

**SPECIAL MEETING
STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD**

AGENDA

Date: 8-30-2023

Time: 10-12

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

1	Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests	10 Min.	Deanna Chancellor
2	Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act	5 Min.	Kathleen Arrieta
3	Review and Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2023, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board meeting <i>Discussion and possible action</i>	5 Min.	Deanna Chancellor
4	State PARB Proposed Meeting Cancellation and 2024 Meeting Dates <i>Discussion and possible action</i>	5 Min.	Deanna Chancellor
5	Vote on PARB Representative to OCCY Board of Commissioners <i>Discussion and possible action</i>	10 Min.	Deanna Chancellor
6	Discussion Surrounding the Changes in Jury Trial Requirements in Termination Cases and Strategies Moving Forward <i>Discussion and possible action</i>	15 Min.	Sarah Herrian
7	Review of Recent Improvements in Child Welfare Outcomes and Discussion around Child Welfare Data	15 Min.	Daniel Herring
8	Report from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth	5 Min.	Dr. Kalie Kerth
9	Open Meeting Act Strategies	20 Min.	Keith Pirtle and Marcia Johnson
10	Discussion Surrounding Additional Staff Support for PARB	10 Min.	Keith Pirtle
11	Program Managers Report	10 Min.	Keith Pirtle
12	New Business Business which was not known nor could have been known through exercise of due diligence at the time of posting of this agenda	5 Min.	Deanna Chancellor
13	Adjournment	5 Min.	Deanna Chancellor

The Board may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda.

STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
April 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests and a Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Vice Chairperson, Sarah Herrian. Determination of quorum was established for members present and the board was in compliance with notice and agenda requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Members present in person: Daniel Herring, the Honorable Paul Hesse, Cindy Humphrey, the Honorable Tom Newby, the Honorable Kaitlyn Allen, Dr. Carol Bridges, Christina Siemens, Dr. Kalie Kerth, Sarah Herrian, Jonette Dunlap, the Honorable Leah Edwards, David Ross, the Honorable Christine Larson, and Amanda Bodine (new). Members not present: Madisyn Abbe, Deanna Chancellor, Brandi Watts, Greg Delaney, Cindy Nocton, Lisa Buck, Lynda Whitney, and Lou Truitt-Flanagan. OCCY staff members present: Keith Pirtle, Christina Whatley, Malayna Hasmanis, Marcia Johnson, and Kathleen Arrieta. No guests present for this meeting.

2. Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act

Quorum was determined and in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act.

3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2023, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting

Discussion and Possible Action

Handouts of the minutes were provided.

Dr. Kalie Kerth motioned, and the Honorable Kaitlyn Allen seconded to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2023, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting. Dr. Kerth amended her motion during roll call of votes and Judge Allen seconded the amendment. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

4. State PARB Conference Report

Dr. Kalie Kerth reported that State PARB and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) partnered with the University of Oklahoma's (OU) Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) and held a conference in April 2023. A little over seventy PARB volunteers from across the state attended the conference. Included were a judge's panel, an awards ceremony, and a breakout discussion on challenges and opportunities for local PARBs.

Handouts of the conference report were provided.

Vice Chairperson Herrian took time in the meeting to give an announcement not on the agenda.

5. Open Meeting Act Discussion

Keith Pirtle and Marcia Johnson discussed the rules of the Open Meeting Act, the statutes that govern PARB and the impact on local PARBs when conducting meetings. Mr. Pirtle explained the requirements that PARBs must adhere to when conducting meetings, including posting agendas 24 hours in advance of a scheduled meeting and determining quorum prior to continuing a meeting. Mr. Pirtle reported that training on the Open Meeting Act is provided to the volunteers.

Ms. Johnson explained that PARBs go into executive session every meeting to review case files, determine findings, and provide recommendations. She reported that discussions with the Oklahoma Press Association occurred. Included in the discussions were the burden the Act causes on local PARBs, concerns about removing the requirements of the Act, and possible compromises to keep some items that the act provides such as a quorum. Members discussed possible alternative measures to maintain structure of the meetings, including requiring member volunteers to continue attending in person to ensure confidentiality.

Handouts of the Open Meeting Act Discussion points were provided.

6. Report from the Governor’s Task Force for Child Welfare

Judge Kaitlin Allen and Vice Chairperson Sarah Herrian provided an overview of the Governor’s Task Force for Child Welfare and what areas of concern the Task Force will review and report to the Governor. The Task Force was created in January 2023 to make recommendations regarding policies, programs, and proposed legislation with the goal to help families achieve permanency. The four areas the Task Force will review are:

- Reducing time to permanency in foster care.
- Reducing the number of re-entries to foster care after discharge to permanency.
- Identify risk factors that lead to removing children from their homes.
- Identify and propose areas of support for biological parents.

A report to the Governor is due October 1, 2023.

7. State PARB Findings and Recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth in Accordance with Title 10, Chapter 51, Section 1116.6

Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Pirtle reported that the annual report with recommendations is due to OCCY’s Board of Commissioners by May 1, 2023. The members deliberated on each possible recommendation and concluded that the recommendations to be included in the 2023 annual report are:

- *Change the name of the Post Adjudication Review Boards to; “**Citizens Review Board for Children in Foster Care**”.*
- *Eliminate the right to request a jury trial in the termination of parental rights procedures.*
- *Improve the quality of legal representation for children and parents in the juvenile court system and improve accountability for attorneys representing children and parents.*
- *Reduce the time to initiation of services and improve the quality of needed mental health services to families engaged within the child welfare system.*
- *Make PARB exempt from the Open Meeting Act on the local level.*

- *Improve the connections and resources needed to function in society, such as Oklahoma’s Promise, for youth who are aging out of child welfare custody.*

The Honorable Leah Edwards motioned, and Daniel Herring seconded to accept the recommendations as amended. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Handouts of the recommendations were provided.

8. Report from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

Dr. Kerth reported that the Parent Partnership Board (PPB) had invited commissioners to attend their meetings, and members shared their stories of lived experiences that ranged from child welfare involvement to domestic violence to poverty. Dr. Kerth commended the PPB for their work.

Dr. Kerth also commended Daniel Herring and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services’ (OKDHS) newest executive director, Dr. Deborah Shropshire, for their efforts in working with the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board and OCCY to improve outcomes for children.

9. Legislative Updates

Ms. Johnson reported that House Bill (HB) 1929 would increase the age limit of a young adult continuing to receive services after aging out of care from 21 years of age to 25 years of age.

10. PARB Program Manager’s Report

Mr. Pirtle reported on PARB activities from January 21, 2023, to April 20, 2023. Some of the activities reported in the meeting included:

- PARB partnered with OKDHS’ Office of Strategic Engagement and Project 111 to use the Care Portal in recruiting volunteers.
- Four new boards have been established or re-established. The counties they cover include Bryan County, Muskogee County, Lincoln County, and Haskell County.

Handouts of the program manager’s report were provided.

11. New Business

(Business which was not known nor could have been known through exercise of due diligence at the time of posting of this agenda)

No new business was discussed.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2023.

Vice Chairperson Herrian adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Post Adjudication Review Board Program

Proposed 2023 Meeting Cancellation and 2024 State PARB Meeting Dates

October 20, 2023-cancel meeting

January

State PARB Meeting
January 19, 2024 10:00-12
2915 North Classen, Suite 300
OKC, Main Conference Room

April

State PARB Meeting
April 19, 2024 10:00-12
2915 North Classen, Suite 300
OKC, Main Conference Room

October

State PARB Meeting,
October 18, 2024 10:00-12
2915 North Classen, Suite 300
OKC, Main Conference Room

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 706

By: Pederson, Rader, Stephens,
and Howard of the Senate

and

Randleman, Talley, Lawson,
Caldwell (Chad), Hill,
Dobrinski, Cantrell,
Townley, Tedford, Stark,
and Hilbert of the House

An Act relating to termination of parental rights;
amending 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-4-502, which
relates to jury trials; requiring court to issue
scheduling order within specified time period;
requiring commencement of trial within specified time
period; providing exceptions; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Termination of parental rights

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-4-502, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1-4-502. A. A parent entitled to service of summons,
the state or a child shall have the right to demand a trial by jury
on the sole issue of termination of parental rights only in the
following circumstances:

1. When the initial petition to determine if a child is
deprived also contains a request for termination of parental rights
in which case the court shall determine if the child should be
adjudicated deprived and, if so, the jury shall determine if
parental rights should be terminated; or

2. When, following a hearing in which the child is adjudicated deprived, a request for termination of parental rights is filed by the state or the child.

B. The demand for a jury trial shall be granted unless waived, or the court on its own motion may call a jury to try any termination of parental rights case. ~~Such~~ Upon a demand for a trial by jury, the court shall issue a scheduling order within thirty (30) days. A jury trial shall commence within (6) months of the issuance of the scheduling order unless the court issues a written order with findings of fact supporting a determination that there exists an exceptional circumstance to support the delay or that the parties and the guardian ad litem, if any, agree to such continuance. The jury shall consist of six (6) persons. A party who requests a jury trial and fails to appear in person for such trial, after proper notice and without good cause, may be deemed by the court to have waived the right to such jury trial, and the termination of parental rights shall be by nonjury trial unless another party demands a jury trial or the court determines on its own motion to try the case to a jury.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

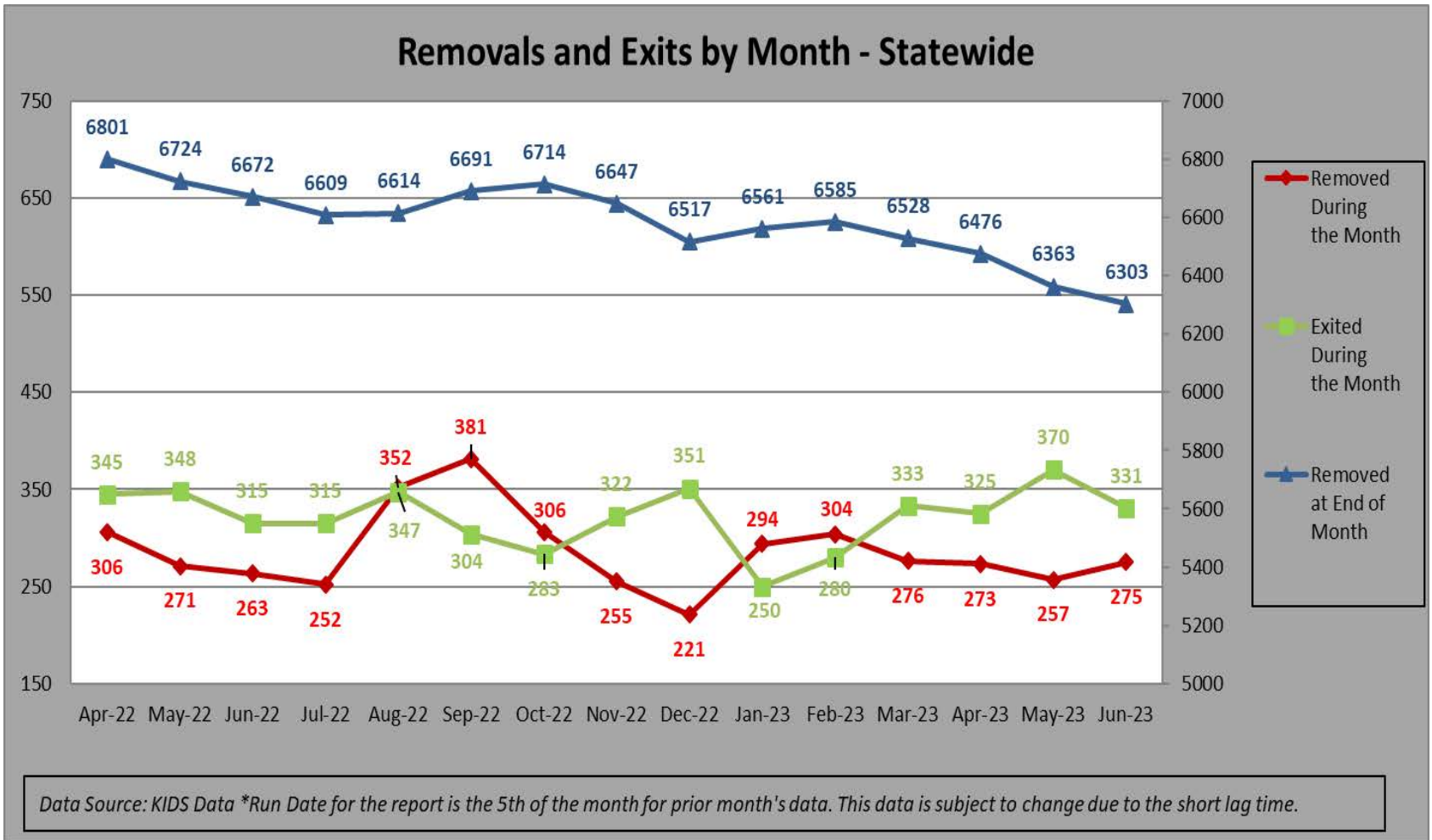
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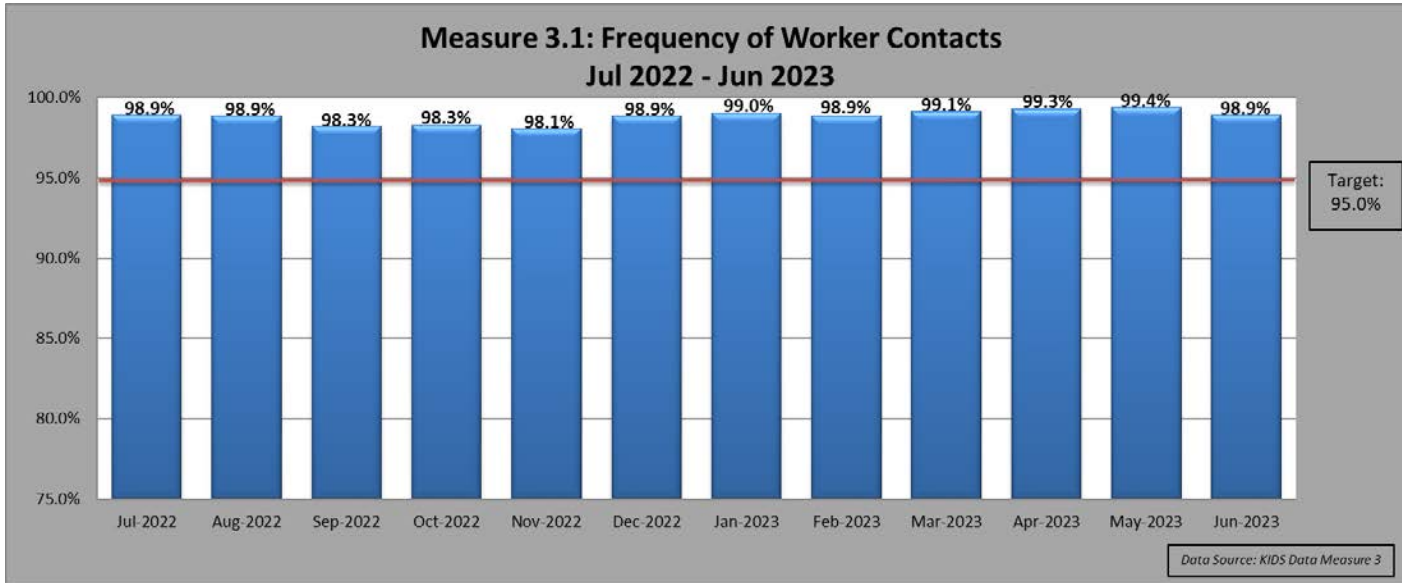
Entry and Exit Trends



Section 1, Graph 1

Demographic Information by Reporting Period

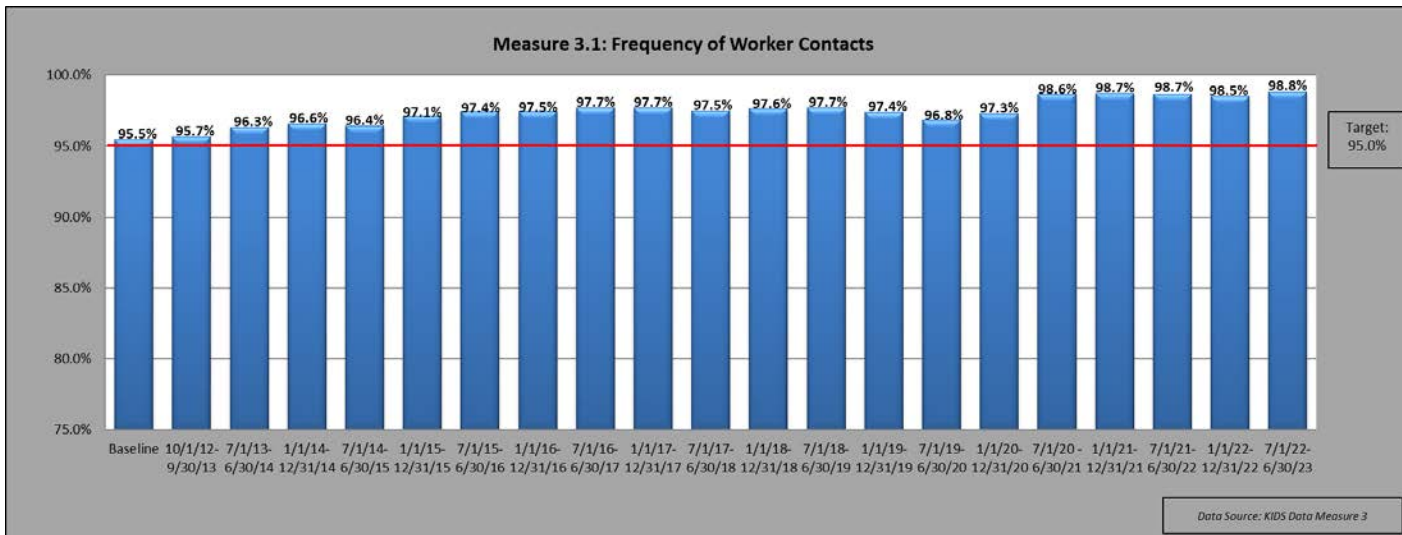
During the reporting period of 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2023, according to Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS), OKDHS served 10,761 children. The "served" population includes all children who were in OOH care for at least 24 hours. This number also includes children in tribal custody. For the purposes of Pinnacle Plan reporting, children in tribal custody are not included in the measures, except for the Absence of Maltreatment in Care measure that includes all children served. This leaves a served population of 10,317 excluding children in tribal custody. SFY15 – 11301. Today, 6175



Section 2, Graph 3.1-1

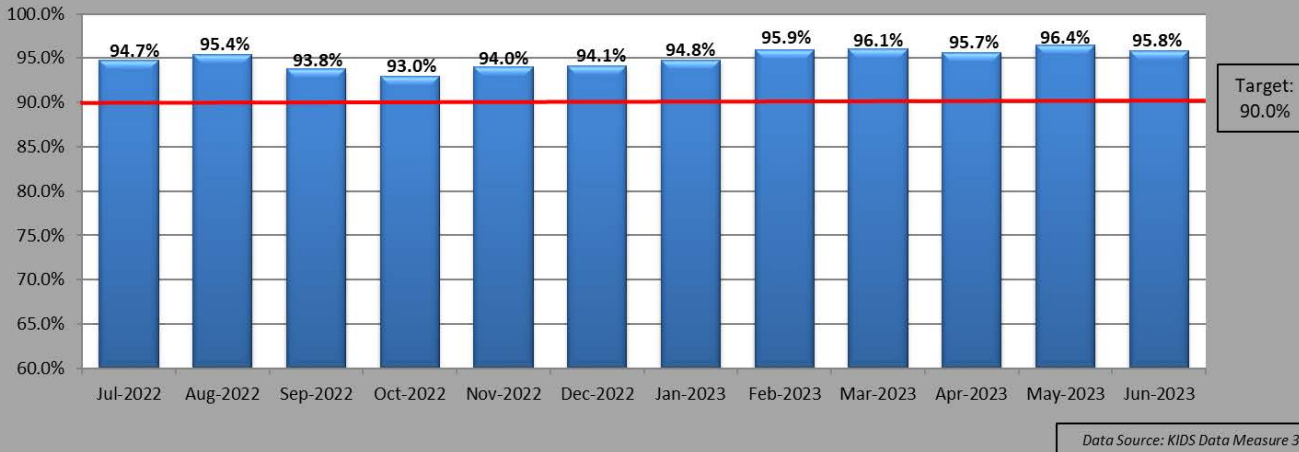
3.1 Data Commentary

The baseline for this measure is 95.5 percent and the target is to sustain 95.0 percent. Over the 12-month period of July 2022 through June 2023, 75,279 monthly contacts were required and 74,394 monthly contacts were completed resulting in a compliance rate of 98.8 percent. Overall performance in this area continues to be above the baseline and exceeds the target.



Section 2, Graph 3.1-2

Measure 3.2: Frequency of Primary Worker Contacts By Month Jul 2022 - Jun 2023

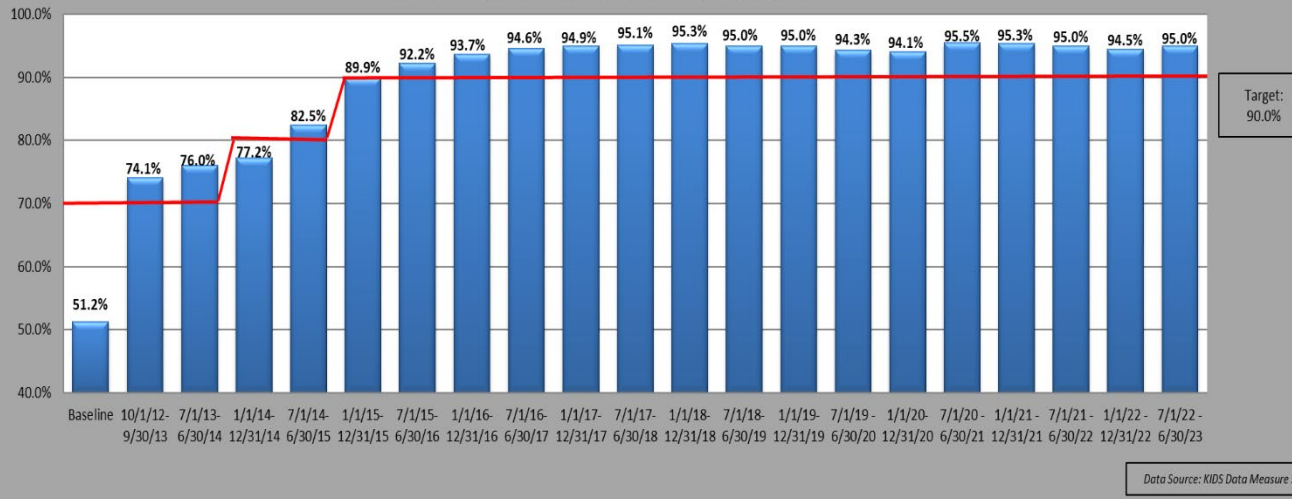


Section 3, Graph 3.2-1

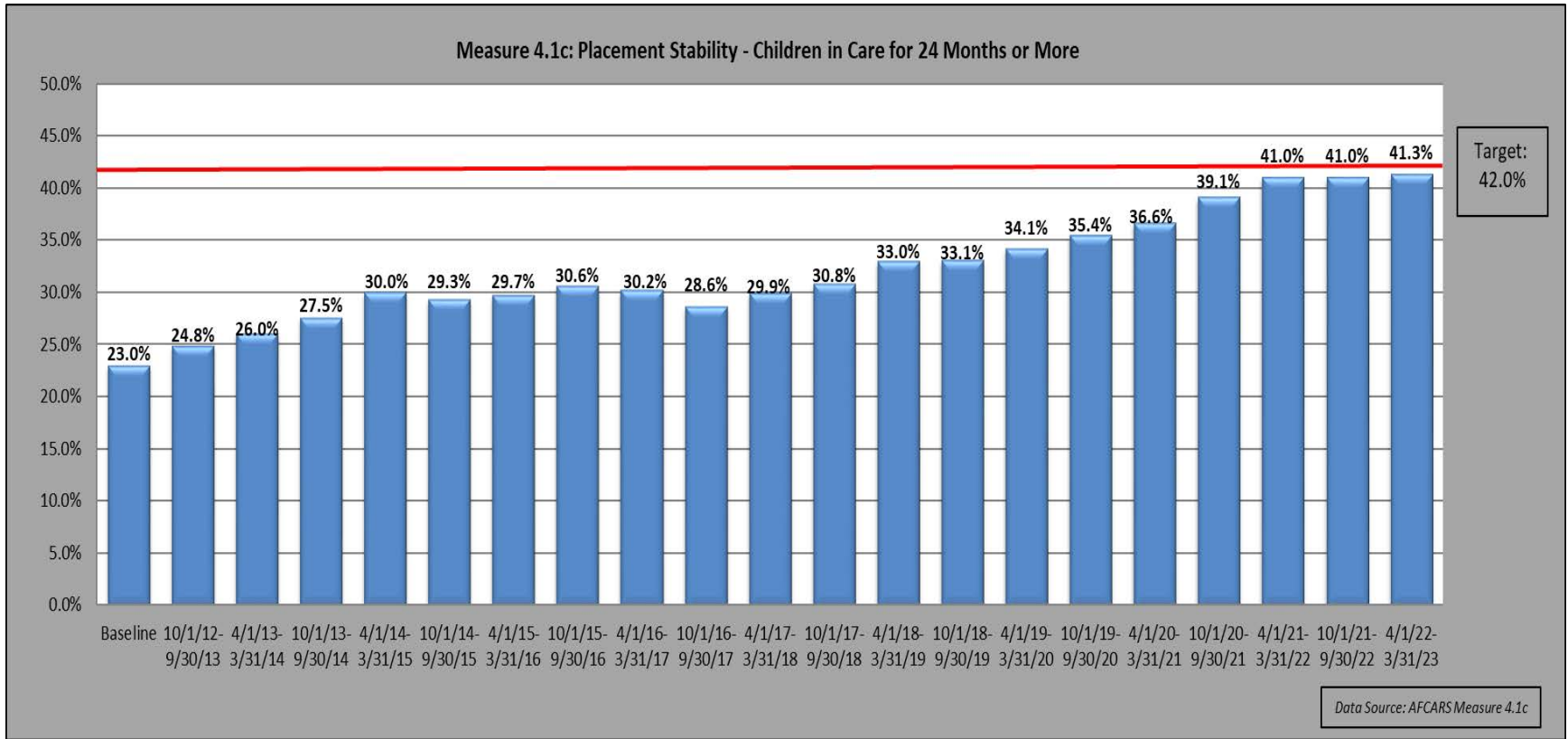
3.2 Data Commentary

The baseline for this measure is 51.2 percent and the target is 90.0 percent. Over the 12-month period of July 2022 through June 2023, 73,147 primary monthly contacts were required and 69,466 of those monthly contacts were made by the primary worker for a compliance rate of 95.0 percent. Performance in this area continues to be above the baseline and exceeding the target.

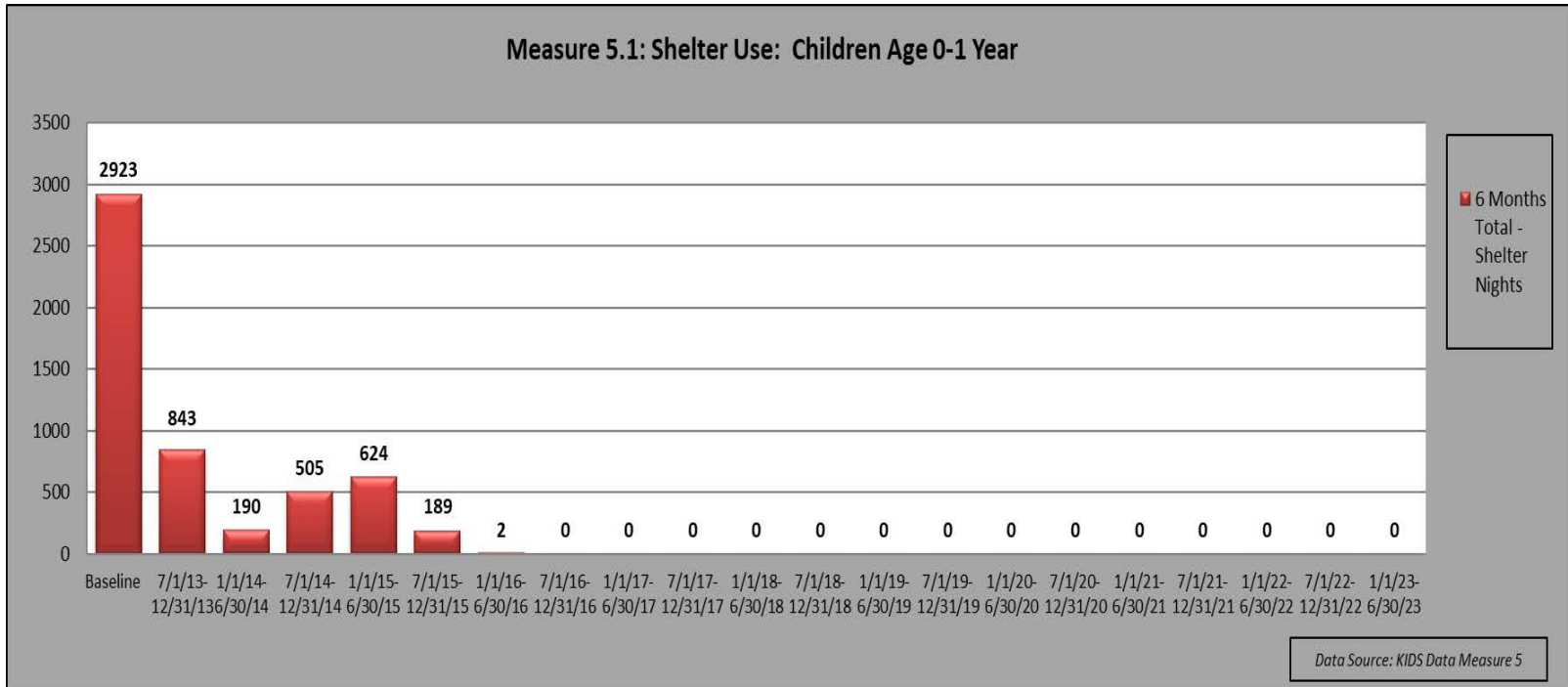
Measure 3.2: Frequency of Primary Worker Contacts



Section 3, Graph 3.2-2



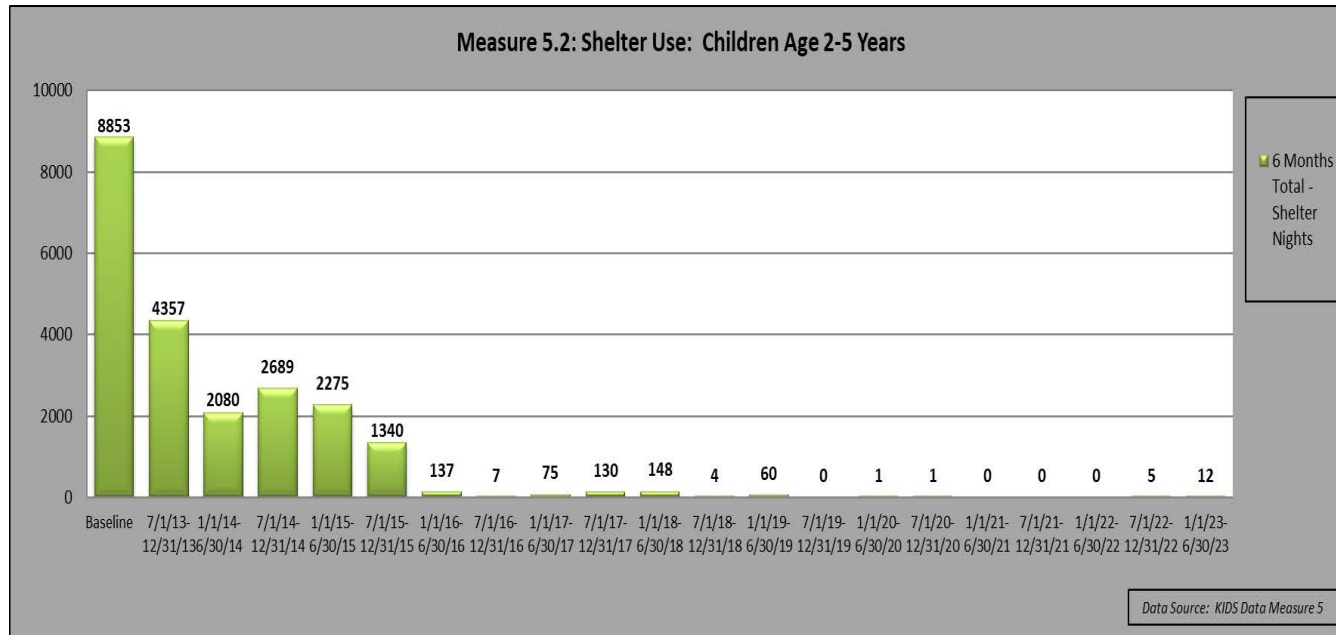
Section 3, Graph 4.1c-1



Section 3, Graph 5.1-1

5.1 Data Commentary

There were zero children, age 0-1 year, who spent zero nights in shelter care from January through June 2023. During this time period, 1,578 children, ages 0-1, were in out-of-home (OOH) care and 100 percent of those children did not have a shelter stay. A child younger than age 2 has not been placed overnight in the shelter since January 2016.

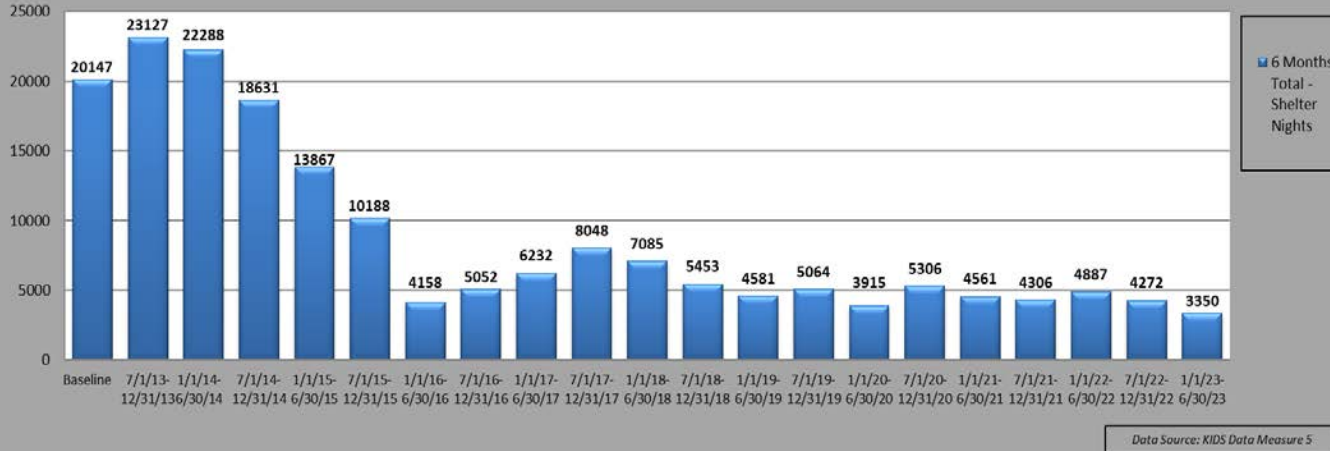


Section 3, Graph 5.2-1

5.2 Data Commentary

There was one child, ages 2-5, who spent twelve nights in shelter care from January through June 2023. During this time, 2,516 children, ages 2-5, were in OOH care and all but one child or 99 percent did not have a shelter stay.

Measure 5.3: Shelter Use: Children Age 6 - 12 Years

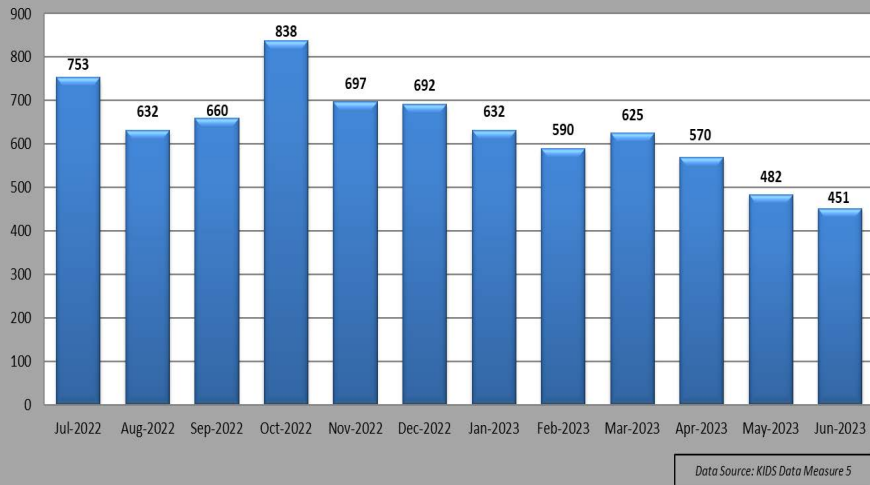


Section 3, Graph 5.3-1

5.3 Data Commentary

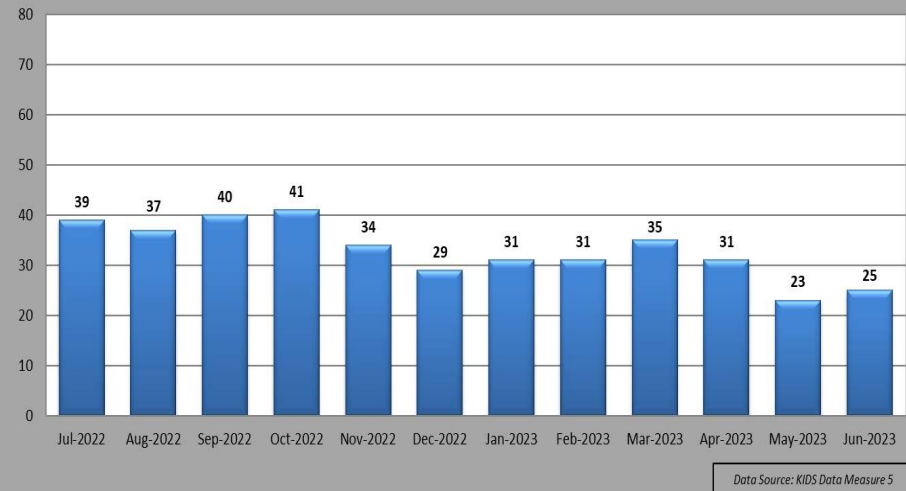
A total of 77 distinct children, ages 6-12 years, spent a total of 3,350 nights in shelter care from January through June 2023. Section 3, Graph 5.3-3 identifies 176 children spending time in shelters from January through June 2023. In some cases, the child's shelter stay extended across multiple months, thus the child is included in the count for both months. During this time period, 2,573 children, ages 6-12 were in OOH care, and 97.0 percent of those children did not have a shelter stay.

Measure 5.3: Monthly Shelter-Nights, Age 6-12



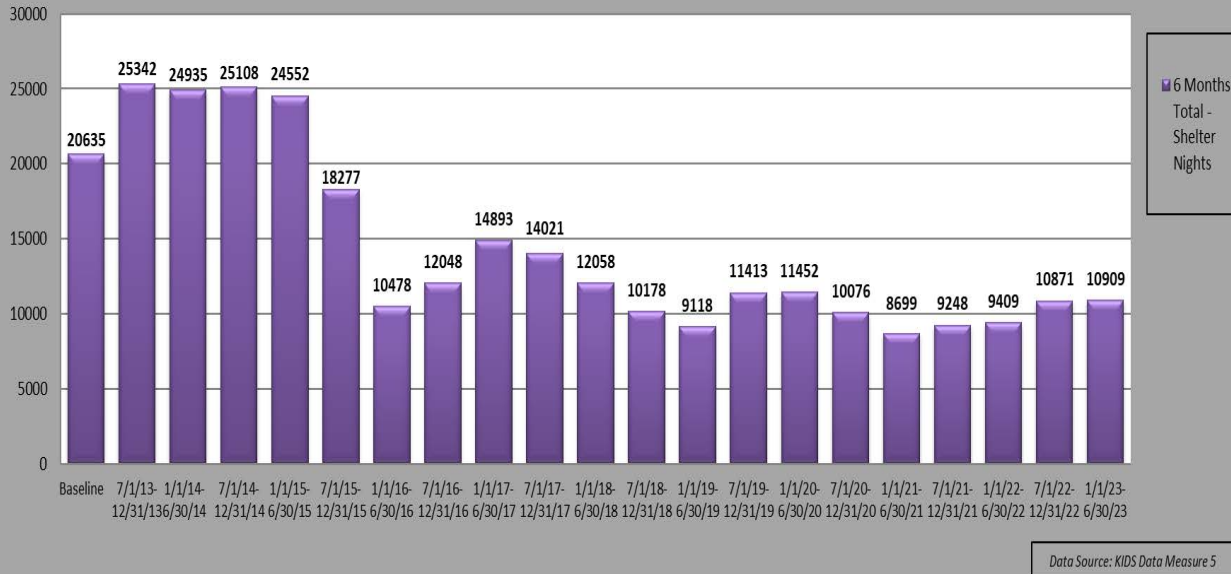
Section 3, Graph 5.3-2

Measure 5.3: Monthly Children in Shelter, Age 6-12



Section 3, Graph 5.3-3

Measure 5.4: Shelter Use: Children Age 13 and Older

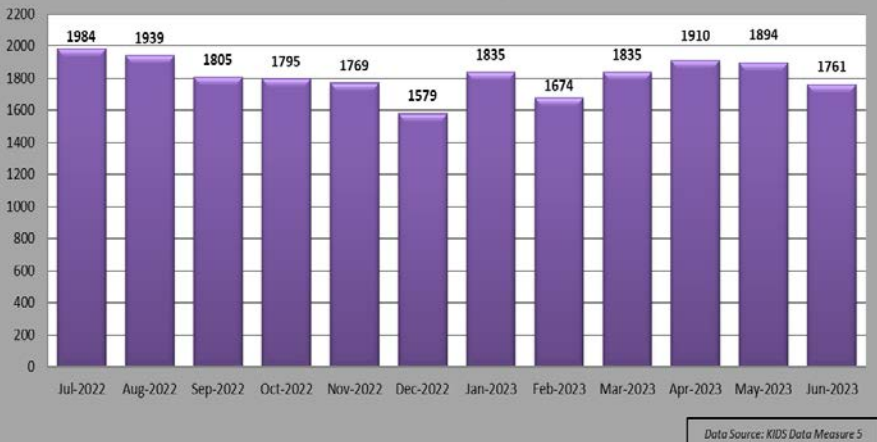


5.4 Data Commentary

A total of 254 distinct youth, ages 13 years or older, spent a total of 10,909 nights in shelter care from January through June 2023. Section 3, Graph 5.4-3 identifies 578 youth spending time in shelters from January through June 2023. In some cases, the youth's shelter stay extended across multiple months; thus, the youth is included in the count each month. During this time period, 1,538 youth, ages 13 years or older, were in out-of-home care and 83.5 percent of those children did not have a shelter stay.

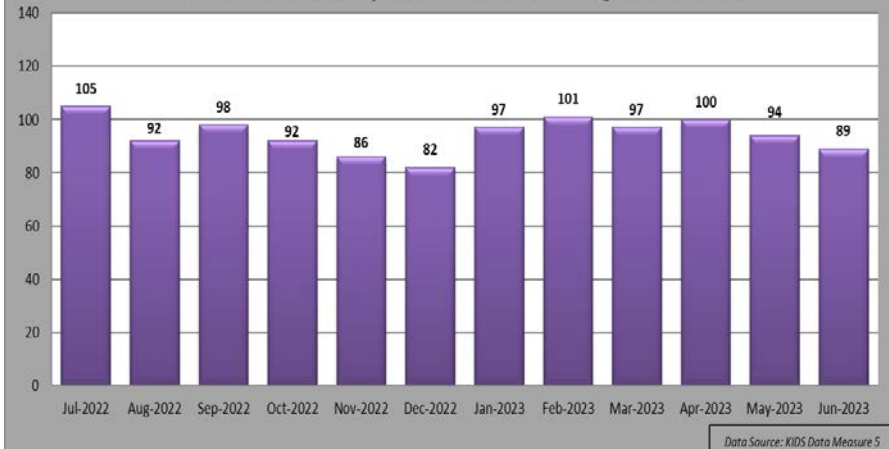
Section 3, Graph 5.4-1

Measure 5.4: Monthly Shelter-Nights, Age 13 and Older



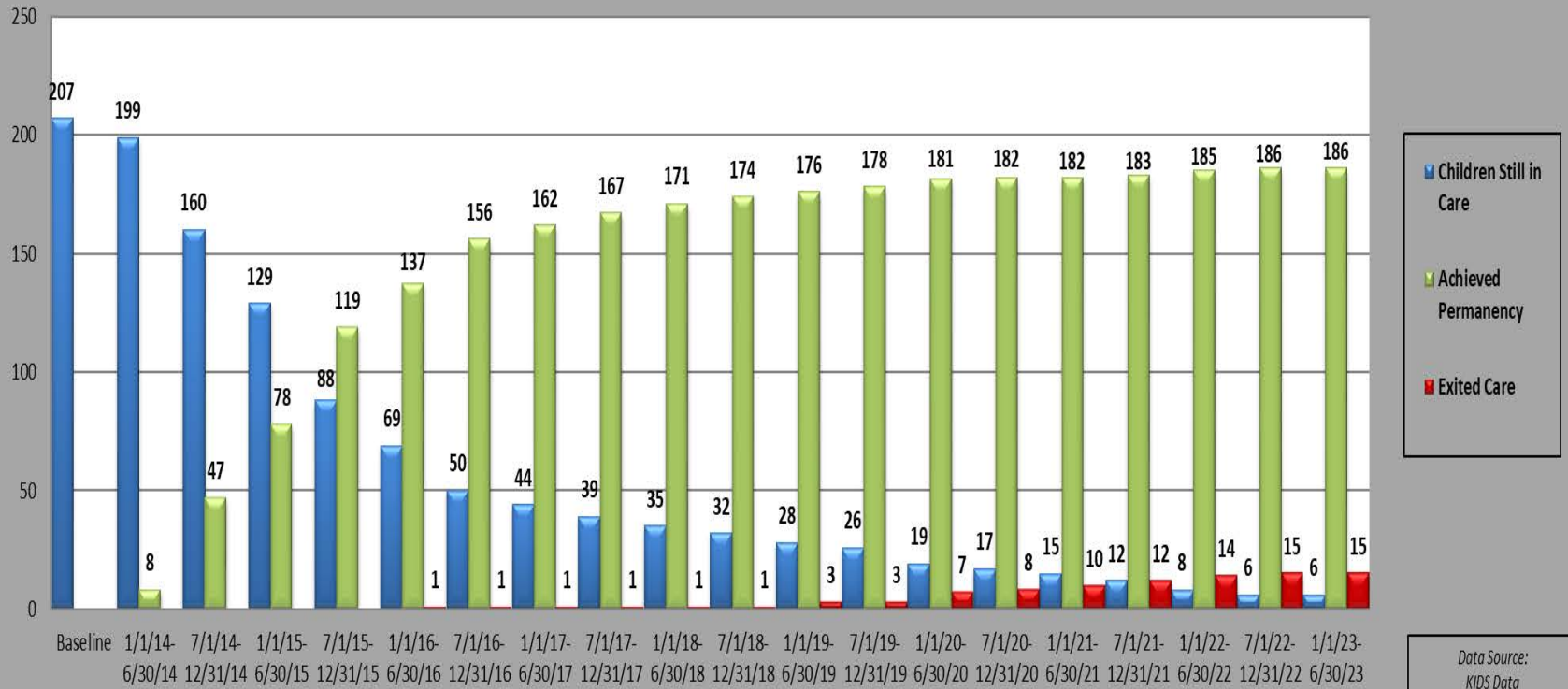
Section 3, Graph 5.4-2

Measure 5.4: Monthly Children in Shelter, Age 13 and Older



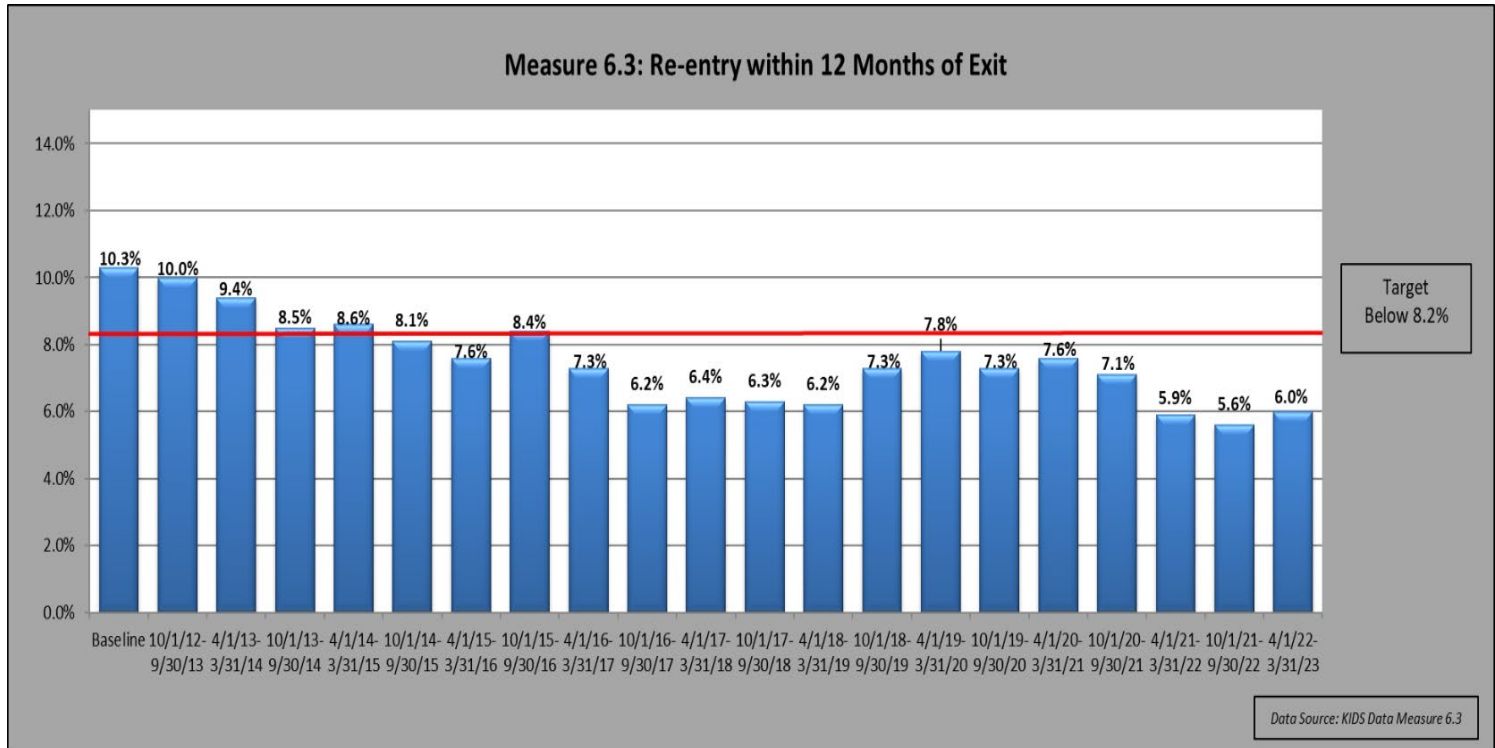
Section 3, Graph 5.4-3

Measure 6.1: Rate of Permanency for Legally-Free Children - Age 0-12 Years



Data Source:
KIDS Data

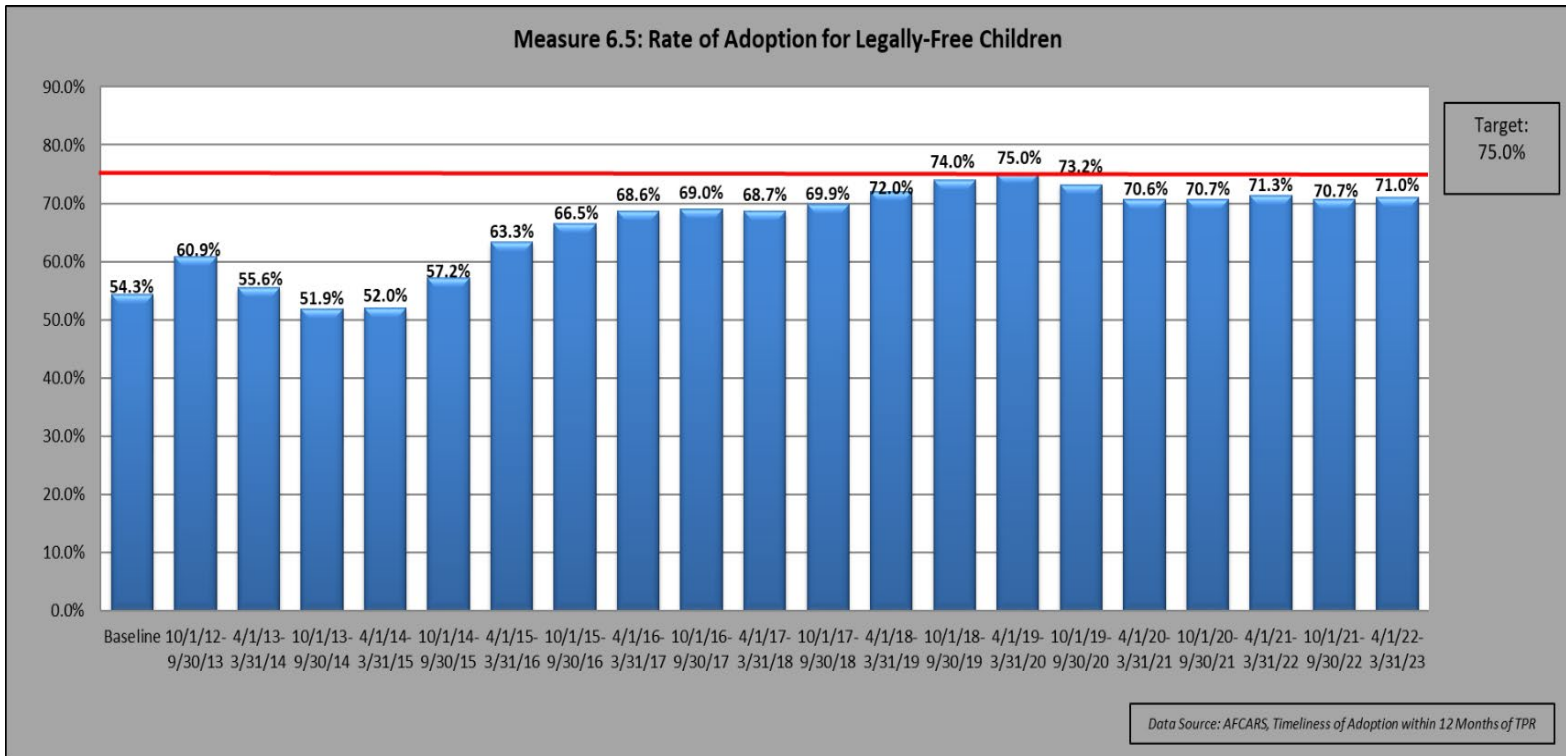
Section 3, Graph 6.1-1



Section 3, Graph 6.3-1

6.3 Data Commentary

The number of children re-entering out-of-home care within a 12-month period is currently at 6.0 percent, which remains below the set target of 8.2 percent. For this period the measure is 4.3 percent lower than the original baseline and exceeds the target by 2.2 percent. This is the 13th consecutive reporting period where performance remained below the Pinnacle target.

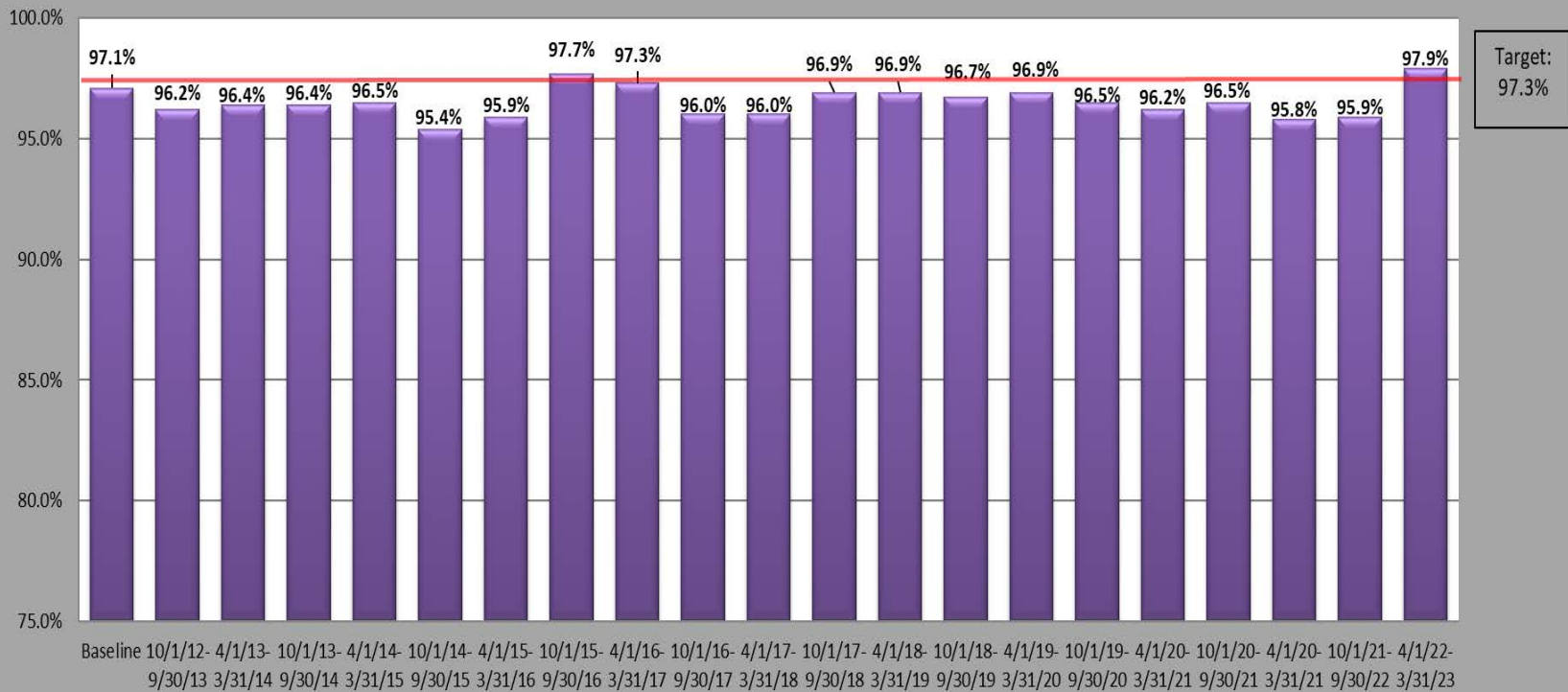


Section 3, Graph 6.5-1

6.5 Data Commentary

During this review period, performance on this measure decreased by 0.3 percent. Of the 1,838 children that became legally-free, 1,305 children had a finalized adoption within 12 months of becoming legally-free resulting in an overall outcome of 71.0 percent. Overall, performance is 16.7 percent above the baseline.

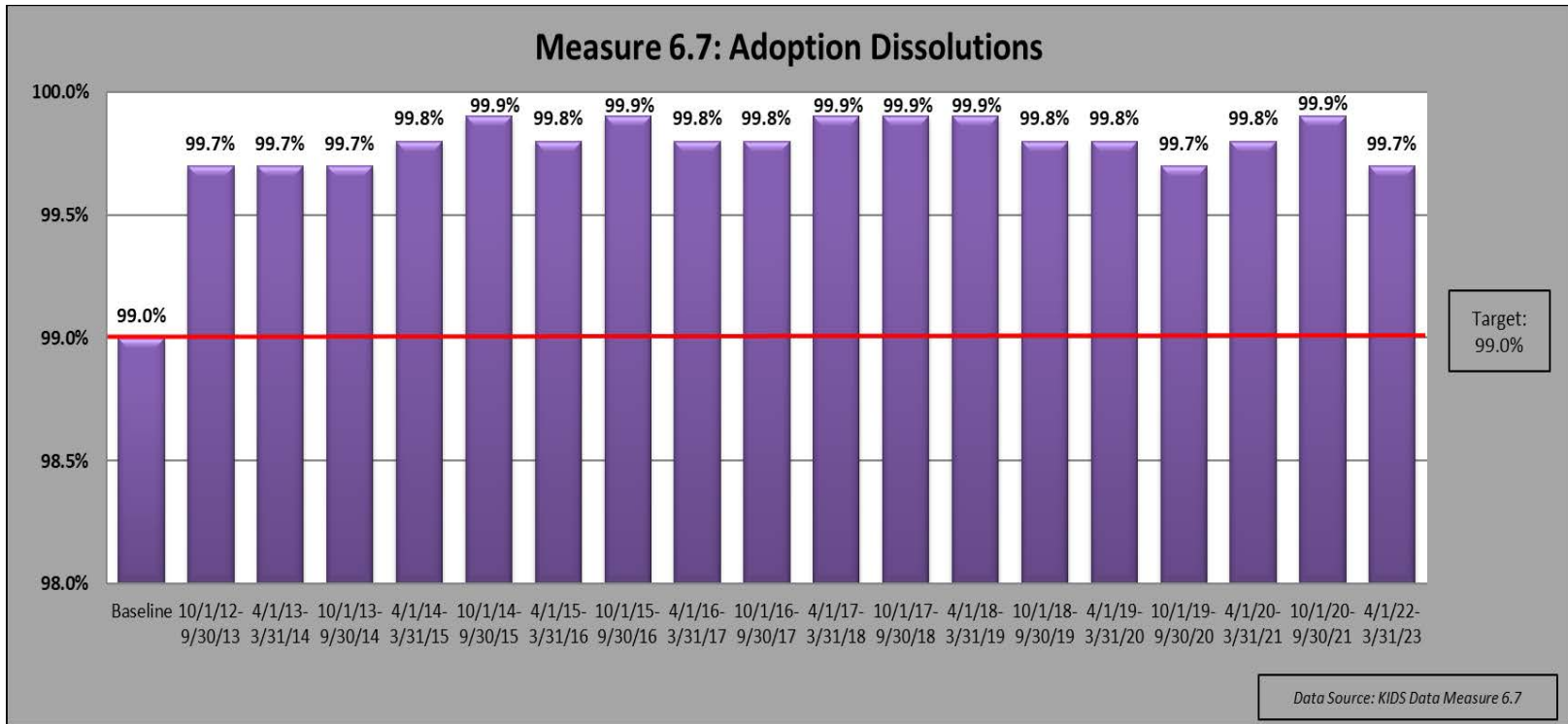
Measure 6.6: Trial Adoption Disruptions



Target:
97.3%

Data Source: KIDS Data Measure 6.6

Section 3, Graph 6.6-1

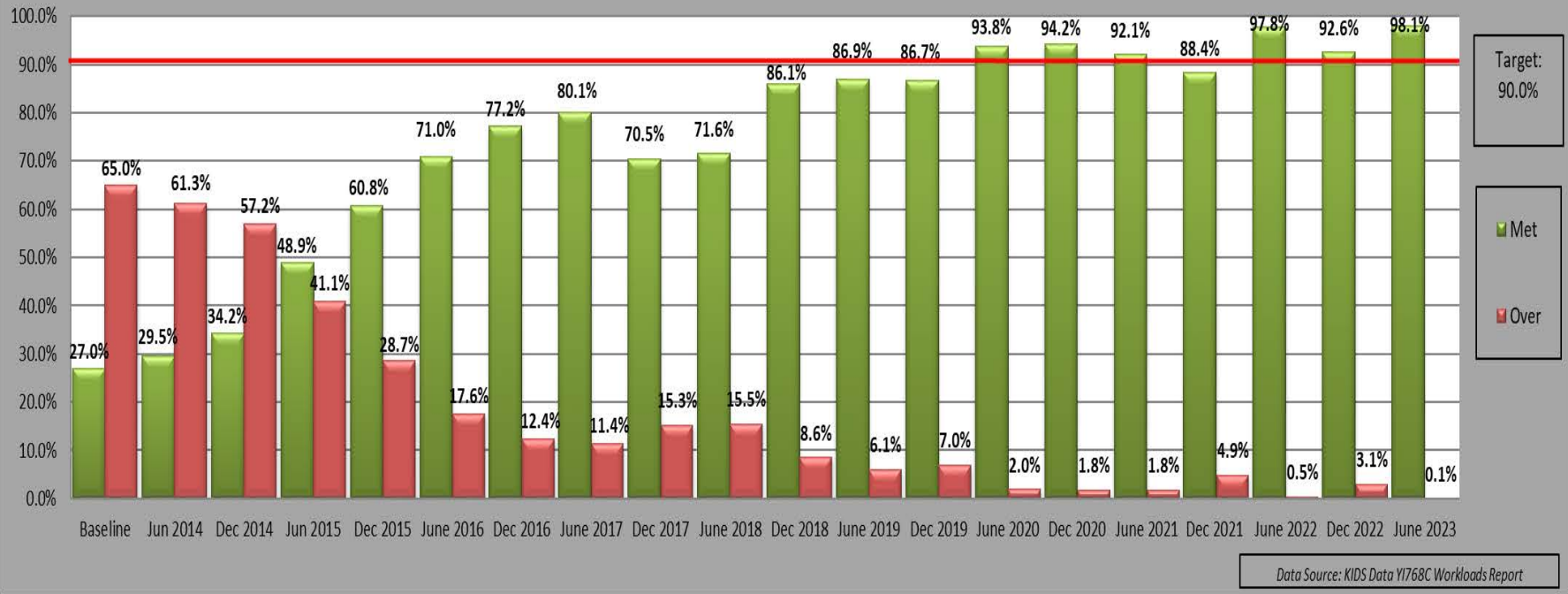


Section 3, Graph 6.7-1

6.7 Data Commentary

Child Welfare Services (CWS) continues to exceed the goal of a 99.0 percent success rate for adoption stability. During the 24 months ending 3/31/2021, 3,541 children had a legalized adoption and 3,529 or 99.7 percent of those adoptions did not dissolve within 24 months. CWS has consistently exceeded the Pinnacle target since reporting began.

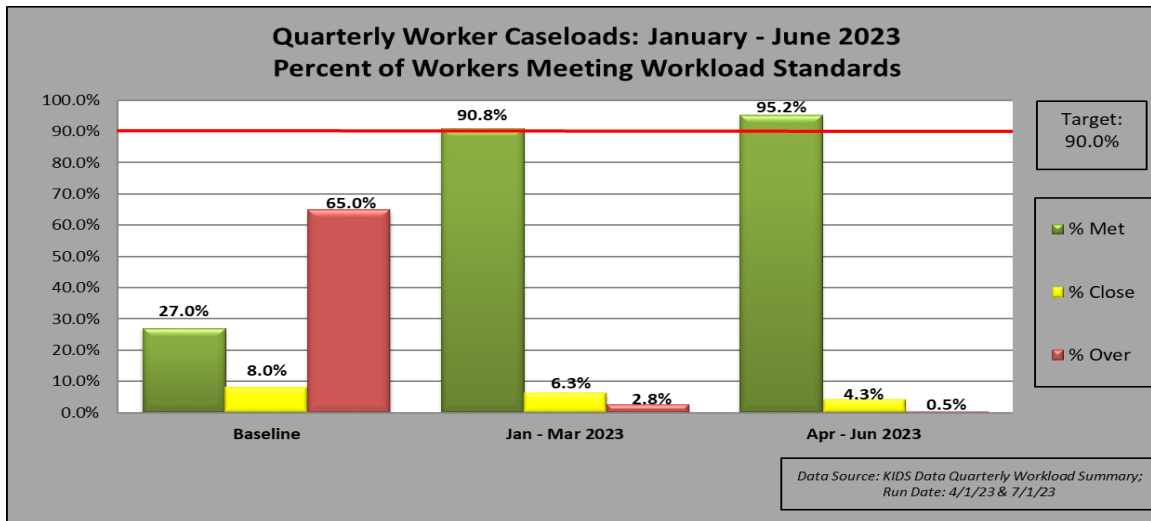
Worker Caseloads: Percent of Workers Meeting Workload Standards



Section 3, Graph 7.1-1

7.1 Data Commentary

A one-day snapshot of the workload data is represented in Section 3, Graph 7.1-1. As of 6/30/2023, using the point-in-time Y1768C Workload data report, the percentage of CW workers meeting the standard is 98.1 percent, with 1.8 percent close, and 0.1 percent over the standard. Of the 1,233 workers, 1,210 workers were meeting workload standards, 22 workers were close, and 1 worker was over the standard.



Section 3, Graph 7.1-2

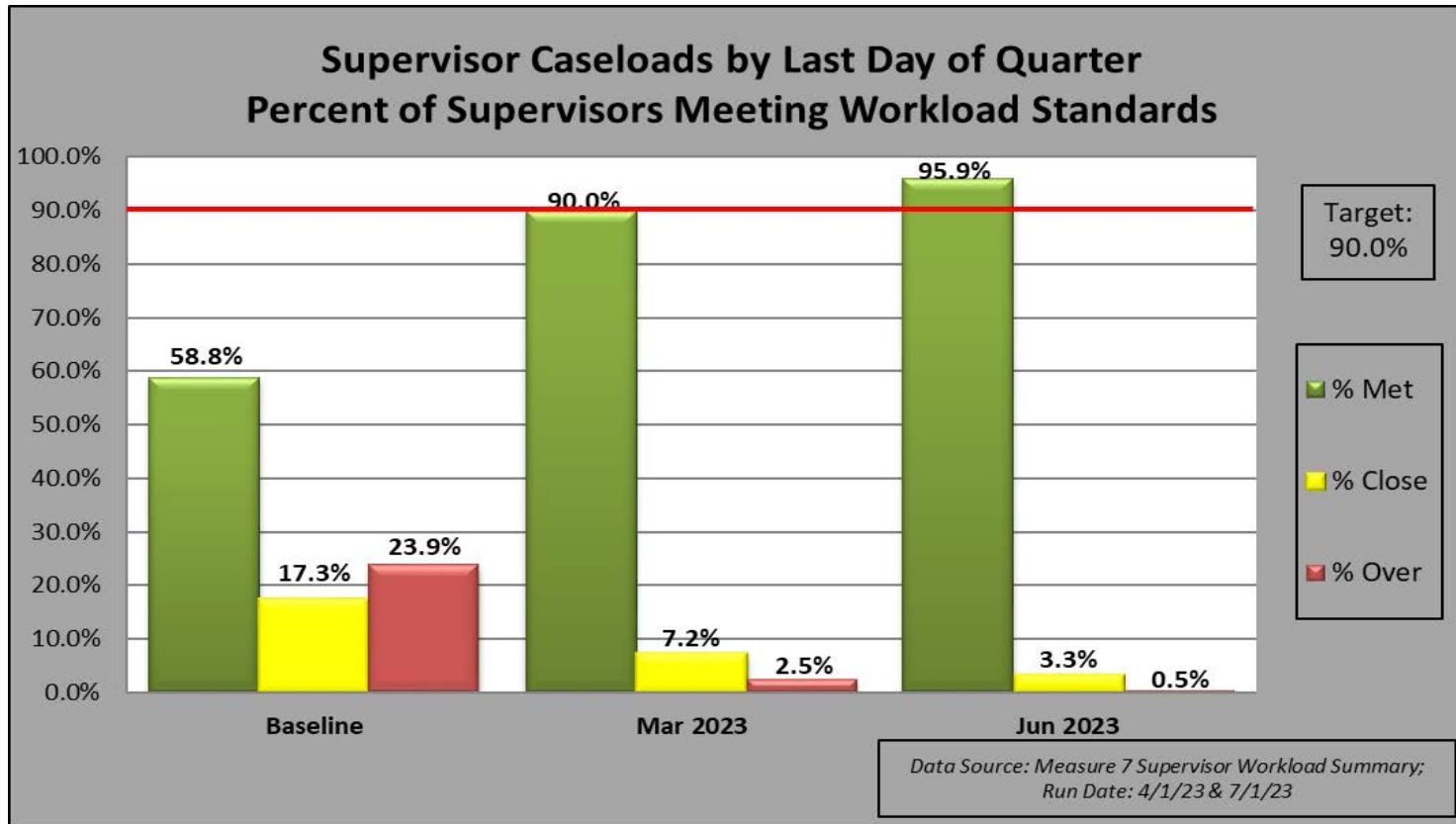
Quarterly Workload Standards Report				
April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023				
Worker Type	Worker Days	% Met	% Close	% Over
ADOPTION SPECIALIST	4204	99.7%	.3%	.0%
RESOURCE FAMILY SPECIALIST	15980	97.4%	2.6%	.1%
COMPREHENSIVE	4527	97.1%	2.7%	.1%
PERMANENCY PLANNING	45961	96.1%	3.8%	.1%
PREVENTIVE/VOLUNTARY	4804	96.2%	3.3%	.5%
INVESTIGATION	29998	90.6%	7.8%	1.6%
RECRUITMENT	2713	100.0%	.0%	.0%
YOUTH TRANSITION SERVICES	3413	99.9%	.1%	.0%
TOTAL	111600	95.2%	4.3%	.5%

Data Source: Quarterly Workload Summary; Run Date: 7/1/23

Section 3, Table 7.1-2

7.1 Data Commentary

In addition to the point-in-time reporting of workloads, a snapshot of each worker's workload is captured for each day during the quarter. The total days during the quarter that each worker met, close, and over workload standards is then reported in the Quarterly Workload Standards Report as seen in Section 3, Graph 7.1-2, and Section 3, Table 7.1-2. This number differs from the point-in-time report taken from the YI768C, as this quarterly report reflects all days during the quarter. This report also counts the number of days workers met, were close, or over workload standards, whereas the YI768C report is reporting on the number of workers. For the quarter of April through June 2023, there were a total of 111,600 worker days. Of those days, workers met workload standards 95.2 percent of the worker days, workers were close to workload standards 4.3 percent, and over workload standards 0.5 percent.



Section 3, Graph 7.1-5

7.1 Data Commentary

For the current quarter, 369 supervisor units in total were counted, which are comprised of 1,430 CW specialist I, II, and IIIs. This calculates to a statewide worker to supervisor ratio of 3.89. As of 6/30/2023, 354 supervisors or 95.9 percent met the workload standard, 12 supervisors or 3.3 percent were close to meeting the standard, and 2 supervisors or 0.5 percent were over the standard, as seen in Section 3, Graph 7.1-5. As part of this measure, the work assigned to supervisor's workloads must also be calculated into the workload standard. Ninety-four supervisors had at least one assignment on his or her caseload.

State PARB Open Meeting Act Discussion

Concerns from the April 21 State PARB Meeting

How do you establish a quorum without requirements from the OMA?

Ask the boards if there is ever a public comment?

What business, if any, is discussed at your meetings prior to going into executive session to review the cases?

What would happen to meetings if people could attend by video.

There needs to be structure to meetings like how often you must appear in person.

Ease into the new system.

PARB Open Meeting Act Survey Results: A survey was sent out to all PARB members on August 18, asking about their opinions regarding the Open Meeting Act. 66 responses were received.

Question Number 1: Has any member of the public attended your meeting for purposes of making a public comment?

No=52. No. Not in 30 years of being on a board. No and never for the purposes of a public statement.

Question Number 2: What business, if any, is discussed at your meetings prior to going into executive session to review the cases?

None=22

Various reasons other members are absent. How are the kids. Announcements, training opportunities, calendar discussions, attendance, board membership, recruiting. Executive session has never been called.

Question Number 3: Do you think your board would benefit from the limited use of video conferencing?

No=16, Possibly=12, Yes=21

Question Number 4: What part or parts of the Open Meeting Act do you find the least useful or frustrating?

I believe open meetings act is vital to meetings that should be open to the public. Child abuse is not public information.

Having to meet quorum. Arriving at the meeting and discovering that there isn't a quorum, so the meeting is cancelled. This postpones our reviews and potentially affects the children in custody, particularly those that need prompt input.

Posting agendas seems silly since there is very generic information on our agenda.

That it applies to PARB meetings. Given the nature of what is discussed (confidential child deprivation case information), I think it is highly inappropriate for it to be subject to the act.

Question Number 5: What part of the Open Meeting Act do you think is useful?

12=None or nothing

All of it. Allowing for transparency and public engagement. At least the opportunity is open for applicable people to attend.

Gives some organization and accountability for scheduled meetings and structure to rescheduling meetings. Adds a sense of seriousness about what we are doing and for the public to be informed about meetings

None - we are not setting policy, spending money, or making decisions, all things that need to be public. We are offering recommendations only about children. Our conversations about children need to be protected from the accidental disclosure that may result from an open meeting.

Proposed new Board Meeting Standards.

1. Establishing a quorum: A minimum of 3 active members must be present at the meeting location to conduct a PARB meeting. Additional members may participate by video up to 4 times per year.
2. Meeting dates for the following calendar year are established by each board and submitted by December 15, to the PARB Program Manager, the presiding juvenile court judge and to the person responsible for scheduling the meeting location such as the court clerk. Boards will no longer file their dates with the County Clerk or comply with requirements for special meetings when dates change.
3. All PARB business will be held in executive session. Only current active members, staff and potential members, and those that are conducting research, and have signed a confidentiality agreement and permission by PARB staff may attend executive session.
4. All cases that are reviewed will be entered into the PARB database for tracking purposes.

Current Local Board Requirements as established by PARB staff to ensure compliance with the OMA.

1. Agenda posted 24 hours in advance at the meeting location. We have a standard agenda that is easy to fill in the date.
2. Submit annual dates to the county clerk. We request this information each year and there is a form for that as well.
3. Meeting Minutes. There is a standard minutes form that includes the names of those attending, and a blank space to list cases reviewed. These forms must be completed and retained by the board. The vote to go into and out of executive session must be recorded.
4. Quorum must be maintained which is one more than half of the members.
5. Video Conferencing is not allowed.
 - A. A quorum must be present
 - B. Members who participate by video must do so from a public location, the address must be posted on the agenda and the public must be able to attend at that location.

Next Steps

1. Marcia Johnson and Keith Pirtle met with Mark Tomas of the Oklahoma Press Association on July 13, 2023. The meeting was to discuss concerns that the press association sees as barriers to PARB no longer being subject to the OMA. Mark is taking this information to a subcommittee of the Press Associations governing board on Sept. 7 and then will discuss it with the larger board on Sept. 21.

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- **New Candidates Submitted to the Governor's Office:** At the end of July, five PARB volunteers submitted their names as candidates to serve on State PARB, in the active PARB member position vacated by Brandi Watts. All were recommended by PARB staff and are great candidates.

Name	Last Name	Board
Tianna	Ellis	Board 2 (Tulsa)
Tricia	Gardner	Board 2 (OKC)
Kristi	Thompson	Pittsburg
Jennifer	Waggoner	Cleveland
Tony	Willis	ILS Independent Living Services (Tulsa)

- **Commission Meeting overview:** An overview of the PARB program was presented at the June 23, 2023 Commission meeting. The power point included a brief explanation of PARB, progress that has been made in the last 4 years since the last presentation, current challenges, and the annual recommendations from State PARB.
- **Recommendations to Commission:** The six recommendations to commission that were voted on in April, 2023 and submitted to the Commission in June are in your packet. We are addressing several of these issues today and hope to address the rest at subsequent meetings.
- **2024 PARB Conference:** The Center for Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) Conference has been set for April 15-17, 2024. April 15 will be the PARB pre-institute. State PARB members are invited to serve on our planning Committee and Judges are invited to serve on the judges panel.
- **Wagoner County Kick Off:** After a year without meeting, the Wagoner County PARB started up again in June. Naomi Kelly-Bates is the new chair.

Several new members were recruited through the Careportal and added to the board.

- **PARB Membership**

PARB New Members	
2022 Total	57
2023	
January	1
February	15
March	5
April	17
May	1
June	3
July	7
2023 Year to Date	49

- **2022 PARB Annual Report:** The Annual Report draft has been submitted to OCCY Leadership and the Public Information Officer for final edits and formatting.