

A Home for Every Child Initiative Oklahoma PIP

Oklahoma was presented with an opportunity to shift how states and the federal government monitor and report on practice activities and outcomes related to safety, permanency, and well-being. At the time, Oklahoma had recently initiated its Round 4 Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and was approaching submission of the first required quarterly progress report when the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released Technical Bulletin #14.

Following review of the bulletin, Oklahoma elected to transition to the revised PIP framework and approach to practice improvement. This shift reflects the state's continued commitment to strengthening outcomes for children and families served by the child welfare system. The overarching goal of the revised PIP process, *A Home for Every Child*, focuses on supporting states in identifying and securing one stable home for every child entering the foster care system.

The following section outlines Oklahoma's strategy for advancing the goal of *A Home for Every Child*. To guide implementation and support measurable practice improvement, Oklahoma identified four primary pillars of practice: (1) safely maintaining children in their homes whenever possible; (2) reducing placement disruptions and adverse placement experiences; (3) identifying and monitoring risk factors at the time of placement; and (4) strengthening the recruitment and retention of foster families to ensure an adequate supply of family-based placement options.

Pillars	Implementation (How are we going to achieve the pillar?)	Monitoring/Lead Measures (How do we know?)
Children remain safe at home whenever possible.	Complete randomized qualitative reviews of Child Safety Meetings (CSM) outcomes. Improve initial and ongoing in-home safety analysis' by identifying acute and patterned needs, risk, and safety factors present within the family and engage the family with prevention and intervention services coinciding with the identified factors. Complete District Director staffings for any consideration of court involvement.	Percentage of children in a substantiated investigation who were able to remain in home for services. <u>Numerator:</u> Of those victims with a substantiation, the number of victims who were able to remain in home for services. <u>Denominator:</u> All victims, in a closed investigation in the prior month, with a substantiation. Additional investigations following a substantiation within 365 days of resolution. <u>Numerator:</u> Number of Children that exited a Child Welfare (CW) Intervention Successfully in the reporting month & had a substantiated investigation within 365 days of the CW Intervention Ending. <u>Denominator:</u> Number of Children exiting CW Intervention Successfully (Removal, Supervision, FCS) in given month.

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Children are placed in homes that support stability and connection.	Utilize the Adverse Placement Chart to serve as a decision support tool to ensure placement decisions are made in the context of a child's unique needs, history, and vulnerabilities. Use the dashboard to identify gaps in kin/foster parent placement. Complete initial assessments and continual reassessments of kinship throughout the duration of the case, ensuring ongoing engagement with family to identify potential kin caregivers and supports.	Percent of children in adverse placements. <u>Numerator:</u> Number of children placed in an "Adverse Placement" for more than 7 days in the prior month. Adverse Settings Include: • Non-family like settings (AFCARS Element #120) • Child placed far from home (non-contiguous county) • Child separated from their sibling(s) The following placements are excluded from being considered adverse for sibling separation: • Children placed in kinship (AFCARS Element #117 & #119) • Children placed in permanency settings (AFCARS Element #118, #120- #14) • Children placed in a hospital setting (AFCARS Element #120-#4, #10, #11) <u>Denominator:</u> Number of children served in the prior month.
Children are placed in homes that keep them safe.	Utilization of the Risk Identification Report to complete elevated joint staffings to address possible MIC incidents. Complete qualitative reviews of policy violations, resource alerts, and written plans of compliance to identify trends and opportunities to improve utilization and communication.	Percent of placements reaching 90 days with no safety concerns or have a documented monitoring plan. <u>Numerator:</u> Children placed in a family setting (AFCARS #113) at least 90 days that the home they are placed in had a "Documented Monitoring Plan" within the first 90 days of the child being placed in home. • Documented Monitoring Plan includes any of the following: Written Plan of Compliance (WPC), Resource alert, Policy Violation, or a 10 days staffing with recommendation of additional services warranted <u>Denominator:</u> Children in care during the prior month, placed in a family setting (AFCARS# 113) for 90 days or longer.
Homes are well-supported and remain available for children.	Utilization of the Resource Parent Dashboards to identify opportunities to support foster parents. Strengthen individualized recruitment plan strategies	Foster parent survey - Percent of homes respond with an 8 or higher. <u>Numerator:</u> Number of Family Setting Resources (AFCARS Element #113) that responded to the survey with an 8 or higher.

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	that will support the development of foster homes Utilize the lived experience of foster parents to create resources, training, and community support systems that directly address the needs of foster parents. Administer the foster parent survey monthly and utilize results to inform support to foster families and retention strategies.	<u>Denominator:</u> Number of Family Setting Resources (AFCARS Element #113) that the survey was sent to. Net gain of approved (licensed) and unapproved (unlicensed) homes over a rolling 12-month period. • April 1, 2026 will begin the baseline for net gain. This will include all family settings (AFCARS Element #113). • Family will only be counted as 1 Resource, even if opened as multiple Resource Types. (Unduplicated Resource IDs)

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