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Re: Revisions to the Child Welfare Dashboards

PURPOSE

This memo describes significant updates to the Worker Performance, Initial Assessment, Older Youth Outcomes, and Out-of-Home Care child welfare dashboards.

BACKGROUND

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) is decommissioning most child welfare dashboards due to a need to upgrade the software these dashboards are built within. The majority of these dashboards have been replaced with new dashboards that bring additional functionality.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The DSP released updated versions of the Worker, Initial Assessment, Older Youth Outcomes, and Out-of-Home Care dashboards on January 28, 2020. A brief description of each dashboard follows:

Worker Dashboard
The Worker dashboard presents information on an individual worker's caseload, a child welfare supervisor's team, or the overall county's details on their caseload, initial assessment work, or out-of-home care work. The overall intent of this dashboard is to assist counties in managing their caseload and identifying areas in need of improvement.

The dashboard also captures information on potentially inactive cases. Counties can leverage the list of potentially inactive cases to pursue further research and decide whether a case needs additional follow-up, or if the case should be closed. This information was included in the Worker dashboard because it is critical that counties close relevant cases in a timely manner. Accurate tracking, reporting, and decision-making related to worker caseloads is impeded when cases that should be closed remain open in the system.

Initial Assessment

The Initial Assessment dashboard provides information on all Initial Assessments (IAs) completed within the time period selected, by individual counties, regions, or the state as a whole. Users may determine the number of completed IAs including information on IAs completed timely, initial Face-to-Face contacts completed timely, safety finding, IA finding, disposition, maltreatment finding, maltreatment type, maltreater relationship, and substantiation rate. Information on currently open IAs are also available.

Older Youth Outcomes

The Older Youth Outcomes dashboard provides statewide and county-specific information pertaining to youth 15-21 who discharged from out-of-home care (OHC) either due to reaching the maximum age on their court order ("aging out") or by way of adoption, guardianship, reunification, a few select other discharge reasons.

This dashboard includes a number of data elements, such as: how many discharges took place in a given time period, including by type; youth's length of time in OHC – both by final episode and over their lifetime, and median as well as more/less than 12 months; average number of placements a youth experienced during their final episode in OHC; and the status of a youth's transition plan prior to discharge.

Out-of-Home Care

This dashboard provides measures of children currently in out-of-home care (OHC) including information on their number of placements, number of OHC episodes, level-of-need and level-of-care, demographic information, and a map of their placement address by type (e.g. foster home, detention, etc.). Further information includes details on removals and discharges.

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Attachment Links: Child Welfare Reports and Dashboards https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/reports

                   Initial Assessment https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/dashboard/ia

                   Out of Home Care https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/dashboard/ohc

                   Older Youth Outcomes https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/dashboard/ageout