

# **PINNACLE PLAN MEASURES**

# **MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT**

**April 2024** 

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to improving the safety, permanency, and well-being of children served by the child welfare system. Public reporting is critical to ensuring transparency and accountability of the current performance on the measures included in the Pinnacle Plan. The OKDHS Metrics, Baselines, and Targets Agreement - 3/7/13 outlines how the outcomes and other indicators are to be measured and reported. Monthly, Quarterly, and Semi-Annual Reports will be made published on the OKDHS Infonet and made available to the public.

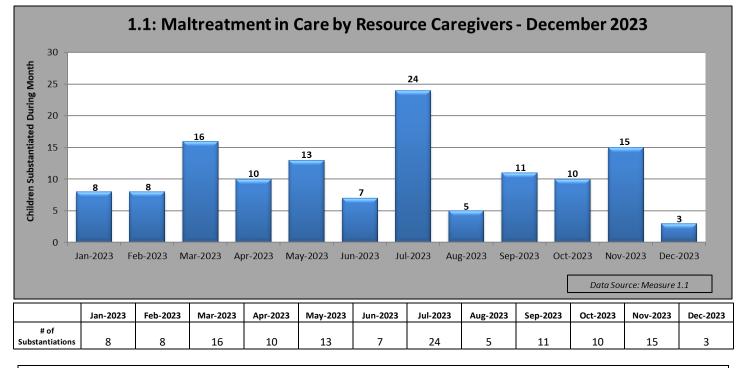
Oklahoma is committed to good faith efforts and positive trending toward the goals outlined in the plan. Each monthly report will include four performance areas, comprised of ten specific metric elements. These are: Foster Care Safety, Counts for New Foster Homes and TFC homes, Worker Contacts, and Shelter Usage. The demographics of children served during the reporting period are included in monthly and semi-annual reports as context data. This information is provided to assist in understanding the population being served by the child welfare system.

Beginning with the August 2014 Monthly Report, there has been a decrease in the lag time to 30 days from the end of the reporting period to the time that the data is reported on Measure 2 – Resource Homes, Measure 3 – Frequency of Worker Contacts, and Measure 5 – Shelter Use. There will continue to be a 90-day lag time on Measure 1 – Foster Care Safety to allow time for the Program Review Process to be completed.

OKDHS was the first state agency to have a federally approved Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (KIDS System) and continually strives for high quality data. The data in this report is subject to change due to ongoing data entry, changes in policy, changes in practice, and changes in definitions, and/or data quality issues that may be discovered through the process.

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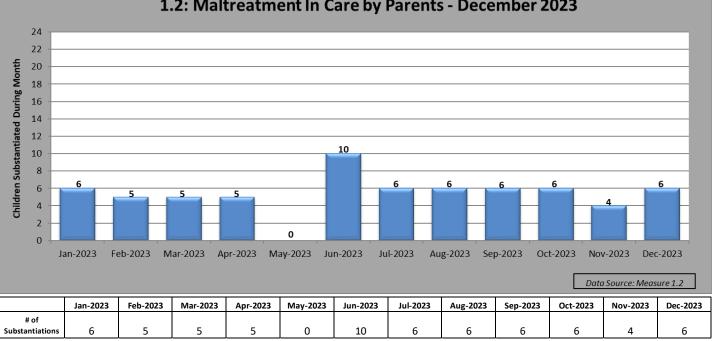
Pinnacle Measure		Pinnacle Plan Measures - Monthly Summary Report - April 2024								
		Name	Description	Period Ending	Monthly Count					
					# of V	ictims - Decemb	er			
Foster Care Safety	1.1	Maltreatment in Care by Resource Caregivers	Of all children in foster care during the reporting period, the number of victims of substantiated or indicated maltreatment (abuse and/or neglect) by foster parent or facility staff member.	12/31/2023		3 Children				
	1.2	Maltreatment in Care by Parents	Of all children in foster care during the reporting period, the number of victims of substantiated or indicated maltreatment (abuse and/or neglect) by a parent.	12/31/2023	6 Children					
					Feb Total	SFY24 Tot	al to Date			
Resource Homes	2.1	New Family Foster Care Homes	Newly approved Foster Homes	2/29/2024	47	302 Foster Homes				
Resc Hor	2.3	New Therapeutic Foster Homes	Newly approved Therapeutic Foster Homes (TFC and ITFC)	2/29/2024	0	8 TFC/ ITFC Homes				
					Contacts Made	Contacts Required	% Contacts Made			
Worker Contacts	3.1	Frequency of Worker Contacts	The percentage of the total minimum number of required monthly face-to- face contacts that took place during the reporting period between case workers and children in foster care for at least 1 calendar month during the reporting period.	2/29/2024	5,659	5,703	99.2%			
	3.2	Frequency of Primary Worker Contacts	The percentage of the total minimum number of required monthly face-to- face contacts that took place during the reporting period between primary caseworkers and children in foster care for at least 1 calendar month during the reporting period.	2/29/2024	5,344	5,553	96.2%			
				Feb Total	6 Month Total - NIGHTS					
	5.1	Shelter Use Age 0-1 Years	The number of child-nights during the past six months involving children under age 2 years.	2/29/2024	0 Nights 0 Children	0 Nights				
Shelter Use	5.2	Shelter Use Age 2-5 Years	The number of child-nights during the past six months involving children age 2 years to 5 years.	2/29/2024	0 Nights 0 Children	0 Nights				
	5.3	Shelter Use Age 6-12 Years	The number of child-nights during the past six months involving children age 6 years to 12 years.	2/29/2024	515 Nights 27 Children	3,825 Nights				
	5.4	Shelter Use Age 13 and Over	The number of child-nights during the past six months involving children age 13 years or older.	2/29/2024	1,724 Nights 96 Children	10,560 Nights				
Caseloads	7.1	Worker Caseloads	The percentage of all Child Welfare Workers that meet caseload standards, are close to meeting workload standards, and are over workload standards. (Point in Time as last day of Quarter and Quarterly Total)	Quarterly Report: 1/1/2024- 3/31/2024	% of Workers that Meet Standard	1-20% Above Standard	>20% Above Standard			
					95.8%	3.9%	0.3%			
					96.1%	3.7%	0.3%			
			Supervisor Ratios - Statewide the number of Child Welfare Workers in respect to the number of supervisors.		% of Supervisors that Meet Standard	1-20% Above Standard	>20% Above Standard			
					94.4%	4.2%	1.4%			
		Context Data	Demographical Information on Children In Care, including age and race		NOTE:** This is n Demogr	ot a Pinnacle raphical Data (				



**Data:** The Maltreatment in Care Measure by Resource Caregiver incorporates a 90-day delay from the time the investigation is complete to the report date. This delay allows for further review which may result in changes in the findings. All substantiations on children in Out of Home Care will go through an automatic Program Review. The data reported reflects substantiations in the month that the investigation was completed and not necessarily in the month that the abuse or neglect occurred. This measure includes all children placed in traditional foster care homes, kinship homes (relative or non-relative), therapeutic foster care homes, group homes, shelters, and residential facilities. This measure also includes children substantiated of maltreatment by the Office of Client Advocacy while placed in institutional settings. Every time a child is a substantiated as a victim, that child will be counted in the monthly reporting. Children who are victimized more than once will be counted in each month their victimization is substantiated. Note: This is different from the federal metric, which counts each child only once, even if a child is victimized more than once in the course of a year.

### Comments – April 2024:

For the month of December 2023 there were a total of 3 substantiations of Maltreatment while in Out of Home Care. These victims were reported in 2 referrals for children in foster care and 1 referral for children in OCA placements. Of the 3 children, 1 was placed in a Kinship/Relative Foster Care home, 1 was placed in Kinship/Non-Relative Foster Care home, and 1 was placed in an OCA-Level E Residential Resource facility. Of the 3 substantiated victims in December 2023, one had a substantiated finding of threat of harm only.



### 1.2: Maltreatment In Care by Parents - December 2023

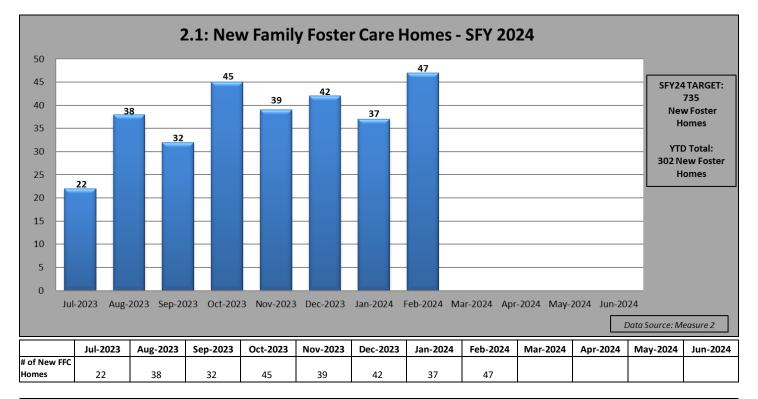
Data: The Maltreatment in Care by Parents measure incorporates a 90-day delay from the time the investigation is complete to the report date. This delay allows for further review which may result in changes in the findings. The data reflects substantiations in the month that the investigation was completed and not necessarily in the month that the abuse or neglect occurred.

Beginning with the November 2013 report, every time a child is a victim, that child will be counted. Children who are victimized more than once will be counted in each month their victimization is substantiated. Note: This is different from the federal metric, which counts each child only once, even if a child is victimized more than once in the course of a year. Also, children who are disclosing abuse that occurred prior to coming into DHS custody will not be included in the count of monthly victims.

### Comments - April 2024:

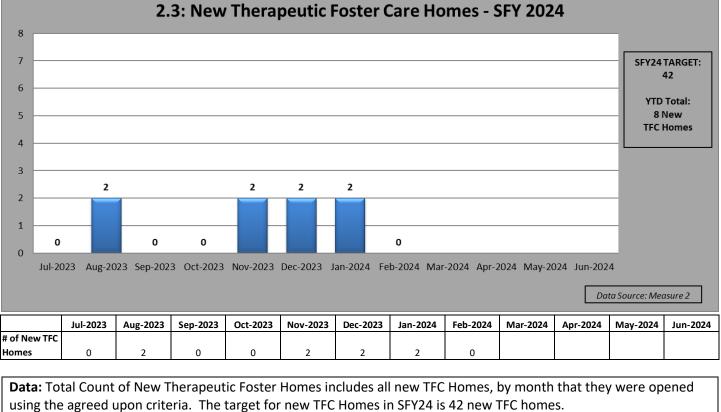
For the month of December 2023, there were 6 substantiations of abuse by parents of children in out of home care. These 6 victims were reported in 3 referrals. Of the 6 children, all 6 children were in Trial Reunification. Of the 6 substantiated victims in December 2023, five had a substantiated finding of threat of harm only.

## Monthly Summary Report April 2024 2.1: New Family Foster Care Homes

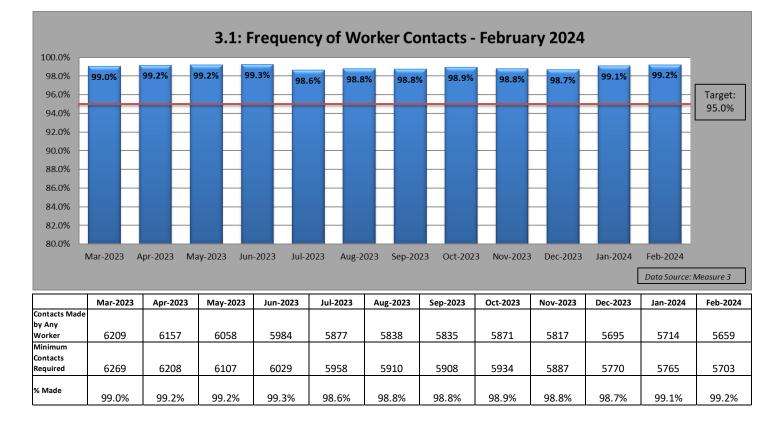


**Data:** Total Count of New Foster Homes includes all Foster Family Homes and Supported Foster Homes by month that they were opened using the agreed upon criteria. (This does not include Kinship or Tribal Homes.) The target for SFY24 is 735 new foster homes.

**Comments – April 2024:** In February 2024, there were 47 foster homes opened that met the Pinnacle Plan criteria to be counted as new at the time of reporting. As of 2/29/24, there were a total of 302 new homes for SFY24. The Foster Family Care net gain as of 2/29/24 was -117 homes. The net gain target for SFY24 is 19 homes.

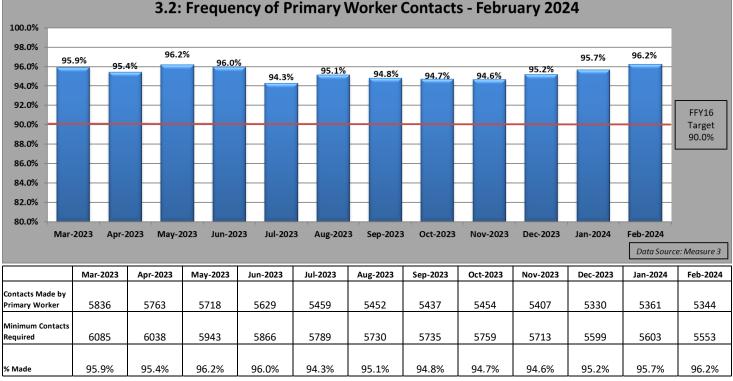


Comments – April 2024: In February 2024, no new ITFC homes and no new TFC homes were opened for a total of zero new therapeutic homes during the month. As of 2/29/24, there were a total of 8 new TFC and ITFC homes for SFY24. The TFC net gain as of 2/29/24 was -19 homes for SFY24. The Net Gain target for SFY24 is 15 homes.



**Data:** The Data reflects the total number of required visits due to children in Out of Home Care and the number of total required visits made for a given month. Only one visit per month is counted even though multiple visits may have been made during the month.

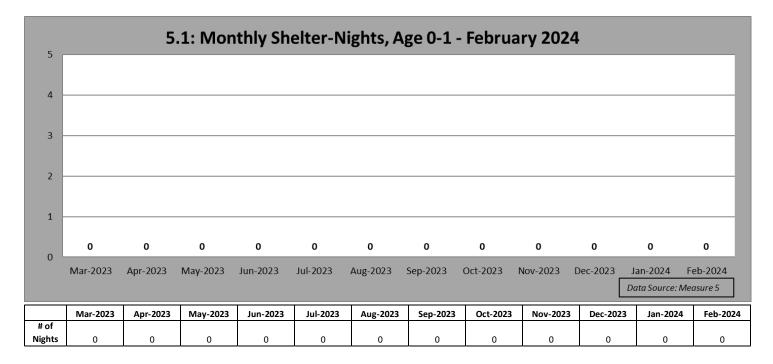
Comments – April 2024: The visitation rate for all worker visits in February 2024 was 99.2%.

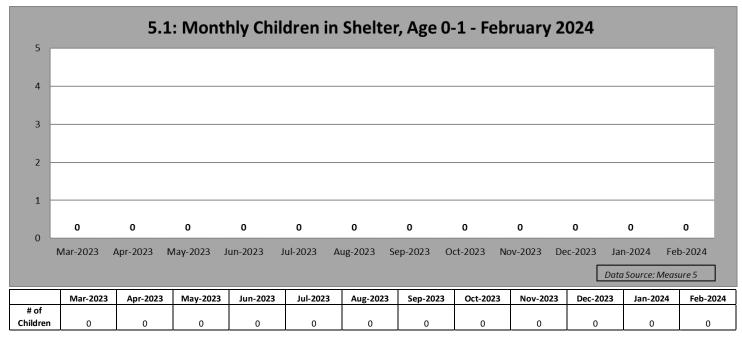


3.2: Frequency of Primary Worker Contacts - February 2024

Data: The Data reflects the total number of required visits due to children in Out of Home Care and the number of total required visits made by the primary assigned worker for a given month. Only one visit per month by the primary worker is counted even though multiple visits may have been made by multiple workers during the month. Beginning in October 2015, the target for FFY16 is 90.0%.

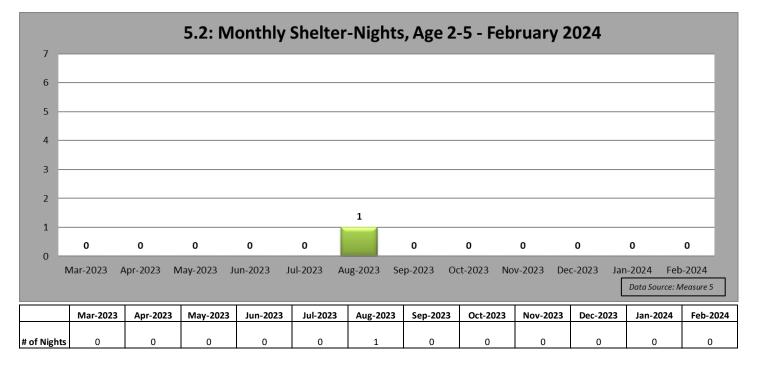
Comments – April 2024: The worker visitation rate for primary workers in February 2024 was 96.2%.

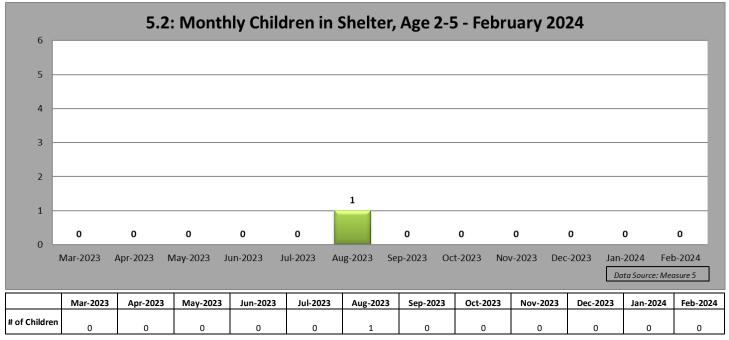




**Data**: Data shown for the number of children will count some children more than once if their shelter stay extended from one month into the next. This Pinnacle Plan Measure was implemented 12/31/12. Automatic exceptions will be made for children in the following circumstances: If the child is part of a sibling set of 4 or more or a child placed with a minor parent who is also in DHS custody.

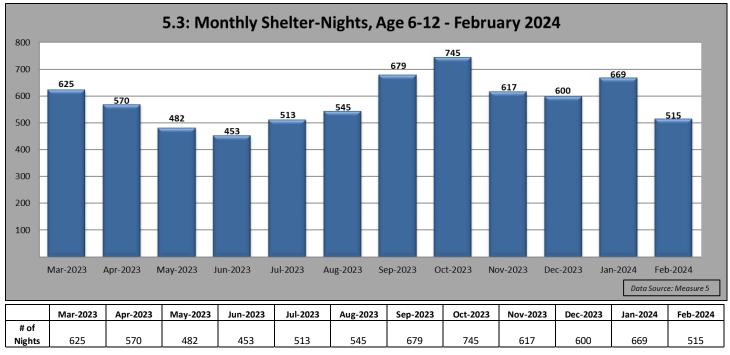
**Comments – April 2024:** In February 2024, 0 children age 0-1 year spent a total of 0 nights in the shelter. There were 1,248 children age 0-1 year in care in February 2024 and none of those children spent a night in the shelter (100% of children age 0-1 year). There were 89 children age 0-1 year removed during the month of February and none of the children had a shelter stay (100% of children in care age 0-1 year).

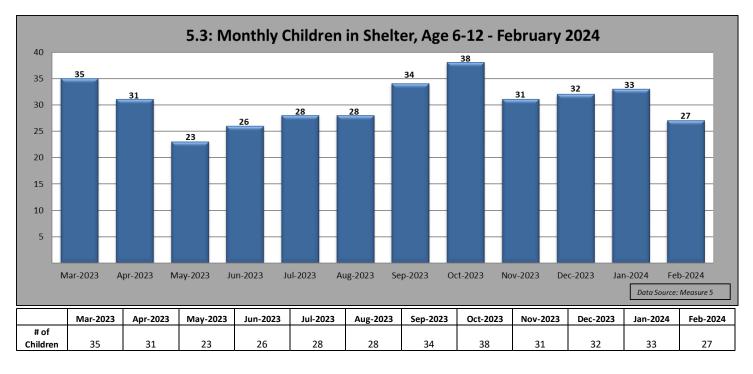




**Data:** Data shown for the number of children will count some children more than once if their shelter stay extended from one month into the next. The Pinnacle Plan commitment to stop the use of shelters for children age 2-5 years was implemented on 7/1/13.

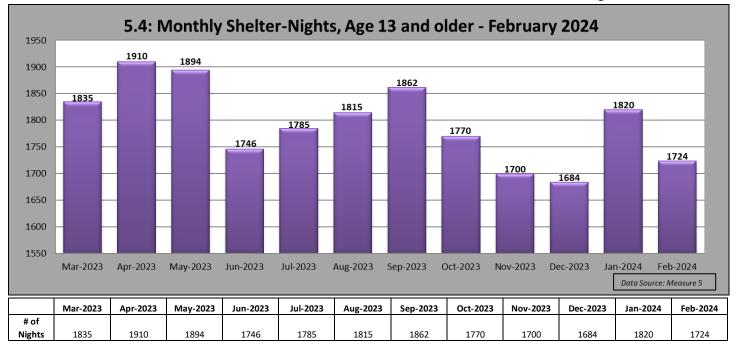
**Comments – April 2024:** In February 2024, 0 children age 2-5 years spent a total of 0 nights in the shelter. There were 1,840 children age 2-5 years in care in February 2024 and none of those children spend a night in the shelter (100.0% of children age 2-5 years). There were 67 children age 2-5 years removed during the month of February and none of those children had a shelter stay (100% of children in care age 2-5 years).

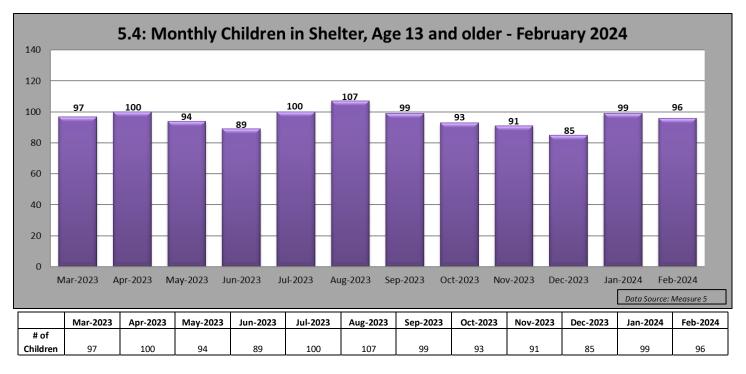




**Data:** Data shown for the number of children will count some children more than once if their shelter stay extended from one month into the next. The Pinnacle Plan commitment to stop the use of shelters for children age 6-12 years was fully implemented by 1/1/15.

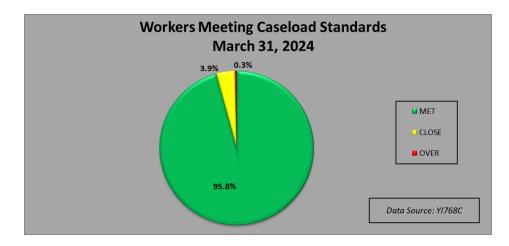
**Comments – April 2024:** In February 2024, 27 children age 6-12 years spent a total of 515 nights in the shelter. There were 1,963 children age 6-12 years in care in February 2024 and 1,936 of those did not spend a night in the shelter (98.6% of children age 6-12 years). There were 81 children age 6-12 years removed during the month of February and 76 of those children did not have a shelter stay (93.8% of children in care age 6-12 years).





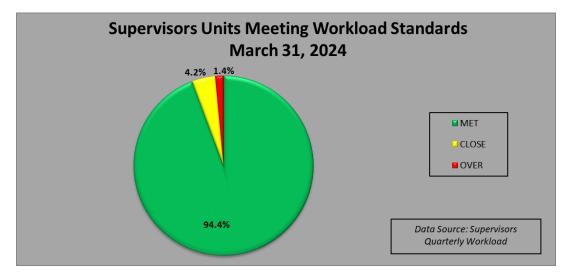
**Data:** Data shown for the number of children will count some children more than once if their shelter stay extended from one month into the next.

**Comments – April 2024:** In February 2024, 96 children age 13 and older spent a total of 1,724 nights in the shelter. There were 1,192 children age 13-18 years in care in February 2024. Of those, 1,096 children did not spend a night in the shelter (91.9% of children in care age 13-18 years). There were 43 children age 13-18 years removed during the month of February and 32 of these children did not have a shelter stay (74.4% of children in care age 13-18 years).



Quarterly Workload Standards Report								
January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024								
Worker Type	Worker Days	% Met	% Close	% Over				
ADOPTION SPECIALIST	3315	99.4%	.6%	.0%				
RESOURCE FAMILY SPECIALIST	16701	99.0%	1.0%	.0%				
COMPREHENSIVE	5186	97.4%	2.6%	.0%				
PERMANENCY PLANNING	44999	97.2%	2.8%	.0%				
PREVENTIVE/VOLUNTARY	4365	98.2%	1.8%	.0%				
INVESTIGATION	31657	91.5%	7.6%	.9%				
RECRUITMENT	2672	100.0%	.0%	.0%				
YTS	3417	98.9%	1.1%	.0%				
TOTAL	112312	96.1%	3.7%	.3%				
Data Source: Quarterly Workload Summary, Run Date 04/01/24								

Data: Utilizing the standards set forth in the Pinnacle Plan, each individual type of case is assigned a weight and then the weights are added up in order to determine a worker's caseload. The consolidated workload tracking process allows Oklahoma to factor in the worker's "Workload Capacity." A snapshot is taken every morning at 12:00 am of the workload of all Child Welfare workers. The entire workload of workers with a qualifying assignment to a case (CPS, PP, FCS, Adoption, and Resource) are calculated and compared against the caseload standards. The workload is classified as meeting standards if it is 100% or below a caseload. If the workload is over 100% but less than 120% of a caseload, it is considered to be "over but close"; otherwise the workload is considered to be over the standard. The measure tracks each worker - each day to determine if they meet the standard, and this is called a "worker day". Work performed by Child Welfare Specialists, is broken into multiple categories. This measure will look specifically at Permanency Planning, Preventive/Voluntary, Investigation, Adoption, Resource Family Specialist, Recruitment, and Adoption Transition Unit Workers. For reporting purposes, the Quarterly totals will be included, as well as a point in time percentage of the number of workers "meeting," "close," and "over" workload standards on the last day of the reporting period. **Comments – February 2024:** As of 3/31/24, using the point in time YI768C Workload data report, the percentage of Child Welfare Workers meeting the standard is 95.8%, with 3.9% being "Close", and 0.3% being "Over Standard". Of the 1,230 workers, 1,178 workers were meeting workload standards, 48 workers were close, and 4 workers were over the standard. For the period of Jan 1, 2024 – Mar 31, 2024, the quarterly data shows that the percentage of Child Welfare Workers "Met" the standard is 96.1%, with 3.7% being "Close," and 0.3% "Over Standard."



Data: This measure looks at Supervisor Units in regards to the worker standard per unit. There are two parts to determine if a supervisor unit meets the standard. First, the measure looks at the number of Child Welfare Workers each supervisor is currently supervising in their unit. The target is for each unit to have a ratio of 5 Child Welfare Workers to 1 Supervisor. If a Unit has a ratio of 5:1 or less, they are considered to meet the standard. Units are "Close" if they are 1-20% over with a ratio of 6:1. All Units with a ratio of 7:1 or over are considered "Over". Each worker accounts for 0.2% of a supervisor's workload capacity. Secondly, the measure looks at any of those supervisors who are currently supervising caseload carrying workers and also have primary assignments on their own workload. Because these workload assignments deduct from a supervisor's capacity to supervise their workers, this additional caseload must be factored into the measurement. Initially a supervisor was allowed to carry up to two case assignments, and those case assignments would not be calculated into the total workload. Any additional assignments on a supervisor's caseload would then be calculated at the same case type weight as on the worker's caseload and then combined with the supervisor capacity, which includes the number of workers supervised. Beginning with the reporting period ending December 2019, supervisors were no longer allotted the one or two assignments that did not add to the overall workload total. All assigned, countable work is now calculated into the supervisor's workload. With this combined calculation of the supervisor's workload capacity, it is then determined how many of these supervisor units are meeting the workload standard. This information is based on KIDS ORG data and HRMD Data and is point in time as of the last date of the reporting period.

**Comments – February 2024:** As of 3/31/24, the total number of Child Welfare Supervisor Units "Meeting the Standard" is 94.4%, with 4.2% being "Close," and 1.4% "Over Standard." There are 354 supervisor units with 334 units meeting the standard, 15 units close and 5 units over the standard.

Context Data								
Children in Out of Home Care Population Served February 2024 - 6,243 Children								
Age	# of Children	% of Total						
0-1 Years	1248	20.0%						
2-5 Years	1840	29.5%						
6-12 Years	1963	31.4%						
Over 13 Years	1192	19.1%						
TOTAL	6243	100.0%						
Race	# of Children	% of Total						
White	2710	43.4%						
African American	619	9.9%						
Multi Race	2375	38.0%						
Native American	509	8.2%						
Pacific Islander / Asian	30	0.5%						
TOTAL	6243	100.00%						
Hispanic	1032	16.5%						
*Note: Hispanic or Latino origin is not counted as a primary race								

