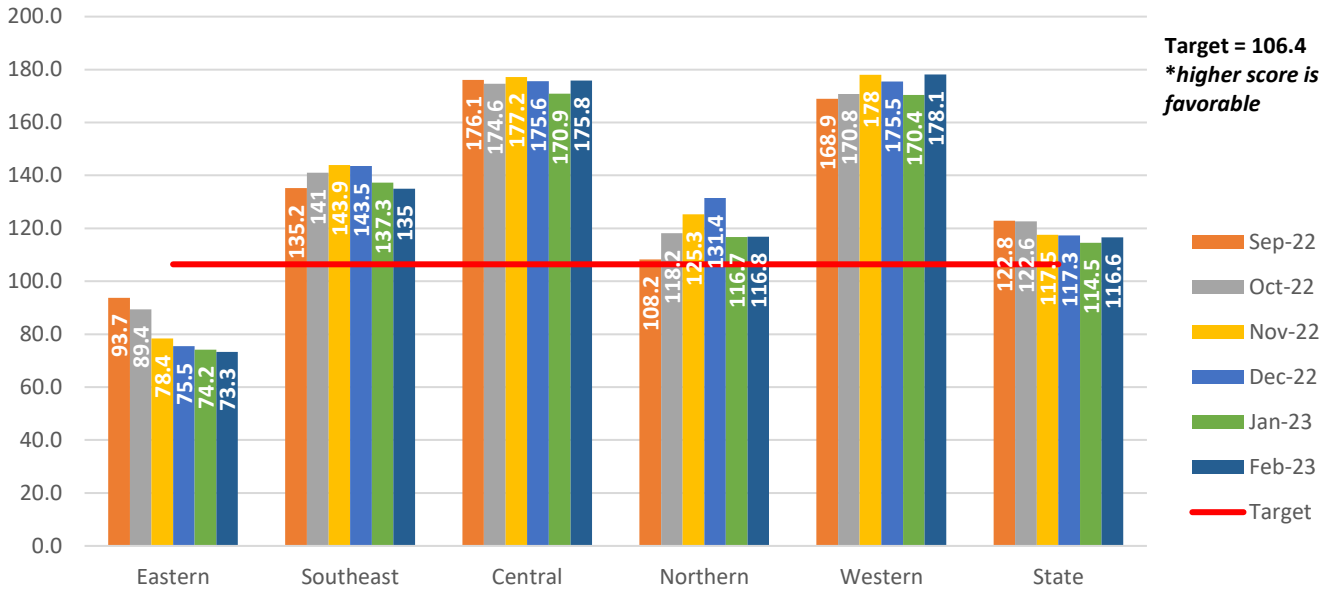


*This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. This is a federal composite that reports on a rolling 12-month period. The Reunification Composite measures the timeliness of reunification and whether the reunification was permanent over a specific period of time. The 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.*



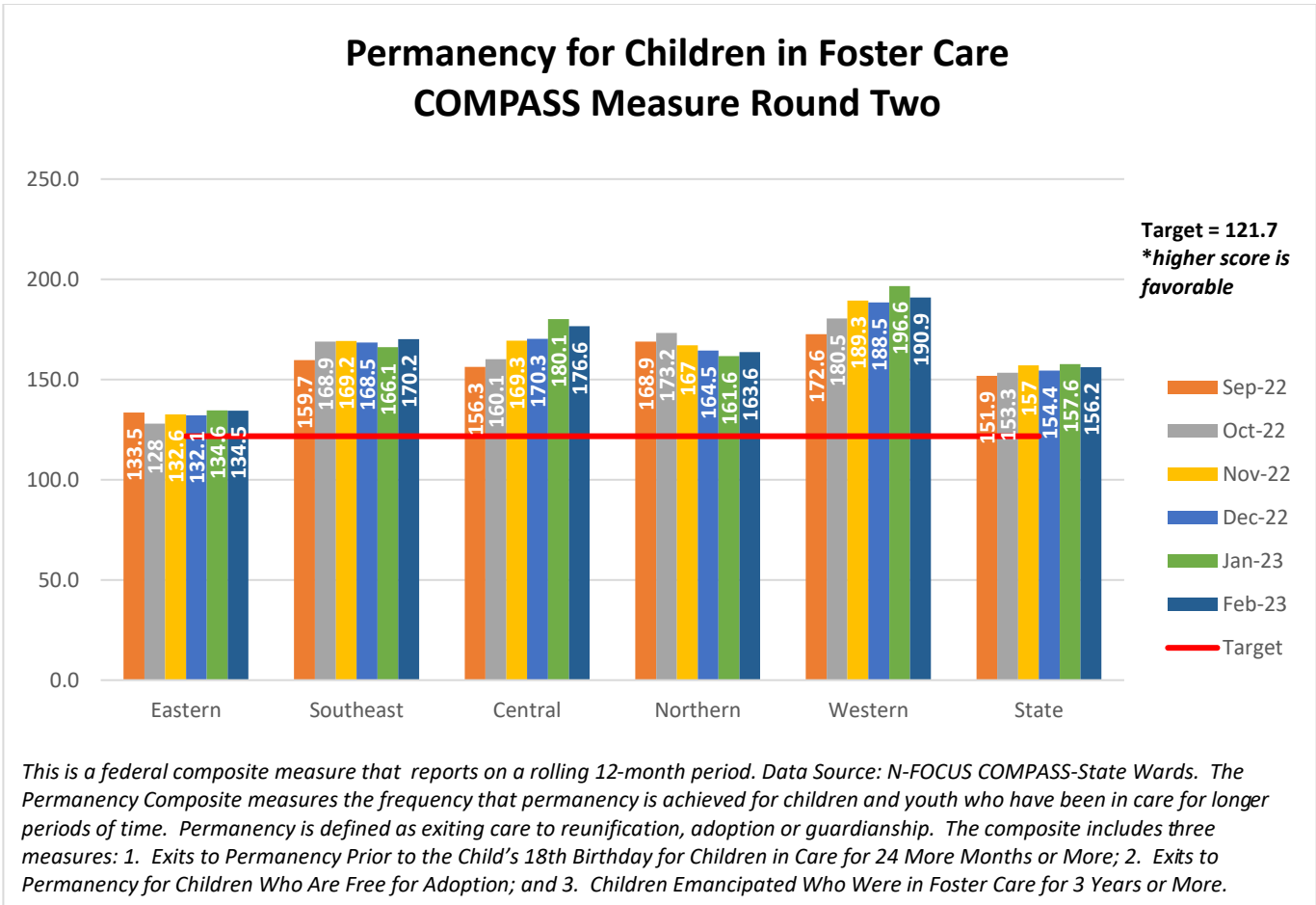
# COMPASS Measures

## Timeliness of Adoption COMPASS Measure Round Two



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.

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