

<b>Permanency of Children</b>	<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-03-G2	
	<b>Division:</b>	Child and Family Services
	<b>Program:</b>	
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services	
<b>Agency Contact:</b>	Shirley Brown / Scott Sim	444-5906
<b>LFC Contact:</b>	Senator Cobb, Senator Williams	
<b>LFD Liaison:</b>	Marilyn Daumiller	444-5386
<b>OBPP Liaison:</b>	Pat Sullivan	444-1207

**Program or Project Description:**

See the OBPP Report.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**Goal(s):**

The goal is ensuring timely permanency for children. The Child and Family Services Division will determine if concerted efforts were made, or are being made to achieve a finalized adoption in a timely manner. The determination of timeliness is based on the date of the child's most recent entry into foster care, not the date that the goal of adoption was established. The agency has 24 months to demonstrate concerted efforts to finalize an adoption.

**Performance Measures :**

This is the original measure.  
 Documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption will improve 5% by the end of FY 2009 over the baseline of 52.9%.  
 Please see the attached OBPP report for new measures.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
Please see the OBPP Report.		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

**Performance Report:**

Please see the OBPP Report.

**LFD Narrative:****Executive Changes:**

- 1) Changes to Goals – No
- 2) Changes to performance measures – Yes, removed the 5 percent of improvement

**LFD Assessment:**

- 1) Goal is measurable within the biennium – Yes
  - a. Progress toward goal – Unknown

**Appropriation Issues**

- 1) Appropriation/Expenditure Provided – No
- 2) Other Appropriation issues – See below

**Options regarding goal/initiative and performance measures**

May wish to request additional information.

The 2007 baseline has been provided and a six month review for progress identified. While the sixth month is not completed as of this report, the workgroup may wish to request a written report to the workgroup within the January/March quarter.



Version	Date	Author
AO - 1	12/5/07	MD

Change Description
Added LFD Narrative



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Goals/Objectives

**Agency Contact:** Shirley Brown or Dave Thorsen **Phone Number:** 444-5900

**Agency Name:** Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Division:** Child and Family Services Division

**Program (identify and briefly describe):** The Child and Family Services Division administers programs to protect children and youth from abuse, neglect and abandonment. The division works with communities and providers to support the strengths of families to increase their ability to nurture and provide for their children. The division provides child protective services (including investigatory services, emergency protective services, voluntary protective services, court-ordered protective services and permanency services) to children and families; licenses family foster homes, child placing agencies and adoption agencies; and provides adoption services to children in the custody of the State of Montana. The division has three bureaus and five field regions.

**List a single goal and brief description:**

The goal is ensuring timely permanency for children. The Child and Family Services Division will determine if concerted efforts were made, or are being made to achieve a finalized adoption in a timely manner. The determination of timeliness is based on the date of the child's most recent entry into foster care, not the date that the goal of adoption was established. The agency has 24 months to demonstrate concerted efforts to finalize an adoption.

**Describe the performance measures related to this goal:**

Documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption will improve by the end of FY 2009 over the baseline of 52.9%.

**List significant milestones and target dates to be completed in the 2009 Biennium:**

By June 30, 2008 documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption will improve.  
By June 30, 2009 documentation of diligent efforts to achieve timeliness of adoption will improve

**Describe the current status of the measurements related to the goal:**

Baseline %	2007	2008	2009
52.9%	52.9%		

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