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Department of Health and Social Services Goals -- March 1999

Child Protection

By implementing revisions to Alaska's child protection laws and continuing other system reforms, Family Services will:

- Improve responses to reports of harm: respond to an additional 1,400 reports of harm within the next two years;
- Move at least 150 of the children currently "stuck in the system" to permanent, safe homes and decreasing the time all children spend in temporary foster care in FY 00;
- Make sure all child protection workers get quality orientation and training;
- Better coordinate and assist in child abuse and neglect investigations by putting in place six multi-disciplinary teams in FY 00;
- Boost the capacity to provide safe alternative care for children who cannot stay at home by recruiting an additional 100 foster homes and adding 30 additional emergency shelter beds in FY 00.

Child Health Reform

- Through outreach efforts following implementation of Denali KidCare, the state will make health care coverage available to an additional 11,600 children and 800 pregnant women.
- By the year 2000, 90 percent of Alaska's children will be fully immunized by their third birthday.

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

- Create a more responsive mental health system by replacing the old API and developing an array of community-based mental health services.

Vulnerable adults and children

- Make sure vulnerable adults and children have safe places to live by raising the pay for caregivers and by putting in place quality review systems.

Youth Corrections

- Add 80 beds to the state's youth corrections 240-bed system by 2001 and reduce overcrowding from its current level of 120 percent of capacity to 110 percent of capacity.
- For first time misdemeanor offenders, increase local intervention efforts by enlisting the help of Native organizations and local governments.

Welfare Reform

- By FY 02, 50 percent of Temporary Assistance cases will be in a job or other approved work activity.
- Pass legislation authorizing Native organizations to run their own public assistance programs.
- By implementing new Medicaid law, individuals with disabilities may return to the workforce without fear of losing health coverage.

Unintended Births

- Reduce the rate of unintended births to 35 percent by the year 2000.

Substance abuse

- Develop substance abuse treatment and prevention programs for pregnant women and women with children in areas not now served.

State of Alaska

Department of
Health & Social Services

Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Overview

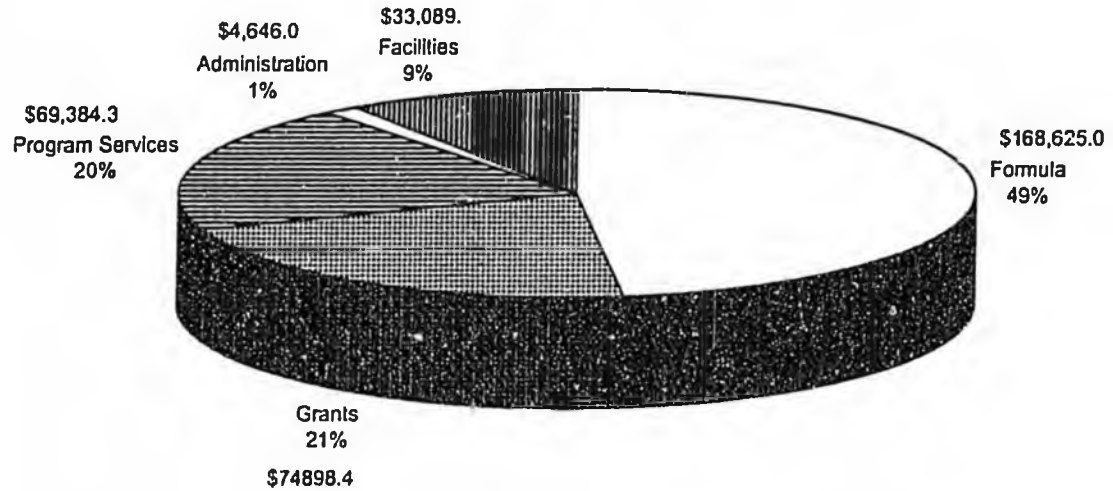


Tony Knowles
Governor

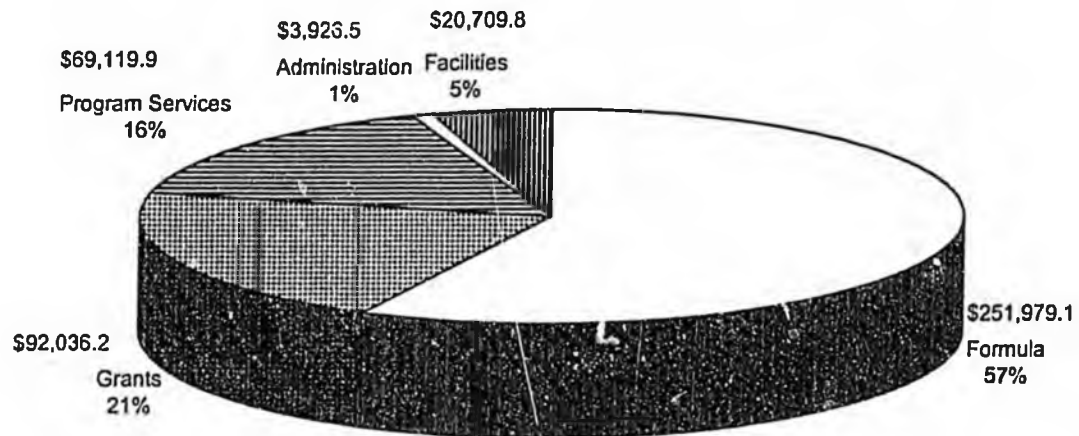


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Commissioner

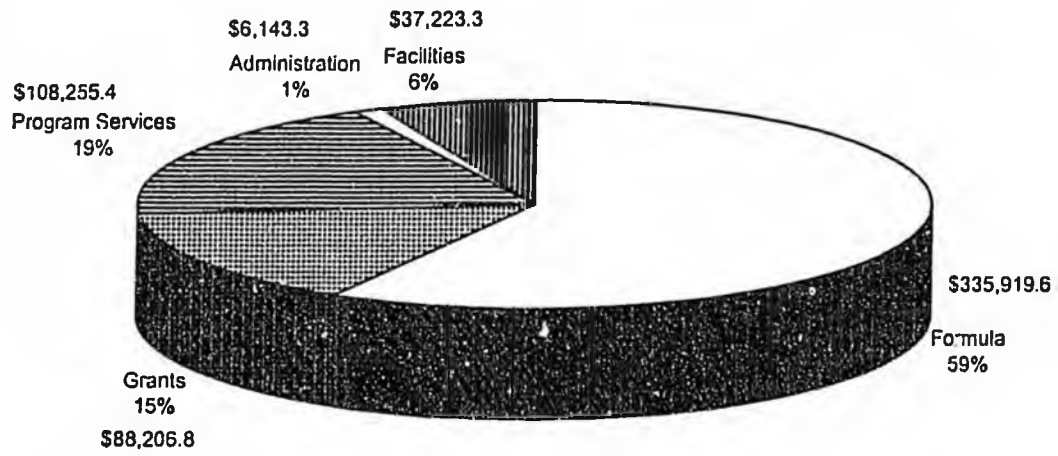
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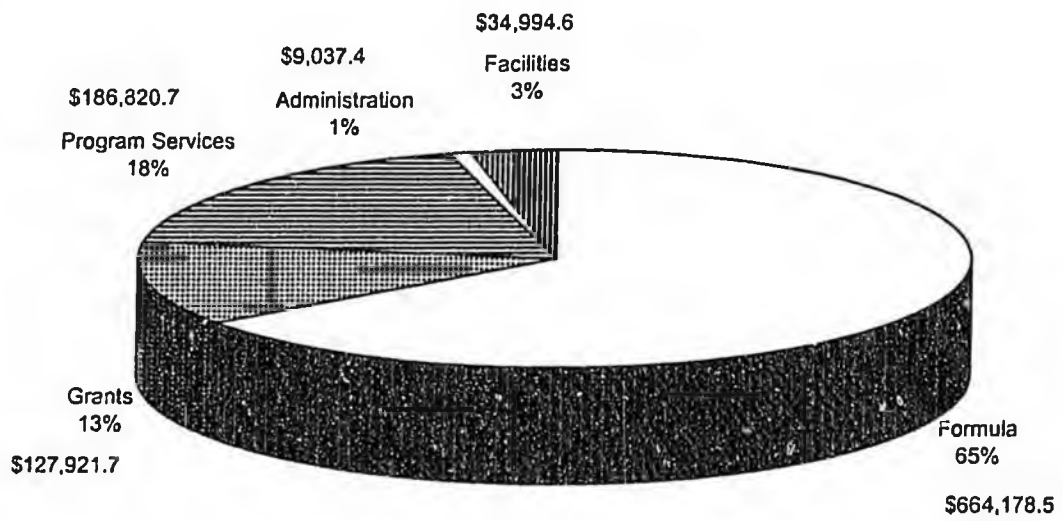
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FY91 Total Funds by Expenditure Category
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FY2000 Total Funds by Expenditure Category
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Formula Components
ATAP
Adult Public Assistance
General Relief Assistance
OAA-ALB Hold Harmless
PFD Hold Harmless
Medicaid Service
Chronic Acute Medical Assistance
Child Care Benefits
Foster Care Base Rate
Foster Care Augmented Rate
Foster Care Special Need
Foster Care AYI
Subsidized Adoption & Guardianship

Development of FY 2000 Governor's Budget Request

	GF	Total
FY99 Conference Committee Report	\$ 422,708.2	\$ 922,126.0
Fiscal Notes & Other Appropriations	2,644.1	15,890.3
FY99 Authorized Budget	425,352.3	938,016.3
Adjustments	0.0	2,581.7
Inter-Departmental Transfers	(1,080.1)	(1,080.1)
FY 2000 Adjusted Base	424,272.2	939,517.9
Increments and Decrements		
GF	\$13,499.3	
TSF	20,073.4	
MHTAAR	(379.7)	
FED	44,966.2	
OTH	5,275.8	
Total Increments	13,690.2	85,843.2
Total Decrements	(190.9)	(2,408.2)
FY 2000 Governor's Request	\$ 437,771.5	\$ 1,022,952.9
Net Agency Change (FY99 Auth to FY 2000 Request)	\$ 12,419.2	\$ 84,936.6
Net % Change	2.92%	9.05%
FY 2000 Positions	PFT	2250
	PPT	68
	TMP	18

Welfare Caseload

↓ 27%

(Dec 96 - Dec 98)

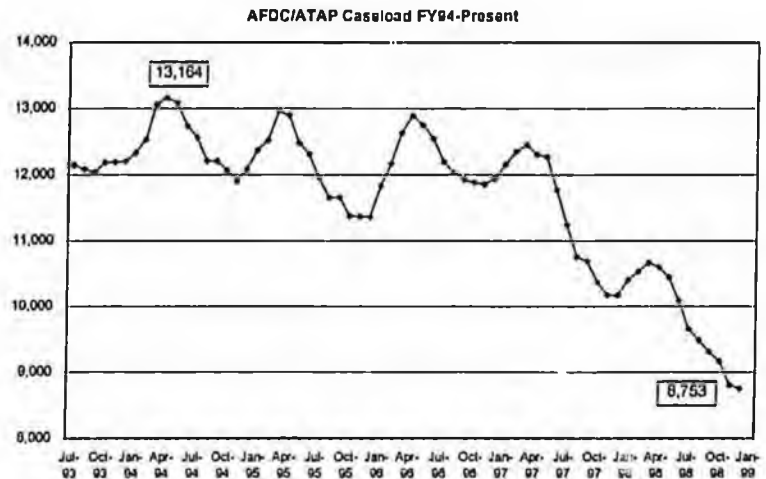
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Welfare caseload has declined 14% from the past year.
- Welfare savings for Fiscal Year 1998 topped \$24 million.
- Since July, 1997, 3,300 families have left welfare for jobs.
- The welfare caseload has dropped to under 9,000 for the first time since 1991.

Caseload Down 27% in Five Years

In December 1998, the Temporary Assistance caseload declined to 8,753, its lowest point since February, 1991. This figure is 33% below the historical peak of 13,164 in April of 1994.

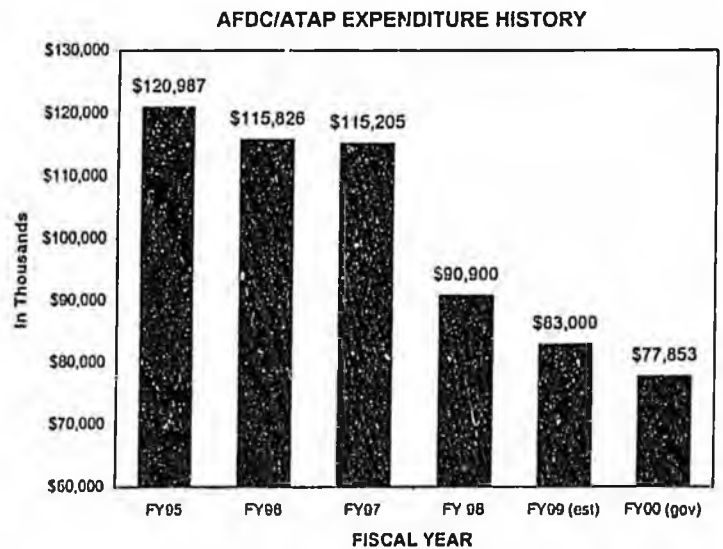
The decline began in February 1997 when the first ATAP provisions took effect and has continued interrupted only by the regular seasonal upswing during the winter months.



Spending Down 36% in Five Years

Spending on welfare payments is down. In FY98, these expenditures declined to \$90.9 million, a 21% reduction from FY97. Projected for FY99 are expenditures of \$83 million, and the Governor's request for FY2000 anticipates a further decline to \$77 million.

Lower expenditures can be attributed to more recipients leaving welfare for work, more recipients working, benefit cuts to two-parent families, and reductions due to lower housing costs.

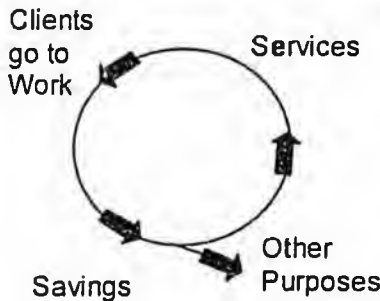


Spending down **\$37** Million from FY97

DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Welfare Reform Update

Reinvestments Critical to Welfare Reform



For the past few years, the State of Alaska has pursued a reinvestment strategy that has been critical to the early success of welfare reform. Under this strategy, as recipients leave the caseload, there are savings in benefit dollars. A portion of these savings are reinvested in services to help even more recipients

off welfare, which in turn, results in more savings, and the cycle continues.

From FY97 thru FY99 the level of spending for welfare benefits will drop by an estimated \$37 million. From this savings pool, last session the legislature reinvested \$9.27 million in child care and work services for welfare recipients.

This year, the Governor has

requested a reinvestment of \$11.5 million which will help recipients achieve and sustain self-sufficiency and keep welfare benefit costs down.

The entire reinvestment is federal funds. State general funds for benefits and other services has reached the federally required minimum level.

Child Care Key to Gaining Self-Sufficiency

The Governor's FY2000 budget proposes reinvesting \$8.02 million into Child Care.

Providing access to child care is a key component in the state's efforts to move more parents into full-time jobs and more families toward self sufficiency.

Over the past four years, total spending on child care subsidies has grown by more than \$10 million -- to \$29 million in the current fiscal year. And, during that same period, the average number of children who receive subsidized

care has risen from about 5,900 to nearly 8,000 per month.

This year the governor has requested a reinvestment of \$7.0 million for child care subsidies and \$1.0 million for working parents and for improvements to the quality of child care.

Training opportunities are offered to more child care providers to improve the quality of care. Projects are under

way to increase the capacity of care for infants, toddlers, and school-age children.

A specific program has been developed to promote the care of young children with special needs.

The state's continued commitment to improving the quality, availability, and affordability of child care will help ensure that even more families are able to become self-sufficient.

Work Services Moves Recipients into Jobs

The Governor's FY2000 budget proposes reinvesting \$3.50 million into Work Services.

With welfare reform's concerted focus on moving welfare recipients into the workforce, it is evident there is greater need to help individuals with low skills, a lack of work history and other barriers from welfare to work. The services intended to help recipients into the workforce are referred to as Work Services.

Recognizing that many welfare recipients have substantial challenges to employ-

ment, Alaska's Work Services include programs for skill building, post-employment services, basic education, counseling, and training combined with work.

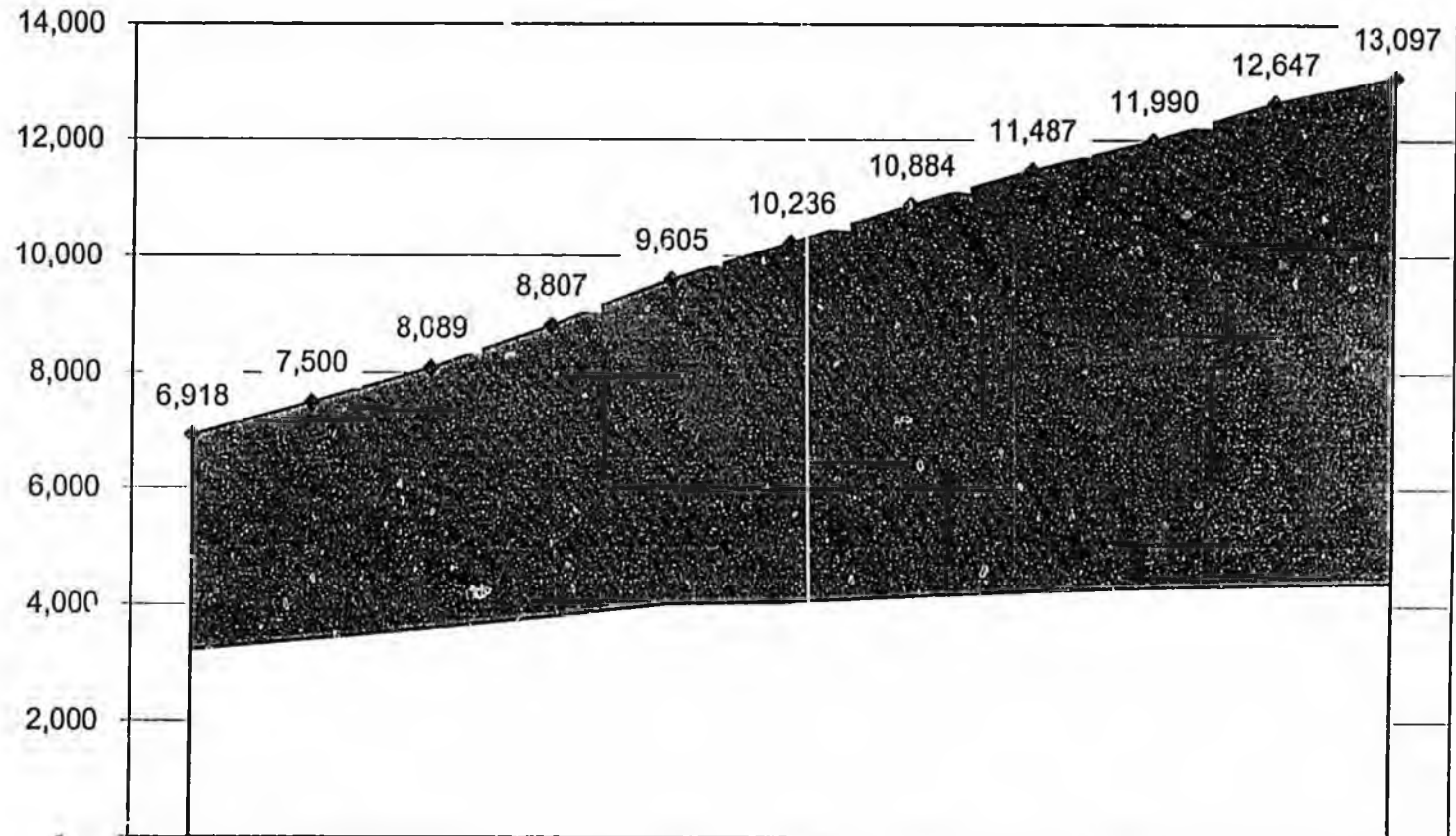
Recognizing the importance of community ownership, DPA has increased community based Work Services grants and contracts seven-fold since FY96.

Over 30 grants and contracts, blending Federal Welfare-to-

Work and State funds, provide case management, work search, and other services designed to move recipients into the workforce and off of public assistance.

This year the governor has requested \$3.5 million to expand case management and supportive services for recipients, to fortify the training of case managers, to assist in the transportation of welfare recipients to work, and to provide job training for needed occupations in Alaska.

APA Caseload Projection



	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	proj. FY99	GOV FY00
Aid to the Disabled or Blind	3,690	4,086	4,491	5,005	5,581	6,172	6,722	7,227	7,670	8,282	8,692
Old Age Assistance	3,228	3,414	3,598	3,802	4,024	4,064	4,162	4,260	4,320	4,365	4,405
FY Caseload avg	6,918	7,500	8,089	8,807	9,605	10,236	10,884	11,487	11,990	12,647	13,097

CHRONIC AND ACUTE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (CAMA) PROGRAM

**NEW PROGRAM WITH NO ABORTION SERVICES AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE AS
REPLACEMENT TO THE GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE (GRM) PROGRAM**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ❖ A person with a monthly income of less than \$300 and assets of \$500.
- ❖ A person with an immediate need for medical care for a terminal illness, chemotherapy treatment for cancer, or a chronic condition such as diabetes, a seizure disorder, and chronic mental illness, or hypertension

WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED?

- ❖ Hospital, nursing home care, physician services, laboratory, x-rays, prescription drugs, and medical transportation.
- ❖ Physician services are limited to 12 visits per year and hospitalization is limited to eight days per year.
- ❖ A CAMA recipient must pay \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$200 per hospital admission, and \$1 copayment on each prescribed drug or medical supply.
- ❖ Payment for facility services is limited to 28.7% of the Medicaid rate.

FY98 DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE CAMA PROGRAM (FORMERLY GRM)

- ❖ 76% are White, 9% are Black, 4% are Hispanic
- ❖ 61% are between the ages of 21 and 44; 37% are between the ages of 45 and 64.
- ❖ 45% reside in Anchorage, 12% in Fairbanks, 9% in Wasilla, 4% each in Juneau and Palmer

FY98 – FY2000 EXPENDITURES (ACTUAL AND PROJECTED)

FY98	\$3,174.1	Actual expenditures (GRM w/o Abortion Services)
FY99	\$3,100.0	Projected expenditures (FY99 Authorized \$1,900.0)
FY2000	\$3,537.5	Governor's Request

FY2000 MEDICAID SERVICES BASE PROGRAM ANALYSIS

	<u>Elderly</u>	<u>Disabled</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<u>FY98 Actual Served</u>					
FY96 Eligible Beneficiaries (actuals)	5,991	9,616	51,539	21,699	
Cost Per Beneficiary	\$9,948	\$12,734	\$2,135	\$2,479	<u>\$ 345,889,642</u>
<u>FY99 Authorized (Projection)</u>					
FY99 Eligible Beneficiaries (Aug-98)	6,175	10,152	52,265	21,617	
FY99 Authorized Budget per Beneficiary	\$9,968	\$12,590	\$2,164	\$2,622	<u>\$ 359,135,100</u>
<u>Projected FY00 Base Medicaid Program</u>					
FY00 Projected Beneficiaries	6,364	10,717	53,001	21,535	
FY00 Cost per Beneficiary	\$10,207	\$13,127	\$2,196	\$2,661	<u>\$ 379,302,280</u>
<u>Total Projected Base Program Growth FY99 - FY00</u>					
Beneficiaries Growth	189	565	736	-82	
% Change Beneficiaries	3.06%	5.57%	1.41%	-0.38%	
Incremental Cost per Beneficiaries	\$238	\$537	\$32	\$39	
% Change Cost per Beneficiaries	2.39%	4.27%	1.46%	1.47%	
Change in Total Funds	\$ 3,404,948	\$ 12,848,635	\$ 3,288,736	\$ 624,861	<u>\$ 20,167,180</u>
% Change in Total Funds	5.5%	10.1%	2.9%	1.1%	5.62%

Cost Containment Areas - FY2000

- ✦ Limiting service scope and duration
- ✦ Increasing provider surveillance

FY99 Authorized	\$ 359,135,100
Formula Growth	\$ 20,167,180
Cost Containment	\$ (7,376,100)
Governor's Request	\$ 371,926,180

FY1998 Medicaid Expenditures by Provider/Service Type

Category of Service	Expenditures (in thousands)	Expenditure Percent
Hospitals*	\$98,352.6	25%
Nursing Homes**	\$42,803.7	11%
Inpatient Psychiatric***	\$38,464.7	10%
Mental Health Clinics	\$35,956.0	9%
EPSDT	\$13,558.5	4%
Physicians*	\$57,820.1	15%
Pharmacy	\$30,781.0	8%
Waivers	\$25,035.0	6%
Other Services	\$31,910.8	8%
Transportation	\$12,250.3	3%
Total	\$386,932.7	99%

* Indian Health Service Pmts Included

** Includes \$469,679 GF match in DMHDD Budget

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INPATIENT FACILITIES
EXPENDITURES AND PATIENT DAYS UTILIZED
FISCAL YEARS 1996 THRU 1998
(Based on Dates of Service)

INSTITUTION	*TOTAL DAYS FY 96	AVG DAILY COST	**TOTAL PAID FY 96	*TOTAL DAYS FY 97	AVG DAILY COST	**TOTAL PAID FY 97	*TOTAL DAYS FY 98	AVG DAILY COST	**TOTAL PAID FY 98
Alaska Children's Srvs.	14,583	\$253	\$3,687,020	12,249	\$250	\$3,064,432	9,355	\$251	\$2,346,594
Alaska Psychiatric	723	\$491	355,347	754	\$529	398,716	1,425	\$643	915,868
Alaska Regional	4,551	\$1,333	6,064,926	5,110	\$1,561	7,976,010	3,619	\$1,493	5,403,457
Bartlett Memorial	1,723	\$1,039	1,790,317	1,699	\$1,125	1,911,479	1,066	\$1,163	1,239,720
Central Peninsula	1,469	\$1,232	1,809,357	1,482	\$1,163	1,723,987	1,380	\$1,219	1,682,041
Charter North	6,723	\$802	5,391,700	7,194	\$765	5,502,219	8,513	\$768	6,537,669
Cordova Community	45	\$1,206	54,256	37	\$923	34,133	32	\$961	30,751
Fairbanks Memorial	4,895	\$945	4,623,411	5,428	\$1,104	5,995,172	4,675	\$1,206	5,637,143
Ketchikan General	991	\$1,128	1,117,969	1,116	\$1,164	1,299,525	922	\$1,143	1,053,718
Kodiak Island	614	\$1,204	739,428	663	\$1,287	853,163	540	\$1,353	730,441
North Star	3,917	\$884	3,461,063	931	\$855	796,110	1,107	\$254	281,265
Norton Sound	305	\$1,437	438,208	245	\$1,613	395,197	293	\$1,706	499,751
Petersburg General	55	\$1,062	58,433	20	\$1,289	25,781	38	\$1,010	38,385
Providence	16,352	\$1,455	23,796,218	17,363	\$1,620	28,122,618	15,832	\$1,474	23,331,368
Providence Seward	45	\$1,462	65,776	23	\$1,050	24,150	21	\$1,499	31,474
Sitka Community	221	\$1,306	288,531	208	\$1,184	246,339	120	\$1,266	151,946
South Peninsula	635	\$1,151	730,834	752	\$1,259	946,826	524	\$1,541	807,586
Valdez Community	44	\$1,298	57,113	101	\$999	100,915	82	\$1,081	88,643
Valley	1,892	\$1,326	2,508,830	1,938	\$1,482	2,872,244	1,839	\$1,291	2,373,659
Wrangell General	45	\$1,489	\$66,990	55	\$1,552	\$85,363	46	\$1,242	\$57,136
Totals	59,828	\$954	\$57,105,727	57,368	\$1,087	\$62,374,378	51,429	\$1,035	\$53,238,615
%change from previous	-6%	-3%	-8%	-4%	14%	9%	***-10%	-5%	***-15%

*Excludes EMC crossover days

**Excludes crossover expenditures

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LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES
EXPENDITURES AND PATIENT DAYS UTILIZED
FISCAL YEARS 1996 THRU 1998
(Based on Dates of Service)

INSTITUTION	*Total Days FY96	Ave Daily Cost	**Total Paid FY96	*Total Days FY 97	Ave Daily Cost	**Total Paid FY 97	*Total Days FY 98	Ave Daily Cost	**Total Paid FY 98
SNF and ICF Facilities:									
Cordova Comm. Hosp.	2,859	\$392	\$1,119,686	3,143	\$398	\$1,251,573	3,189	\$406	\$1,294,585
Denali Center	24,071	\$263	6,339,772	22,148	\$291	6,455,519	21,259	\$305	6,474,426
Harborview Dev. Center	5,384	\$298	1,603,892	3,689	\$320	1,181,048	321	\$391	125,607
Heritage Place	13,938	\$154	2,149,315	14,031	\$157	2,204,542	13,095	\$157	2,061,287
Ketchikan Gen. Hospital	4,954	\$307	1,520,975	4,666	\$320	1,494,706	4,181	\$319	1,335,292
Kodiak Island Hosp.	4,296	\$294	1,263,407	4,417	\$380	1,677,654	4,199	\$357	1,499,673
Kotzebue Sr. Center	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	0
Mary Conrad	30,751	\$200	6,156,705	29,617	\$206	6,108,986	28,880	\$209	6,037,703
Petersburg Gen. Hosp.	4,196	\$263	1,104,622	4,256	\$258	1,097,170	4,509	\$275	1,239,114
Providence Extended Care	68,375	\$192	13,139,104	62,028	\$197	12,200,072	62,148	\$203	12,587,845
Quyaana Care Center	5,052	\$448	2,261,137	5,104	\$475	2,426,136	4,804	\$534	2,564,395
South Peninsula Hosp.	6,682	\$349	2,329,810	6,749	\$301	2,032,611	6,576	\$316	2,076,116
Sitka Comm. Hosp.	1,608	\$216	347,382	1,197	\$396	473,963	1,401	\$521	729,306
St. Ann's Nursing Home	12,001	\$222	2,659,913	10,873	\$225	2,444,571	10,662	\$231	2,467,716
Wesleyan Nursing Home	15,422	\$193	2,978,125	13,159	\$196	2,584,082	10,617	\$212	2,249,711
Wrangell Gen. Hosp.	3,945	\$271	1,070,937	3,936	\$277	1,090,395	3,612	\$289	1,045,393
Subtotal ICF & SNF	203,534	\$226	\$46,044,778	189,013	\$237	\$44,723,029	179,453	\$244	\$43,788,171
ICF/MR Facilities:									
Harborview Dev. Center	8,302	\$416	3,453,031	4,746	\$455	2,159,478	1,128	\$557	628,317
Hope Cottages, Inc.	13,823	\$357	4,929,592	0		0	0		0
Subtotal ICF/MR	22,125	\$379	\$8,382,622	4,746	\$455	\$2,159,478	1,128	\$557	628,317
Totals	225,659	\$241	\$54,427,401	193,759	\$242	\$46,882,507	180,581	\$246	\$44,416,488
% Change	0%	9%	0%	-14%	0	-14%	-7%	2%	-5%

(Admin. Wait Days Not Included, GRM days included above)

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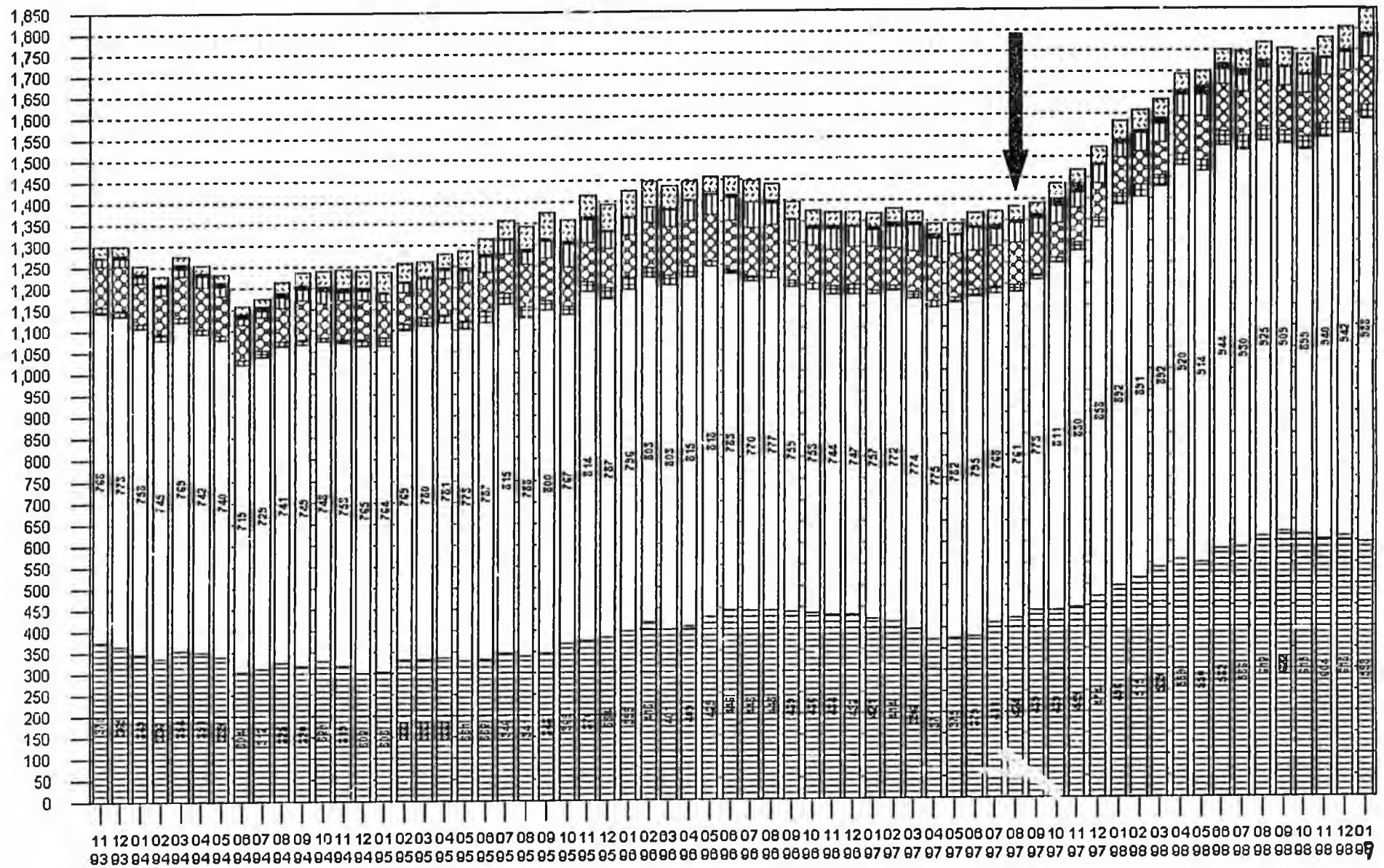
SNF: Skilled Nursing Facility

ICF: Intermediate Care Facility

ICF/MR: Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded

Family Services Children in Out of Home Care by Placement Category November 1993 through January 1999

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Relative Home
 Foster Home
 Medical Facility
 Residential Care
 Detention Facility
 Corrections Facility
 Other

Source: Division of Family and Youth Services - PROBER

Youth Facility Current and Planned Capacity

Facility	Existing Capacity	New Beds	New Staff	Facility Open	Total Beds
McLaughlin Youth Center	170	30	19	May 2000	200
Fairbanks Youth Facility	40	4	0		44
Johnson Youth Facility	8	22	14	Feb 1999	30
Bethel Youth Facility	19	0	0		19
Nome Youth Facility	6	4	4	Feb 1999	10
Mat-Su Youth Facility	0	15	18	Apr 2000	15
Total	243	75	55		318

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

JANUARY 1999

SUBMITTED BY

COMMISSIONER KAREN PERDUE

PROGRAM AND MISSION

Alaska Temporary Assistance Program: To provide needy Alaskan families the financial assistance for which they qualify and to assist clients in reaching economic self-sufficiency.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Caseload Comparison: Change in Adult ATAP caseload compared to change in unemployment rate.</p> <p>Measure is expressed as a comparison between the change in caseload and the change in unemployment during a fiscal year. The measure reveals the relationship between these two indicators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	<p>FY98 Unemployment change = -16% ATAP Caseload Change = -14%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALASKA AFDC/ATAP CASELOAD VS. ALASKA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- AFDC/ATAP cases -- Unemployment Rate</p>
Measure	Status	Data
<p>Case Closure 1: ATAP cases closed with earnings compared to total ATAP caseload.</p> <p>Measure provides the total number of cases that are closed with earnings as compared to the total ATAP cases closed and is expressed as a percentage on a quarterly basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	<p>January 199838%</p> <p>March 199836%</p> <p>June 199842%</p> <p>September 199846%</p> <p>December 199846%</p>

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Case Closure 2: ATAP cases closed with earnings and child support compared to total.</p> <p>Measure provides a comparison among factors that relate to case closure and is expressed as a percentage on a quarterly basis. This measure is closures with earnings and child support and is expressed as a percentage that describes the percent of total cases closed that had both earnings and child support.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	January 19986% March 19985% June 19985% September 19985% December 199810%
Measure	Status	Data
<p>Case Closure 3: ATAP cases closed due to earnings without child support.</p> <p>Measure provides a comparison among factors that contribute to case closure. This measure is closures due to earnings without child support. The measure describes the percent of total cases closed that had earnings but no child support</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	January 199832% March 199831% June 199837% September 199841% December 199836%

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Earned Income: ATAP cases with earned income compared to total ATAP caseload.</p> <p>Measure is expressed as a percentage on a quarterly basis and provides a measure of the number of cases with earned income compared to the total number of cases. An increasing percentage demonstrates success in work support efforts.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>January 199829%</p> <p>March 199830%</p> <p>June 199834%</p> <p>September 199836%</p> <p>December 199837%</p>

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Employment Length: ATAP clients employed longer than three, six, twelve, eighteen months compared to total ATAP caseload.</p> <p>Measure compares groups with differing lengths of employment and provides a measurement of job retention of temporary assistance adults.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: The way this measure is worded does not allow for calculation and presentation. We recommend changing this measure to mirror the Federal High Performance Bonus measure on job retention which is a fiscal year measure.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Wages: ATAP clients average hourly wage.</p> <p>Measure provides a trend of the average hourly wage for work program ATAP clients. Measure is expressed as an average on a quarterly basis.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>January 1998\$8.56</p> <p>March 1998\$8.40</p> <p>June 1998\$8.25</p> <p>September 1998\$8.13</p> <p>December 1998\$8.28</p>
Measure	Status	Data
<p>Payment Accuracy: ATAP payment accuracy rate.</p> <p>Measure is expressed as a percentage during a fiscal year and provides a measure of quality as it relates to the eligibility determination and payment process.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>FY1997 – 98%</p> <p>FY1998 – 98%</p>

PROGRAM AND MISSION

Medicaid Services: The mission of the Medicaid program is to maintain access to quality health care for all Alaskans and to provide health coverage for needy Alaskans.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Provider Enrollment: Percent of Alaska Providers, by type and region, participating in the Medical Assistance program in the previous fiscal year.</p> <p>Measure expressed as a percentage that compares the number of providers participating in the Medicaid program to the total number of providers in the State of Alaska.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	

Additional Explanation or Comments: The division has limited its initial efforts to developing provider participation measures for certain mandatory services including hospitals (inpatient and outpatient), long-term care facilities, and physicians. In subsequent periods, the Division will expand this effort to include other provider types. Data sources: Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Provider enrollment file, Occupational Licensing health practitioners licensing records, PHS/IHS health personnel data, VA and military health personnel data. The Division has secured the MMIS and licensing data and is developing a method for matching individual providers from these sources. Other data are pending. Baseline period is FY 98.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Client Enrollment: Percent of needy Alaskans as defined in AS 47.07.010 who are enrolled or have other health coverage: percent children; percent adults; percent seniors; percent disabled.</p> <p>Measure(s) expressed as a percentage that compare the total number of persons who are enrolled in the Medicaid Program compared to the total number of all persons in Alaska who meet Medicaid eligibility standards but who are not enrolled; comparisons by beneficiary category; elderly, disabled, children and adults.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined ⁽¹⁾ <input type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: (1) Measures that compare Medicaid beneficiaries with the total population of "needy" Alaskans present unique problems in that no reliable estimates of the number of Alaskans in poverty by demographic characteristics are available. The Division continues to research the availability of baseline studies and/or data regarding the poor in Alaska. To date the most likely data source will be the 2000 Census. Data source to date includes the MMIS Recipient Eligibility file for FY 98.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Licensure Surveys: Percent of licensure surveys conducted in nursing homes annually, hospitals bi-annually, and home health agencies annually.</p> <p>Measure is expressed as a percentage and compares the number of provider/facility type licensure surveys conducted during the period specified to the total number of providers or facilities of that type subject to licensure surveys.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>Annual Surveys Completed - FY 98</p> <p>Nursing Homes - Surveyed 100%</p> <p>Home Health Agencies - Surveyed 86%</p> <p>Biannual Surveys - FY 98 - 99 To Date</p> <p>Hospitals - Surveyed 32%</p>

Additional Explanation or Comments: Comparisons include surveys for Nursing Homes and Home Health Agencies in FY 98 and for Hospitals from Jul-97 thru Dec-98.

PROGRAM AND MISSION

Youth Services: The mission of youth corrections is to protect the public from, and reform, juvenile offenders.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percent of juvenile intakes completed in 30 days or less will improve from the current baseline of 55% in order to ensure swift action and promote accountability.</p> <p>This measure rates the Division's ability to respond to delinquency referrals within thirty (30) days of receipt from a law enforcement agency. It is based on the length of time between the date DFYS received a delinquency report and the date an intake decision is determined.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	<p>First Quarter, Fiscal Year 1999 ... 86%</p>

Additional Explanation or Comments: The baseline of 55% was based on FY97 delinquency referrals. Unfortunately, the prevailing data entry procedures during this time do not allow for accurate and meaningful reporting of this measure. Data entry procedures were changed on July 1, 1998, which allows for accurate reporting of this measure. 1st Quarter data from FY 99 will thus be used as a baseline.

NOTE: This 1st quarter figure of 86% should be considered preliminary since, when the data was obtained, there were still 478 (about 23% percent of the total) referrals where an intake decision had not yet been determined. Sometime during the second week of February, 1st quarter figures will be recalculated.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percent of referrals to youth corrections that will be met with an active response to include either a conference, referral for services, informal supervision or formal court action will improve from the current baseline of 92%.</p> <p>This measure rates the Division's ability to respond actively to delinquency referrals. It is based on percentage of delinquency referrals that were closed at the intake determination point with an outcome of something other than Adjust with a Letter.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	<p>1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 1999 95%</p>

Additional Explanation or Comments: The baseline of 92% was based on FY97 delinquency referrals. An intake decision was not determined for all of the FY97 delinquency referrals at the time this baseline was established. 1st Quarter data from FY 99 will thus be used as a baseline.

NOTE: This 1st quarter figure of 95% should be considered preliminary since, when the data was obtained, there were still 478 (about 23% percent of the total) referrals where an intake decision had not yet been determined. Sometime during the second week of February, 1st quarter figures will be recalculated.

Measure	Status	Data										
<p>Percent of restitution paid will be at least 80 % of the amount ordered and the number of community work service hours completed will be at least 80% of the number of hours ordered.</p> <p>It is the belief of Youth Corrections that an essential aspect of rehabilitation of juvenile offenders is being held accountable for their actions, and making amends to the victim. Paying restitution for damages caused as a result of their crime is part of this. Community Work Service is also an important element of being held accountable. Community Service Work also serves the function of having youth participate with other community and/or social service agencies, and raising the offenders awareness and sense of being a part of the larger society.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 		<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Restitution</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Work Service Hours</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Baseline</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Qtr, FY99</td> <td style="text-align: center;">79%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">83%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Restitution	Work Service Hours	Baseline	80%	80%	1st Qtr, FY99	79%	83%
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Additional Explanation or Comments: The baseline for this measure is 1st quarter FY 99 data, since the information was not tracked prior to this period.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Reading and math grade levels for youth in institutional programs will improve by 1.25 months for every month a youth is in the school program.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments:
 Information received from education specialists suggest that this may be an attainable measure for those residents who are significantly behind in school but not for those residents who are at or above appropriate grade level upon entry into the program. Continued refinement of this measure will be required and is in progress.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Number of events of escapes from institutions will be maintained or reduced as measured against the historic pattern averaged over the last three year period of 9 per year.</p> <p>Escapes are defined as a resident leaving an institutional program or a staff-supervised activity (i.e. court, medical etc.) without permission.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>Previous 3 Years.....9 escapes per year on average</p> <p>1st Qtr, FY99 1 escape</p> <p>2nd Qtr, FY99 1 escape</p>

Additional Explanation or Comments: It is the duty of Youth Corrections to protect the public from youth who have been deemed by the courts to be in need of a locked facility, to meet this duty improvements have been made in security procedures, and general policy and procedure.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percent of residents leaving institutions receiving aftercare services will increase from the current baseline of 47%.</p> <p>This measure rates the Division's ability to provide follow-up services to youth released from secure juvenile institutions. This could include the use of electronic monitoring; referral to vocational and educational services; intensive supervision and individual contact with a case manager; delivery of group and/or individual sessions focused on transitioning successfully into the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	<p>Baseline.....47%</p> <p>1st Qtr, FY9967%</p> <p>2nd Qtr, FY9958%</p>

Additional Explanation or Comments: The baseline of 47% is based on FY 97 data and represents only those juveniles released from McLaughlin Youth Center, since this facility is the only one in the state that has a formalized aftercare program for youth being released from the institution.

The goal is to broaden the availability of aftercare services to the remaining juvenile treatment facilities in the state, including Fairbanks, Bethel and Juneau. The actual delivery of these services in these sites will be a process that occurs over time.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Recidivism data will be maintained for both <u>probation field services</u> and all juvenile facilities including the aftercare component, and the current recidivism rate will be maintained or decrease from the established baseline.</p> <p>This measure provides information about whether juveniles who come in contact with Youth Corrections (through an arrest by law enforcement for a delinquent offense) do so more than once. It is thus a measure of whether a youth is reoffending following contact with the array of services that may be received from Youth Corrections. This performance measure is in fact <u>two</u> components of the overall measure of recidivism. To facilitate ease of discussion and understanding, recidivism data for probation field services and data for juvenile facilities will be referred to as separate measures.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	

Additional Explanation or Comments: Reoffense data for youth who get referred to Youth Corrections are not yet available. A protocol for collecting this information has been developed and the computer programs to extract the data from the MIS system are being written by the Division's research analyst. It is anticipated that recidivism information for probation youth will be available by later on in the fiscal year.

Measure	Status	Data
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Additional Explanation or Comments: Reoffense data has been maintained for those youth being released from McLaughlin Youth Facility for 10 years. For this recidivism study the criteria required to be considered a recidivist are that the resident 1) obtains a new juvenile or criminal conviction, or 2) be re-institutionalized (in a long term Youth Corrections facility). The data are collected after the resident has been released from a long term youth corrections for two years. Adult criminal records and Department records are reviewed for each former resident and the data compiled from these.

The baseline is established using McLaughlin data for the years 1987 through 1996. The recidivism for residents released during these years was 44.4% and ranged from 54% to 26% in different years. A 44.4% recidivism rate is considered very good when using the strict measures established for this study. Bethel Youth Facility and Fairbanks Youth facility are developing recidivism studies based on the criteria established at McLaughlin.

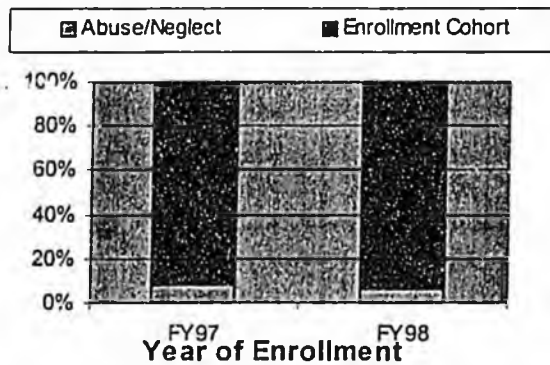
Caution: Not all recidivism data are created equal. Comparison of data from different studies can be misleading without using the same measures.

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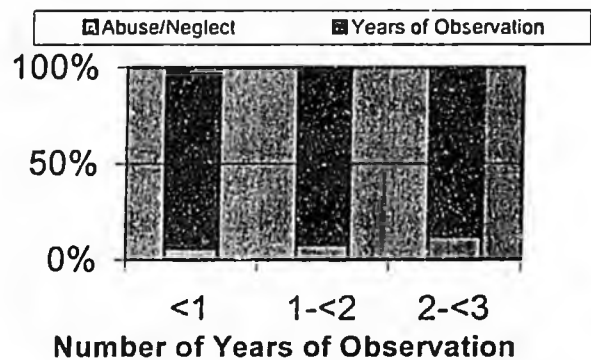
Healthy Families: To prevent and remedy abuse, neglect and exploitation of children through family centered services.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Rate of substantiated abuse and neglect among families served.</p> <p>Measures the rate of substantiated reports of abuse and neglect in families enrolled in and receiving services from the Healthy Family program.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>Updated data elements: The baseline for this measure will be the rate of substantiated abuse and neglect for families enrolled during FY98. These families will be followed as a cohort on a long-term basis. Studies suggest that programs like HFAK show the greatest gains 15-30 years post intervention. Short-term evaluations have been unremarkable.</p>

Percent of Entire Enrolled with Substantiated Abuse/Neglect



Substantiated Abuse/Neglect in Relation to Years of Observation



Additional Explanation or Comments: Kenai Parent Support Program and Southcentral Foundation's New Beginnings Program data are not included due to unavailability of critical data elements.

In the charts above, the enrollment cohort refers to the number of children enrolled in the program in the specified fiscal year. Substantiated abuse or neglect refers to the percent of an enrollment cohort that was ever subsequently reported for substantiated abuse or neglect.

Any child whose family ever received at least one home visit from Healthy Families Alaska prior to an initial report of abuse and neglect is included in the charts above. A portion of these families never engaged in services, i.e., received three or fewer home visits and terminated services thereafter.

It is important to keep in mind when examining the data that because Healthy Families staff are in the home on a weekly basis there is a strong surveillance bias, i.e., staff are observing and reporting concerns to DFYS.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Rate of substantiated abuse and neglect statewide as compared to the rate of those served.</p> <p>Measures the rate of substantiated abuse and neglect between families that receive Healthy Family services and the rate of abuse and neglect statewide with a matched group of families not served.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	<p>Updated Data Elements: To determine the implicit impact of HFAK, a controlled random assignment study of the program will be conducted. The study will be done by a contractor and will begin on May 1, 1999. Baseline data for both the case group and the control group will be available no earlier than 12/01/01.</p>

Additional Explanation or Comments: The measure was changed from comparing abuse and neglect rates of HFAK participants with statewide abuse and neglect rates to a case/control study for the following reasons.

- General population estimates of children “at-risk” for child abuse and neglect is approximately 20%.
- The HFAK population “at-risk” for child abuse and neglect is 100%

Thus, we would anticipate that the child abuse and neglect rate in the HFAK population will be significantly greater than in the general population even with the HFAK intervention. These two distinctly different groups should NOT be compared.

- Families served by HFAK have a high prevalence of substance abuse and domestic violence – both, very high risk factors for child abuse and neglect. These problems are recalcitrant to treatment and require sustained effort to impact.

Limitations of the Randomized case/control study

- Limited time to build sufficient numbers in both the treatment (case) group and the control group. This will be a significant problem because several programs have full enrollment and are closed to intake except when attrition “opens” treatment or control slots.
- Small numbers of families participating in the study (program funding and study funding limitations). Proving statistical significance of findings may be difficult given limited numbers of participants.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Rate and duration of out of home placements of children from families who make use of the services provided.</p> <p>Measure provides the rate and the average time or duration of out-of-home care for children in families that are receiving Healthy Family services. Measure deals with families receiving services who have reports of substantiated abuse and neglect which result in temporary out-of-home care placement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	<p>The rate and duration for out of home placements is currently through FY96. Updating of this information is in process. FY98 data will be used as the baseline.</p>

PROGRAM AND MISSION

General Community Mental Health Grants: The mission of the mental health program is to enhance the the ability of persons with mental illness to live in their communities with the highest quality of life available to them.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Increase in the percentage of children and adults receiving community based services who show improved functioning as a result of services.</p> <p>Using the Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) score as the metric by which improved functioning will be measured, MHDD will be applying this assessment at admission and at three month intervals throughout the course of treatment. The GAF score is a numerical score the represents overall clinical performance and the severity of symptoms. The scale ranges from zero to one hundred with a higher score equating to a higher level of functioning. A numerical composite score for clients receiving services in a period will be generated on a monthly basis.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	<p>Mean GAF score for the last two quarters of FY1998 was 56 for all clients and 55 for children.</p>
Measure	Status	Data
<p>Increase in the percentage of people receiving mental health services who become employed.</p> <p>Measure is expressed as a percentage and compares the number of consumers who become employed while receiving mental health services.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	<p>An average of 24.25% of clients were employed during the last two quarters of FY98.</p>

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Decrease in the total number of psychiatric hospital days used per person that are publicly funded (i.e. chronically mentally ill adults).</p> <p>Measures the total number of psychiatric hospital days during a six month period that are fully funded with public money. Measure is expressed as the average number of days per person that meets this funding criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	<p>Second Half FY1998 13 Days</p> <p>First Half FY1999..... 12 Days</p>
Measure	Status	Data
<p>Decrease in the percentage of consumers that receive mental health services outside their community.</p> <p>Measure expressed as a percentage that measures the number of consumers receiving mental health services outside of their community compared to the total number of consumers receiving mental health services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	
Measure	Status	Data
<p>Consumer satisfaction measure as defined by stakeholder committee developing quality assurance standards.</p> <p>Consumer satisfaction survey will be developed and implemented that measures five target areas: accessibility, respect and dignity, consumer voice and choice, provider acting in the consumer's best interest, and consumer benefit from services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available 	

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Front Line Social Workers: To protect children by preventing and remedying repeated abuse, neglect, and the exploitation of children.

Measure	Status	Data																												
<p>Average length of time spent in out of home care for children who have been abused or neglected.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1089 479 1376 544">Month</th> <th data-bbox="1376 479 1574 544">Average Months</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 544 1376 577">January 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 544 1574 577">24.1</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 577 1376 611">February 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 577 1574 611">23.7</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 611 1376 645">March 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 611 1574 645">23.8</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 645 1376 678">April 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 645 1574 678">23.8</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 678 1376 712">May 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 678 1574 712">23.3</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 712 1376 745">June 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 712 1574 745">23.3</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 745 1376 779">July 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 745 1574 779">23.2</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 779 1376 813">August 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 779 1574 813">23.5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 813 1376 846">September 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 813 1574 846">23.8</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 846 1376 880">October 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 846 1574 880">24.5</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 880 1376 913">November 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 880 1574 913">24.2</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 913 1376 947">December 1998</td><td data-bbox="1376 913 1574 947">24.6</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="1089 947 1376 981">January 1999</td><td data-bbox="1376 947 1574 981">24.6</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Average Months	January 1998	24.1	February 1998	23.7	March 1998	23.8	April 1998	23.8	May 1998	23.3	June 1998	23.3	July 1998	23.2	August 1998	23.5	September 1998	23.8	October 1998	24.5	November 1998	24.2	December 1998	24.6	January 1999	24.6
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Additional Explanation or Comments: Data provided represents average months in out of home care for children in DFYS custody during the month reported. The "average" has limited value in presenting a true picture of the experience of most children who are in out of home care. The average is heavily skewed by the relatively small number of children who remain in out of home care for lengthy periods of time. Some of these children remain in out of home care because they are hard to place in adoptive homes or because long-term foster care is the most appropriate permanent plan. Most children are in out of home care for relatively short periods - less than three years. To more fully illustrate the experience of children we will be reporting on the distribution of time children spend in out of home care as well as the average length of out of home care. For January 1999 the distribution is:

Months in Out of Home Care	Number of Children	Percent of Children
0-11	663	36%
12-23	506	27%
24-35	224	12%
36-47	208	11%
48+	247	13%

Measure	Status	Data
Average number of out of home placements before a permanent home is found for a child.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: Data for this measure is under development. Limitations in the management information system require a sophisticated data extraction process to provide relevant data. These issues are expected to be resolved within a few weeks and both baseline and comparison data will be available at that time. Relevant data approximating the intent of this measure is available at this time. The table below illustrates the number of placements experienced by children currently in custody.

Month	Average Placements
January 1998	5.8
February 1998	5.7
March 1998	5.7
April 1998	5.7
May 1998	5.7
June 1998	5.7
July 1998	5.8
August 1998	5.7
September 1998	5.8
October 1998	5.8
November 1998	5.8
December 1998	5.8
January 1999	5.7

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percent of closed cases for children served in their home in which a recurrence of substantiated abuse and neglect occurs 6, 12, and 24 months following case closure.</p> <p>The number and percentage of children who were the subject of a substantiated CPS report of harm investigation whose family had previously received ongoing services from DFYS.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: The recommended baseline year is FY97. The division is working on gathering data for this measurement. Data is available for closed cases which re-enter the child protection system during a specified period of time. For example, all cases closed during FY97 can be compared with cases that had substantiated investigations during FY98.

One complication in gathering the data is the backlog of data entry that exists in the field offices. There are a number of investigations that are completed but not entered into PROBER. This backlog creates problems in identifying closed cases and in determining whether the investigation was substantiated.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percent of closed cases for children placed in alternative permanent homes in which a recurrence of substantiated abuse and neglect occurs 6, 12, and 24 months following case closure.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: The recommended baseline year is FY97. The division is working on gathering data for this measurement. Data is available for closed cases which re-enter the child protection system during a specified period of time. For example, all cases closed during FY97 can be compared with cases that had substantiated investigations during FY98. This measure examines children placed in out-of-home care, returned to their parents' home with a case closure status.

Like Performance Measure 1, a complication in gathering the data is the backlog of data entry that exists in the field offices. There are a number of investigations that are completed but not entered into PROBER. This backlog creates problems in identifying closed cases and in determining whether the investigation was substantiated.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percentage of permanent adoptive and guardianship homes that are disrupted 6, 12, and 24 months after placement.</p> <p>The number and percentage of children that were released from DFYS custody as a result of adoption or guardianship, who return to DFYS custody.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: The recommended baseline year is FY97. The division is working on gathering data for this measurement. Data is available on children that were released from custody as a result of adoption or guardianship and who later return to custody.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Percentage of children placed in temporary care who experience substantiated abuse or neglect.</p> <p>The number and percentage of children who, while in DFYS custody and out of home care, were the subject of a CPS investigation that was substantiated, regardless of the perpetrator.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available	

Additional Explanation or Comments: The recommended baseline year is FY97. The division is working on gathering data for this measurement. Data are available but more time consuming to gather since this is reported and tracked differently in PROBER. PROBER does not differentiate type of licensed facility or home, but does track the number of children who are in custody and placement and are a subject of a CPS investigation that was substantiated, regardless of the perpetrator.

Measure	Status	Data
<p>Average time required to place children in a safe, permanent home after determining that they can not be returned to their own home.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measure Defined</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Development</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baseline Defined</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Data Available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comparison Data Available</p>	

Additional Explanation or Comments: Data are under development. Limitations in the management information system require development of sophisticated data extraction processes to provide relevant data for this measure. Work to develop these processes will be completed no later than March 1 and both baseline and comparison data will be available at that time.