

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Agency Performance Dashboard

Q3 FY2016

Economic Development

Getting jobs for participants in DCF employment programs

Metric Definition The percent of individuals served by DCF's employment programs who started a job in the past 12 months.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	36.7%	36.3%	36%	

Reporting Cycle Annual (January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015)

Additional Details The target was set internally by DCF in the fall of 2015. The metric includes participants from the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program which provides employment services and cash assistance to low-income custodial parents statewide and the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program which provides temporary subsidized employment to low-income adults in Milwaukee County. This metric will be expanded later to include participants in the Transitional Jobs program which will provide temporary subsidized employment to low-income adults in select counties across the state. The reporting cycle is one quarter behind due to lags in data maturity.

Engaging Wisconsin Works (W-2) participants in employment activities

Metric Definition The percent of participants receiving a cash grant under the Wisconsin Works (W-2) employment program who are engaged full-time in federally qualifying activities such as work experience, job search, and education and training.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	43.0%	41.7%	50%	

Reporting Cycle Quarterly (October 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015)

Additional Details This is known as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program's "Work Participation Rate." The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for all state and tribal TANF programs. To meet the standard, W-2 participants must complete 20-30 hours of activities weekly (actual hours depends on the age of the participant's youngest child). The official federal Work Participation Rate is measured on a federal fiscal year basis. The data provided on this dashboard approximates the anticipated performance on a quarterly basis. The reporting cycle is one quarter behind due to lags in data maturity.

Reform and Innovation

Increasing the quality of child care programs

Metric Definition The percent of child care programs participating in YoungStar that are rated as high quality (3, 4, or 5 Star quality level).

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	48.9%	48.1%	49.0%	

Reporting Cycle Quarterly (January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details

The target was set internally by DCF as a goal to reach by the end of 2016. The metric is focused on the percent of all providers participating in the YoungStar program that are of high quality. Providers that care for children participating in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program are required to participate in YoungStar. Other programs may volunteer to participate, as long as they agree to accept any children utilizing Wisconsin Shares in the future.

Connecting children receiving Wisconsin Shares with high quality child care programs

Metric Definition

The percent of children receiving Wisconsin Shares subsidized child care who are attending high quality child care providers (3, 4, or 5 Star quality level) as rated by YoungStar.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	73.0%	71.5%	69%	

Reporting Cycle

Quarterly (January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details

The target was set internally by DCF in 2014. The metric is focused on children whose low-income parents receive Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy and the quality of their child care programs as measured through YoungStar.

Providing stability for Milwaukee children in out-of-home care

Metric Definition

The percent of children in Milwaukee who experience 3 or fewer out-of-home placements in their current episode of care.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	87%	87%	90%	

Reporting Cycle

Quarterly (January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details

The target was set as part of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Settlement Agreement from 2002 (and then adjusted in 2012). It measures the percent of children in out-of-home care who have three or fewer placements during the previous 36 calendar months of their current episode in care.

Efficient and Effective Services

Achieving permanency for children in out-of-home care

Metric Definition

The percent of children who transition from an out-of-home care placement within 12 months to a permanent family setting.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	38.9%	38.4%	40.0%	

Reporting Cycle

Annual (April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015)

Additional Details

The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2015 as part of the CFSR Round 3 standards. This is a federal metric that measures the percent of children who entered out-of-home care in a 12-month period (April 2014 - March 2015) and who moved to a permanent family setting within 12 months (through March 2016). Permanent family settings include: reunification with birth family, adoption, or guardianship.

Reducing the revictimization of children

Metric Definition

The percent of children with a substantiated report of maltreatment who are not revictimized within 12 months of substantiation.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	95.3%	95.6%	90.9%	

Reporting Cycle Annual (April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015)

Additional Details The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2015 as part of the CFSR Round 3 standards. This metric identifies all children with substantiated maltreatment allegations during a year timeframe (April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015) and looks forward one year (through March 2016) from each substantiated report to determine if there was subsequent substantiated maltreatment.

Providing timely initial contacts for reports of child maltreatment

Metric Definition The percent of all initial contact visits during the month that were completed or attempted timely.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	91.8%	92.3%	95%	

Reporting Cycle Quarterly (January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details The target was set internally at DCF. After a report of alleged maltreatment is screened-in, an initial contact visit must be made by the child welfare agency within 24 hours, 48 hours, or 5 days, depending on the potential safety concerns for the child. This metric accounts for both those contacts that were attempted timely, and those that occurred timely.

Contacting children in out-of-home care on a monthly basis

Metric Definition The percent of all children in out-of-home care who were visited by their caseworker in the month.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	96.0%	96.1%	95%	

Reporting Cycle Federal fiscal year-to-date (October 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016)

Additional Details The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Child welfare caseworkers are required to visit each child in out-of-home care every month they are in care. This metric is measured on a federal fiscal year (October - September) to date basis. There is a data lag in this measure as workers have 30 days to enter the information into the child welfare computer system (eWISACWIS). The comparison data in the "previous" column is from the first five months of the 2015 federal fiscal year (October 1, 2014 - February 28, 2015). Performance in this metric generally increases over the federal fiscal year.

Customer/Taxpayer Satisfaction

Establishing child support court orders

Metric Definition The percent of child support cases with a court order established.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
	87.3%	87.2%	80%	

Reporting Cycle Federal fiscal year-to-date (October 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This metric is measured on a federal fiscal year (October - September) to date basis. The data provided in this quarter represents the first two quarters of the 2016 federal fiscal year. The comparison data in the "previous" column is from the first two quarters of the 2015 federal fiscal year (October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015).

Increasing Current Child Support Paid

Metric Definition The percent of child support paid the month that it is due.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
X	74.6%	74%	80%	

Reporting Cycle Federal fiscal year-to-date (October 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Only the State of Pennsylvania met the standard in federal fiscal year 2015 (the latest year for which national data is available). In FFY 2015, Wisconsin had the 3rd highest percentage of current child support paid. This metric is measured on a federal fiscal year (October - September) to date basis. The data provided in this quarter represents the first two quarters of the 2016 federal fiscal year. The comparison data in the "previous" column is from the first two quarters of the 2015 federal fiscal year (October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015).

Increasing past child support paid

Metric Definition Percent of child support cases with unpaid debt balances (past child support or arrears) that have a collection during the federal fiscal year.

Goal Met	Current	Previous	Target	Trend
X	59.7%	58.1%	80%	

Reporting Cycle Federal fiscal year-to-date (October 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016)

Additional Details The target was set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Only the State of Pennsylvania met the standard in federal fiscal year 2015 (the latest year for which national data is available). In FFY 2015, Wisconsin had the 11th highest percentage of past child support paid. This metric is measured on a federal fiscal year (October - September) to date basis. The data provided in this quarter represents the first two quarters of the 2016 federal fiscal year. The comparison data in the "previous" column is from the first two quarters of the 2015 federal fiscal year (October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015). Performance in this metric generally increases over the federal fiscal year.