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	123456789	4/7/2019	No	Yes
	123456789	5/17/2019	No	No
	Total: 3		Total: 0 (0%)	Total: 2 (66%)
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	123456789	12/2/2019	No	N/A
	123456789	10/16/2019	No	N/A
	123456789	10/26/2019	No	N/A
Total: 4		Total: 0 (0%)	Total: N/A	
3/31/2020	123456789	1/20/2020	Yes	N/A
	123456789	1/6/2020	No	N/A
Total: 2		Total: 1 (50%)	Total: N/A	
TOTAL	Total: 9	Total: 1 (11%)	Total: 2 (66%)	

What is the permanency report?

Report sent quarterly to providers with key permanency metrics for DCFS clients leaving their care. These metrics may inform future performance incentives.

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Report is tentative and may change based on feedback from our providers. Please see contact information at the end of this overview.

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Report includes all DCFS clients exiting your residential services within the labeled fiscal quarters. Each service contains its own table.

Note the lack of a quarter ending on 9/30/2019 in this example (see arrow). No clients exited in that quarter.

Positive Permanency At Exit*
No
No
No
Total: 0 (0%)
No
No
No
No
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Yes
No
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Measure #1: Positive Permanency at Exit

Did client achieve positive permanency (exiting foster care to adoption, reunification, or custody/guardianship to relative or nonrelative) within 30 days of service placement end?

Positive Permanency At Exit*
No
No
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Total: 0 (0%)
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Measure #1: Positive Permanency at Exit

In this example, one client has achieved this measure. While many clients cannot safely exit residential treatment within this timeframe, a primary goal of treatment is to prepare clients for timely exit from foster care.

Positive Permanency One Year
Yes
Yes
No
Total: 2 (66%)
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
Total: N/A
N/A
N/A
Total: N/A
Total: 2 (66%)

Measure #2: Positive Permanency One Year

Did client achieve positive permanency (as defined before) within 365 days of service placement end?

Positive Permanency One Year
Yes
Yes
No
Total: 2 (66%)
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A
Total: N/A
N/A
N/A
Total: N/A
Total: 2 (66%)

Measure #2: Positive Permanency One Year

In this example, two clients have achieved this permanency. Note the placements marked “N/A” — figures for one year permanency will only be included if a full year has elapsed since the end of the quarter being reported.

Summary Counts & Percentages

Summary figures are provided for each quarter and for the full reporting period.

Note the example: for one-year positive permanency, only three placements were applicable for the measure (not “N/A”). Two out of three applicable placements achieved one-year permanency, or 66%.

For positive permanency at exit, all nine placements were applicable, so one placement achieving permanency at exit makes up 11% of clients.

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Conclusion

We understand that speedy permanency may not be appropriate for many clients, and will be more difficult for providers of some services than others. However, these metrics are intended to recognize those whose services help DCFS achieve its practice goals of safely securing client permanency.

We thank you for your diligent service of our shared clients!

We would be happy to hear from you. Please send any feedback/questions to Dustin Steinacker (dsteinacker@utah.gov) or Rick Little (ricklittle@utah.gov).