

WACF – CPA Foster Care Quality and Outcomes Indicators

This memo outlines proposed indicators of CPA Foster Home Quality and Outcomes, and two different proposed tracking methods. This is intended to serve as a basis for discussion of what is feasible and what is the best approach for collecting this data from CPA for aggregate reporting.

Data Point	Option A – More Detailed <i>One row per child or family, data report by child or family</i>	Option B – Aggregate <i>Overall numbers reported for agency, in aggregate</i>
Number of children currently placed	One number for the end of the reporting period	One number for the end of the reporting period
Racial/ethnic category for children. <i>Work will need to be done to align categories.</i>	One or more categories indicated for each child	Number of youth belonging in each demographic category, in aggregate
Number of children exiting CPA during report period, by reason for exiting	One reason for leaving indicated for each child	Number of children who exited for each particular “reason” category reported, in aggregate
Number of children at each level (1-4)	One level indicated for each child	Aggregate number of children at each level
Number of families licensed	One number for the end of the reporting period	One number for the end of the reporting period
Racial/ethnic category for families. <i>Work will need to be done to align categories.</i>	One or more categories indicated for each family	Number of families belonging in each demographic category reported, in aggregate
Duration of license (for all open families)	The date of entry/license date for each open family	<i>We can’t do this well unless we report families individually</i>
Of licensed families who had a child leave, number with a 2 nd placement	Each family is indicated as having completed with a first child, and if yes, whether they have a subsequent placement	Total number of families who completed a first child, and total number of those who have a subsequent placement
Number of family closures, by reason for closure	One reason for closure indicated for each family	Number of families falling under each reason for closure category, in aggregate (similar to current FCFC reporting)
Duration of license for closed families	License date and date of closure for each family that closed during reporting period	Average license duration for families that closed this reporting period
Foster family engagement with Birth Parent (yes or no contact reason)	For each family, indicate contact or no-contact category during reporting period	Indicate aggregate numbers for contact or no-contact category during reporting period
Highest level of family engagement with Birth Parent	For each family, report category (from dropdown menu)	Indicate aggregate numbers for each level of contact category during reporting period
Relative engagement (yes/no; definitions provided)	Report for each family	Report aggregate numbers

Timing: We anticipate asking you report on January – June 2020 very soon, then to report again on Q3 and Q4 2020.