

# Jeanine B. Settlement Agreement Results January – June 2020

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# Settlement Agreement Background

<u>1993</u> – ACLU Children's Rights Project filed a lawsuit in Federal Court.

<u>1998</u> – State of Wisconsin assumed responsibility for child welfare in Milwaukee County.

**2002** – Lawsuit settled. Settlement requires attainment of specific outcomes for permanency, safety and well-being.

**Today** – To date, released from 17 of 18 enforceable provisions.



# Settlement Agreement: Remaining Enforceable Provision

### §I.D.9 Placement Stability

At least 90% of children in DMCPS custody within the period shall have had 3 or fewer placements, during the previous 36 calendar months of their current episode in custody.

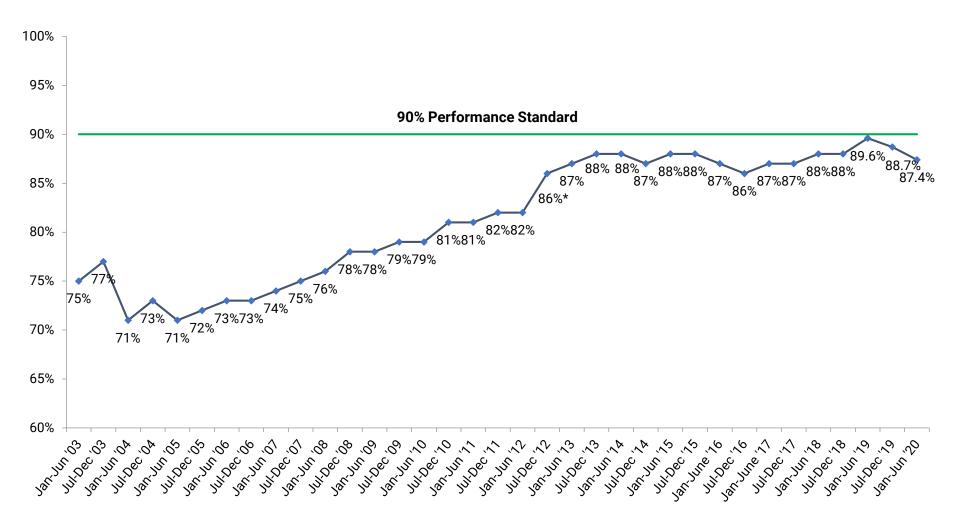
2020								
Performance Standard	YTD 2020 Performance							
>= 90%	87.4%							

I.D.9 Measure Exclusions (modified in 2012):

- Initial OHC placement in assessment centers
- Children in DMCPS custody and currently enrolled in the Wraparound Milwaukee program

§I.D.9 Placement Stability: Children who experience 3 or fewer placements\* Semi-Annual, 2003 – YTD 2020

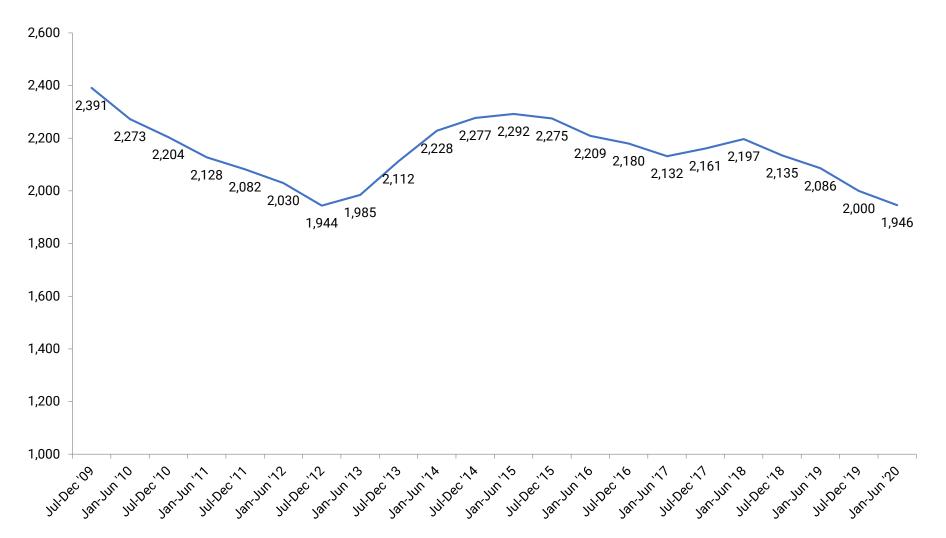




<sup>\*</sup> The formula for this performance standard was modified effective July 1, 2012. (See Slide 3)

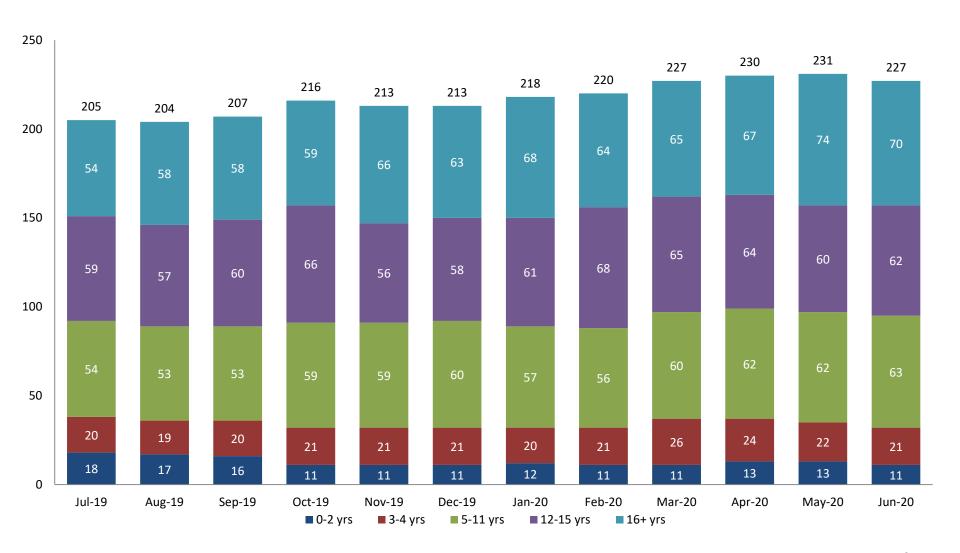
§I.D.9 Placement Stability: Average Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care Semi-Annual, 2009 – YTD 2020





§I.D.9 Placement Stability: Children in OHC who experience 4 or more placements By Age Group, July 2019 – June 2020





### Settlement Agreement Provisions no longer subject to enforcement



	CY	YTD									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
§I.B.2: ASFA - Children Reaching 15 of 22 Months * final performance standard >= 90%	90%	82%	87%	89%	91%	91%	88%	97%	89%	83%	85%
§I.B.3: ASFA - Children Beyond the 15 of 22 Months (cumulative total)  * final performance standard >= 90%	90%	91%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	80%
§I.B.4: Children in OHC for More Than 24 Months * final performance standard <=25%	14%	11%	12%	11%	11%	12%	14%	13%	12%	12%	12%
§I.B.6: Children Re-unified within 12 Months * final performance standard >= 71%	61%	68%	65%*	70%	62%	58%	54%	58%	63%	49%	57%
§I.B.7: Adoptions within 24 Months of Removal * final performance standard >= 30%	37%	32%	34%	35%	34%	32%	33%	26%	33%	25%	21%
§I.C.1: Maltreatment in OHC - Children in DMCPS CustodyFree of Substantiated Abuse or Neglect * final performance standard <=0.60%	0.24%	0.22%	0.23%	0.15%	0.24%	0.15%	0.22%	0.18%	0.12%	0.23%	0.21%

<sup>\*\*</sup> DMCPS met the performance standard for two consecutive six-month periods

# Settlement Agreement: Provisions no longer subject to enforcement (Continued)

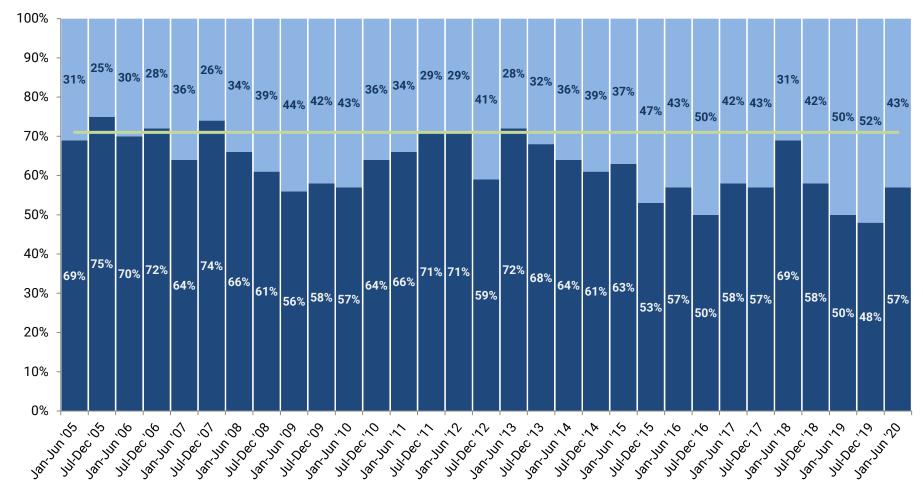


	CY	CY	YTD								
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
§I.C.2: Reports of Alleged Maltreatment to Children in OHC to Independent Investigation Agency within 3 Days	98%	97%	99%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	99%	98%	99%
* final performance standard >= 90%											
§I.C.3: Assignment to an Independent Investigator within 3 Days of Receiving Referral	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	99%	98%	99.5%	100%	100%
* final performance standard >= 90%											
§I.C.4: Determination of the Independent Investigation within 60 Days	100%	99%	98%	100%	97%	97%	94%	99%	100%	98%	100%
* final performance standard >= 90%											
§I.D.1-2: Ongoing Caseload Size											
(Average per Ongoing Case Manager)											
*caseloads not to exceed an average of 11 families per case carrying manager per site (Average)	10	9	8	9	9	8	8	8	8	9	8
§I.D.3: Face-to-Face Contact											
*meets 90% compliance with monthly face-to-face contact.	96%	97%	98%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%
§I.D.7: Length of Stay in Assessment Centers											
*placement in such centers follows applicable state law.	97%	100%	100%	100%	98%	98%	98%	99%	96%	95%	98%

**Bold** values in cells indicate that the performance met the standard for that period allowing for release from the provision.

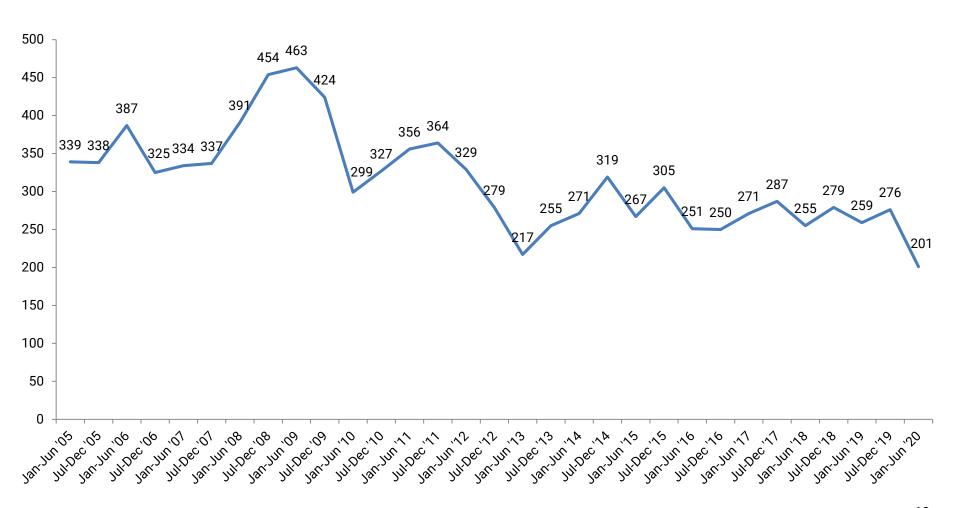
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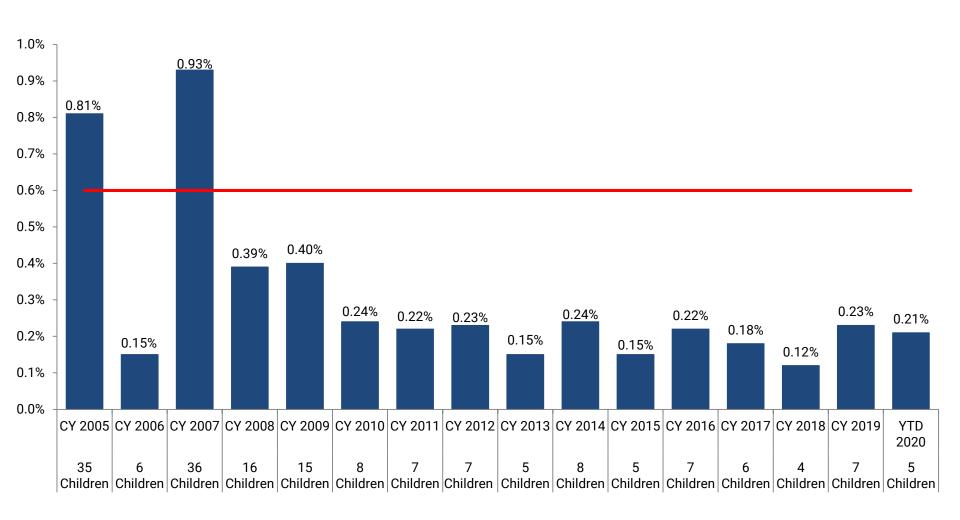
# No Longer Enforceable: §I.B.6 Reunification Total Number of Reunifications (Children who returned home to their families) Semi-Annual, 2005 – YTD 2020





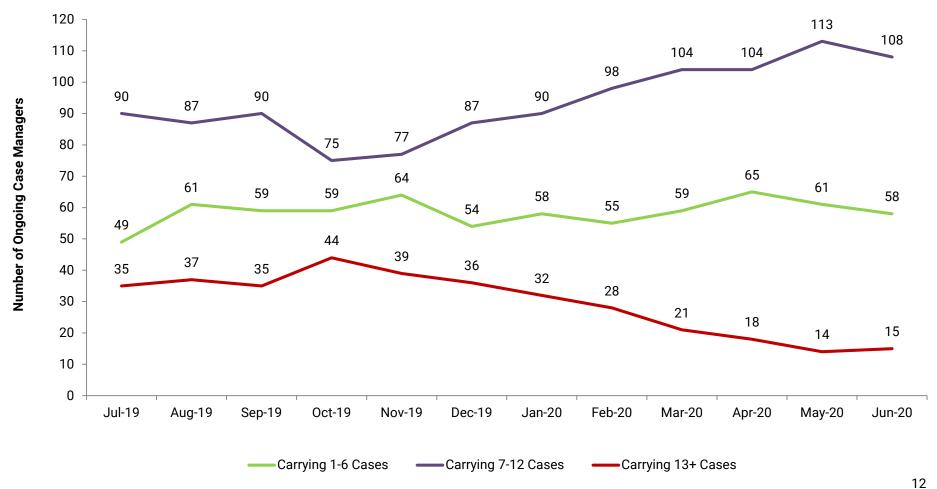
# No Longer Enforceable: §I.C.1 Maltreatment in Out-of-Home Care Percent of Maltreatment in Out-of-Home Care, Annually 2005 – YTD 2020





# No Longer Enforceable: §I.D.1-2 Ongoing Caseload Size By Number of Cases (Grouping) July 2019 - June 2020





### Settlement Agreement: No Longer Enforceable - Process Indicators and Outcomes



	CY	YTD									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Family Assessments	90%	95%	91%	98%	85%	82%	89%	85%	85%	85%	95%
Initial Health Screens	89%	86%	88%	75%	71%	83%	88%	87%	93%	92%	92%
Placement Packets	97%	73%	77%	92%	92%	94%	94%	97%	90%	94%	84%
Annual Medical Exams	91%	95%	94%	94%	91%	89%	91%	93%	93%	93%	91%
Annual Dental Exams	87%	92%	86%	84%	76%	74%	79%	81%	83%	81%	76%
Initial Permanency Plans	85%	87%	80%	84%	70%	76%	86%	85%	85%	81%	85%
Annual & Administrative Permanency Plan Reviews	95%	93%	93%	94%	93%	92%	92%	96%	95%	95%	93%
Re-Entry Within 12 Months	10%	8%	9%	6%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%
Ongoing Case Manager Turnover	25%	34%	25%	39%	34%	32%	29%	28%	33%	34%	13%
Children Per Caseload (12 Month Average)	17.1	15.7	14.2	13.6	15.5	13.6	13.2	13.3	13.4	14.2	13.3

**BOLD** font indicates that performance has improved compared to the previous review period.





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### Questions