Department of Health and Human Services Report



January 30, 2025

The Honorable Brian Hardin Members of the Health & Human Services Committee Nebraska Legislature P.O. Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509

The Honorable Robert Clements Members of the Appropriations Committee Nebraska Legislature P.O. Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509

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

Dear Chairman Hardin 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 on its expenditures for each quarter and the outcomes related to such expenditures 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 October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

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.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Division of Children and Family Services

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

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3133(1)(b)

Expenditures

The Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) child welfare expenditures for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, are listed on pages two and three of this report.

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.

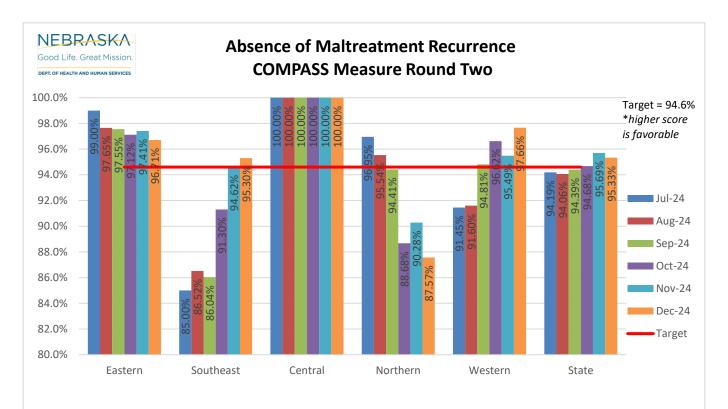
Outcomes

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.

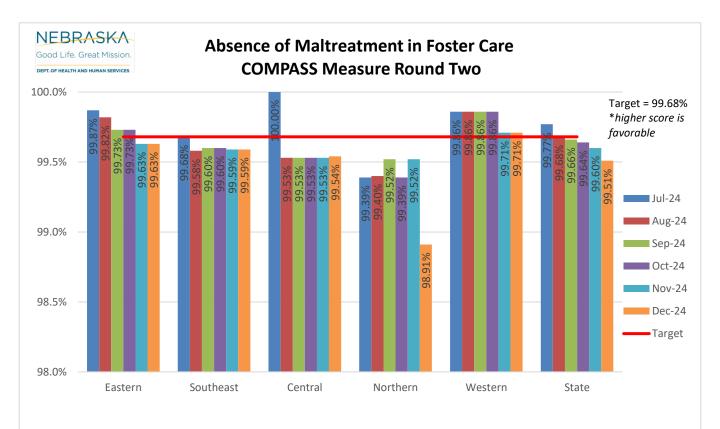
Ongoing updates of the COMPASS measures are posted on the Department website at https://dhhs-cfscompass.ne.gov/CFSCompass/. Each outcome report identifies the outcome measurement and provides a brief description of the measurement, numerical data by month for the State and each of the DHHS Service Areas, and 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.

October – December 2024 CHILD WELFARE EXPENDITURES	
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17 Post-Adoption Guardianship	\$340,753
General Fund	\$340,753
18 Protection and Safety	\$684,432
General Fund	\$684,432
Federal Fund	\$0
30 IV-E Foster Care	\$3,110,542
General Fund	\$464,790
Federal Fund	\$2,645,752
31 IV-E Adoption Assistance	\$12,341,148
General Fund	\$5,247,997
Federal Fund	\$7,093,151
32 IV-E Guardianship	\$129,378
General Fund	\$57,623
Federal Fund	\$71,755
34 Subsidized Adoption	\$850,099
General Fund	\$850,099
Federal Fund	\$0
35 Domestic Violence Program	\$1,255,486
General Fund	\$464,033
Federal Fund	\$461,453
36 Education Assistance	\$3,036,424
General Fund	\$3,036,424
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37 Subsidized Guardianship	
General Fund	\$1,943,305

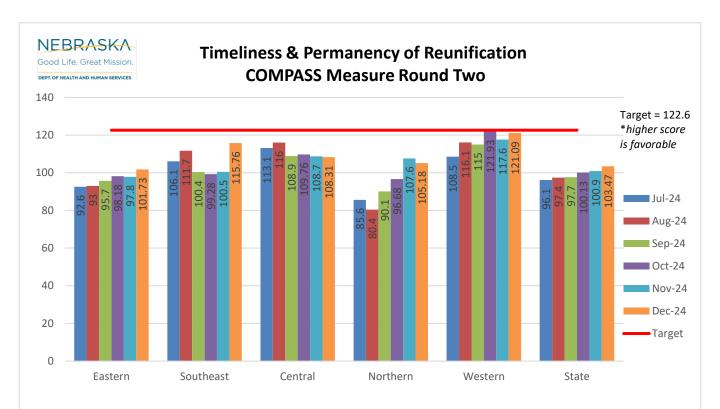
October – December 2024 CHILD WELFAR	E EXPENDITURES
48 Child Welfare	\$45,440,584
General Fund	\$26,687,893
Federal Fund	\$18,752,691
49 Tribal Child Welfare	\$1,678,898
General Fund	\$1,549,076
Federal Fund	\$129.822
50 Subsidized Independent	\$184,569
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General Fund	\$184,569
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51 IV-E Independent Living	\$15,379
General Fund	\$6,533
Federal Fund	\$8,846
52 Adoption and Safe Families	\$396,179
General Fund	\$0
Federal Fund	\$396,179
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Child Welfare Total	\$71,377,177
General Fund	\$41,517,527
Federal Fund	\$29,859,650



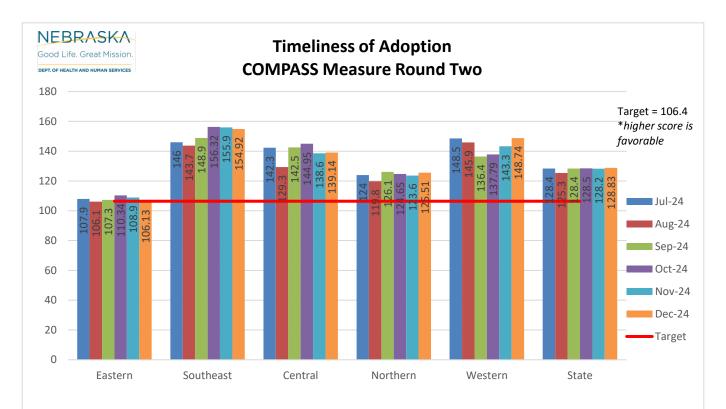
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. The children included in this report were victims of abuse or neglect during the first 6 months of the 12-month period. If the child was a victim of a subsequent abuse or neglect incident within 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.



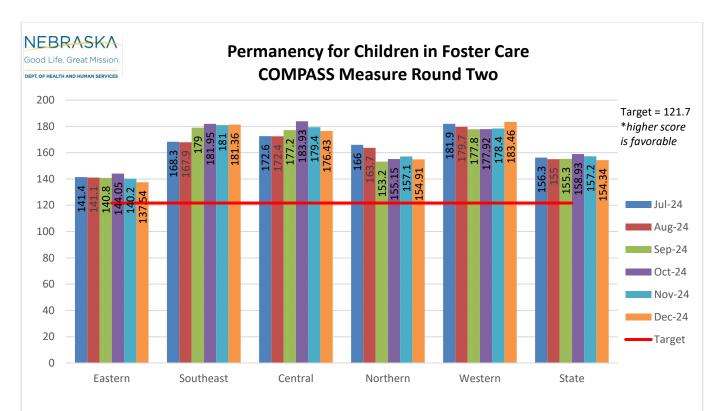
This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS-State Wards. This measure is of all children who are placed outside of their parental home either in a foster home or group care, and the percent who were not abused or neglected by either a foster parent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



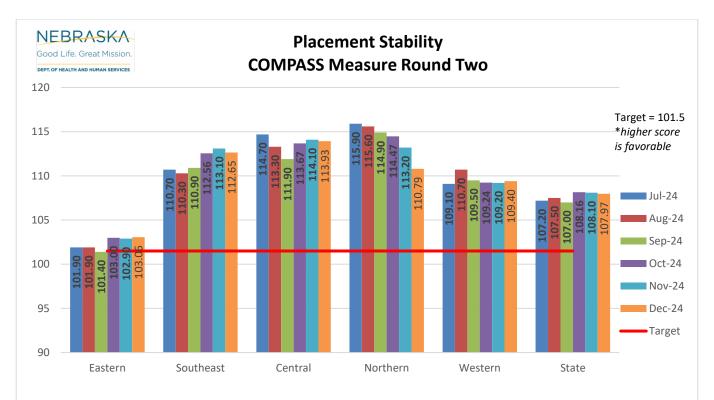
This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS- State Wards. This is a federal composite that reports on a rolling 12-month period. The Reunification Composite measures the timeliness of reunification and whether the reunification was permanent over a specific period of time. The Reunification 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: Exits to Permanency Prior to the Child's 18th Birthday for Children in Care for 24 More Months or More, Exits to Permanency for Children Who Are Free for Adoption, and 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.