

Supervised Apartment Living Foster Care Performance Measures

All Contracts for Supervised Apartment Living Foster Care include the outcome expectations and performance measures described below.

Keeping the focus on the principles of the CFSR, the following outcomes and performance measures align with the three areas of Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being.

Safety

Safety Outcome

Children are protected from abuse and neglect while in care.

Safety Outcome Performance Measure

There will be no confirmed or founded cases of abuse or neglect of the Children in the SAL Contractor's care by the Contractor or Subcontractor or by other Children in the Contractor's SAL Foster Care program. For tracking purposes, the Agency will count each incident assessed that is determined to be confirmed or founded.

Permanency

Permanency Outcome 1

Permanent connections for each Child served will be maintained or secured through active connections with the Child's family members and/or other supportive adults important in the Child's life.

Permanency Outcome 1 Measure

The Contractor will ensure that permanent connections for each Child served are maintained or secured through active connections with the Child's Positive Support System (see definition). If the Child lacks a Positive Support System, the Contractor will work with the Child, family, and/or Referring Worker to create a Positive Support System by various means, including review of adults that could be or are engaged in the Child's life, including school staff, employment staff, mentors, and other positive adult role models.

The Contractor will ensure at least semi-monthly (twice a month) contact with a member of the Child's Positive Support System for 75% of the Children served. Specific documentation of the Child's Positive Support System identified and contacts made will be noted in each Child's record (file).

"Positive Support System" means members of the Child's family and/or other positive adult role models identified by the child, family, and/or the Referring Worker.

Permanency Outcome 2

The Contractor will ensure Child engagement within the community.

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Permanency Outcome 2 Measure

The Contractor will ensure that 75% of Children served participating in Organized Community Activity (see definition) at least four (4) times per month. Informal leisure activities, such as going to the mall, are encouraged but do not contribute to the performance measure. Specific documentation in the Child's record (file) shall make clear the type of community activity/activities in which the Child participated and the frequency.

“Organized Community Activity” means community-based activities, which can include groups, organizations, clubs, extra-curricular school activities, participation in faith-based groups, and employment within the community. Attending school (including classes leading to a general equivalency diploma (GED)) and informal leisure activities such as going to the mall are not considered Organized Community Activities.

Well Being

Well Being Outcome

Increased educational achievement for program participants.

Well Being Outcome Measure

Eighty (80) percent of Children served are complying with Satisfactory School Attendance (see definition) leading to a high school diploma or GED or have already obtained a high school diploma or GED. The Contractor shall ensure Children served receive appropriate services and supports to meet their educational needs. Indication of the Child's education plan will be clearly documented in the Child's service plan. Specific documentation of the Child's regular attendance in school and school performance, including if/when the Child obtained their high school diploma or GED will be noted in the Child's record (file).

“Satisfactory School Attendance” means the Child meets the attendance policy as established by the school setting they are attending, per Iowa Code Chapter 280.3. Satisfactory School Attendance may also include approved general equivalency program participation leading to a GED.