

<b>Safety of Children</b>	<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-03-G3	
	<b>Division:</b> Child and Family Services	
	<b>Program:</b> Safety	
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services	
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**Program or Project Description:**

The Child and Family Services Division is mandated by both state and federal laws to provide protective services to children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned. This includes receiving and investigating reports of child abuse and neglect and helping families to stay together or reunite, and finding placements in foster or kinship homes.

LFD Note: The following appropriation data is the budget for the division. There are not separate appropriations for the categories of safety, well being and permanency of children.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	31,641,073	30,570,493	33,680,859	3,713,504	
State Special	2,797,452	2,565,683	2,583,376	200,341	
Federal Funds	30,921,890	24,956,596	31,475,257	2,760,080	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$65,360,415</b>	<b>\$58,092,772</b>	<b>\$67,739,492</b>	<b>\$6,673,925</b>	

**Legislative Goal(s):**

The goal is ensuring that children are safe. The Child and Family Services Division will improve the timeliness of initiating investigations Child Protective Services Workers are required to initiate investigations on all CPS reports within 14 days of receiving the report. The Child Protective Services Worker must make face-to-face contact with alleged victim.

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

Timeliness of initiating investigations will improve 10% by the end of FY 2009 from the established baseline data of 54.2%.

Progress in meeting this goal will be measured by manually reviewing 75 case files for compliance every six months.

	2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption improved 5 % over the baseline of 54.2%.	6/30/2008	4/15/2008
2	Documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption improved 10.0% over the baseline of 54.2%.	6/30/2009	
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**Agency Performance Report:**

This report is based on the latest data collection through March 31, 2007. These data do not relate to the 2009 Biennium.

75 cases were reviewed for each of the following 6 month periods:

For 04/01/06-09/30/06 timely investigations were completed in 76.92% of cases reviewed. For 10/01/06-03/31/07 timely investigations were completed in 61.54% of the cases reviewed. Average for these two periods is 69.23%.

The on-site Child and Family Services Review was held the week of August 11, 2008. Cases were reviewed from three counties (Yellowstone, Cascade and Missoula). The data derived from the review is preliminary and not representative of the entire state. Because cases were reviewed from only three counties, there is no correlation between that data and previously reported data. CFSD will conduct the next set of peer case reviews starting November 2008.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT: On Track

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided but please see the LFD comments in 6901-03-G1, Well Being.

ISSUES/COMMENTS: The primary reason the workgroup asked the division to return for an October report was to receive an overview of the Child and Family Services Review that was held in August and to give the workgroup an overview of foster care and subsidized adoption at year end. The workgroup may wish to ask the division to elaborate on these items as they relate to the safety goal.

OPTIONS: No further review.



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