

**BRAAM SETTLEMENT:
PANEL DECISIONS ON CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
COMPLIANCE PLAN #5**

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Compliance Plans related to
Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)





Braam Oversight Panel

The Braam Oversight Panel was created in 2004 to oversee a Settlement regarding Washington State's foster care system. The Settlement was reached after a six-year period of litigation. The named Plaintiff, Jessica Braam, is an adult who lived in 34 foster homes by the time the suit was filed in 1998. The Settlement is intended to improve the conditions and treatment of children in the custody of the state's Division of Children and Family Services.

The Panel was created to monitor improvements in selected services and ensure quality standards are met during the seven year duration of the settlement. This independent Panel was mutually selected by the parties (the Plaintiffs who filed the lawsuit and the state of Washington). The Panel, working in collaboration with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and with substantial input from the Plaintiffs and other stakeholders, issued an Implementation Plan for the six areas specified in the Settlement in February 2006. In July 2008, a Revised Braam Implementation Plan was published to reflect clarifications and modifications based on developments in the Braam process and discussions with DSHS, the plaintiffs and stakeholders.

This document provides Panel decisions on compliance plans in response to the Panel's Monitoring Report #5 (October 2008). This report required compliance plans for 2 action steps found to be incomplete and 14 outcomes for which 2007 benchmarks were not reached, and requested additional information with respect to 2 action steps that were classified as "pending." Monitoring Report #5 was the first report based on the requirements of the Revised Braam Implementation Plan (July 2008), and addressed outcome data for fiscal year and calendar year 2007, as well as progress with respect to action steps through June 30, 2008.

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OVERVIEW

On October 1, 2008 the Panel issued its fifth Monitoring Report, which provided outcomes data for fiscal year and calendar year 2007, as well as a report on action steps through June 30, 2008. This was the first monitoring report based on the requirements of the Revised Braam Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008).

In Monitoring Report #5, the Panel determined that four additional action steps had been completed, and benchmarks related to six outcomes had been reached. In that report, the Panel also reached findings that led to the need for new compliance plans and additional documentation in a number of areas:

- *Action steps:* The Panel found that two of the action steps that became due during the performance period had not been completed and new compliance plans were required. In addition, the Panel requested additional information on two action steps that were classified as “pending.”
- *Outcomes and benchmarks:* The Panel concluded that the Department’s performance fell short of benchmarks for the year 2007 and new compliance plans were required for 14 outcomes.

The Settlement requires the Department to submit proposed compliance plans within 30 days for action steps determined by the Panel to have been incomplete and outcomes for which the Department has failed to reach annual benchmarks. In response to the Panel’s findings in Monitoring Report #5, the Department submitted draft compliance plans for the incomplete action steps and outcomes for which benchmarks had not been reached in November 2008. The plaintiffs then provided comments on these plans. The Department responded to the plaintiffs’ comments and submitted revised compliance plans to the Panel in December 2008.

Format of this Document

This document provides summary information and detailed comments related to the Panel’s decisions on the Department’s proposed compliance plans submitted in response to Braam Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008).

This document includes two parts:

- *Part I- Decisions on Compliance Plans for Action Steps:* Summary information related to compliance plans on the two action steps for which new compliance plans were required pursuant to the Panel’s October 2008 Monitoring Report is provided beginning on page 7. In addition, information is provided related to two action steps that had been found in the October 2008 Monitoring Report to be “pending.” Detailed decisions and comments are found in the matrix beginning on page 8.
- *Part II- Decisions on Compliance Plans for Outcomes-* Summary information related to compliance plans on the 14 outcomes for which new compliance plans were required pursuant to the Panel’s October 2008 Monitoring Report is provided beginning on page 10. Detailed decisions and comments are found in the matrix beginning on page 11.

Communications from the Department (including copies of proposed compliance plans) and the plaintiffs related to the compliance plans are available as an appendix to this document.

Next Steps

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Department may submit revised plans for those compliance plans that the Panel has not approved within 21 days of the issuance of the Panel's decision on the proposed plans.

The process of developing and implementing compliance plans will serve as a vehicle for the Department to achieve the goals of the Braam Settlement by ensuring that action steps and outcomes identified in the Revised Implementation Plan are accomplished.

PART I: DECISIONS ON COMPLIANCE PLANS FOR ACTION STEPS

The Panel's decisions on the compliance plans required for action steps based on the findings of the October 2008 Monitoring Report #5 can be summarized as follows:

- *The compliance plan for one action step has been approved.* In this area, the Department has developed, and the Panel has now approved, a plan to complete the action step according to a revised timeframe.
 - Services to Adolescents, Action Step 7 – Information on children in juvenile detention facilities
- *No Compliance plan was submitted for one action step.* In this area, the Panel's Monitoring Report #5 found the action step to be incomplete, and indicated that a compliance plan was required. No compliance plan was submitted.
 - Mental Health, Action Step 1 – Initial health screens
- *Two action steps are still considered "pending."* For the two action steps classified as "pending" in the October 2008 Monitoring Report, the Panel requested and the Department provided additional explanation and documentation. These action steps are still considered pending. Additional comments are provided on the following pages.
 - Mental Health, Action Step 3- Annual mental health and substance abuse services review
 - Services to Adolescents, Action Step 4- Attendance, truancies, suspensions and expulsions

In the following matrix, the first column shows the requirements of the action step, the second column shows the Panel's findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)¹ and the last column shows the Panel's decision and comments on compliance plans and additional documentation submitted by the Department.

The following matrix includes only the two action steps for which new compliance plans were required as a result of the Panel's October 2008 Monitoring Report #5 and the two action steps that were classified as "pending" in that report. Further detail on the status of other Braam action steps can be found in that Monitoring Report,¹ and in the Panel's forthcoming Monitoring Report #6 (to be issued in March 2009).

¹ The October 2008 Monitoring Report #5, and other Panel reports, can be found online at <http://www.braampanel.org/reports.asp>

Area/Action Step	Panel Decision in Monitoring Report # 5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
Mental Health		
<p>Initial (72 hour) health screening <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Mental Health Action Step 1]</i> <i>[Goal 1, Outcome 1, Action step 2-4 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan for achieving Goal 1, Outcome 1 will be submitted to the Panel for review and approval-- 3/30/07 • The Department will begin to implement initial health screens-- 10/30/07 • The Department will track implementation to ensure that each child who enters out-of-home care receives an initial health screen-- Begin 10/07—continuous tracking 	<p>Incomplete Compliance plan required</p> <p>In lieu of a status update on this action step, Department submitted a letter restating its position that this requirement is not within the Panel's area of authority, and providing information on other health services for children in foster care.</p> <p>Panel considers this action step to be critically important and has retained the step for continued monitoring. Panel finds action step to be incomplete.</p>	<p>Incomplete- no compliance plan submitted</p>
<p>Annual review of mental health and substance abuse services <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Mental Health Action Step 3]</i> <i>[Goal 3, Additional Action Step 7 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will complete an annual review of the status of mental health and substance abuse services for children in foster care and use the findings from the review to address service gaps and system problems to develop services and to expand the use of evidence-based models of service, where applicable.</p> <p>The Department will publish the review and plan annually, beginning in November 2007. The annual review will identify by region both achievements in foster children receiving services and any deficiencies. The Department will establish plans to increase the achievements and reduce the deficiencies. The review and plans will be based in part on service data; direct feedback from children, parents, and caretakers; and reports generated through the action steps in the Settlement and the Braam Implementation Plan.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>The Panel notes significant efforts related to children's mental health regarding the implementation of HB 1088, the mental health transformation grant and the children's mental health initiative, and anticipates that these initiatives will have positive effects for all children, including those in foster care. However, the materials submitted do not respond to the components of the action step and do not demonstrate a review of mental health and substance abuse services <i>for children in foster care</i>. Lacking a review focused on <i>children in foster care</i>, there also is no plan to address gaps or system problems related to these children and youth that the review might discover.</p> <p>The Panel is available to provide additional clarification and guidance on this action step.</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Department submitted additional clarifications and materials on this action step after the publication of the October 2008 Monitoring Report. Panel provided feedback in a letter to the Department, and detailed elements that must be included in an update related to this action step to be submitted by February 2, 2009. Action step is still considered pending.</p>

Area/Action Step	Panel Decision in Monitoring Report # 5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
Services to Adolescents		
<p>Attendance, truancies, suspensions and expulsions <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 4]</i> <i>[Goal 2, Outcome 3, Action step 5 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will collect information on school attendance, truancies, suspensions, and expulsions about youth in foster care in Washington, and will use this information to design and implement practice and system improvements in DCFS and to advocate for system improvements related to this goal. June 1, 2008</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>CA requested guidance regarding this action step due to data limitations. Panel notes that some related data are now available through the adolescent survey, and requests that CA use these and any other relevant data to analyze this issue, and design and implement practice and system improvements related to this goal. In addition, Panel requests clarification as to whether any related data will be captured in FamLink.</p> <p>Panel requests materials on this action step within 30 days of this monitoring report (along with compliance plans in other areas).</p>	<p>Pending</p> <p>Action step is still considered pending, and the Panel supports the creation of a workgroup to discuss data issues. Panel requests an update on this action step and the progress of this workgroup by February 2, 2009.</p>
<p>Information on children in juvenile detention facilities <i>[Revised Implementation Plan Adolescent Services Action Step 7]</i> <i>[Goal 3, Outcome 3, Action step 3 of February 2006 Braam Implementation Plan]</i></p> <p>The Department will maintain information on children in foster care who spend time in juvenile detention facilities and will annually compile information on the number of these children, their lengths of stay in detention facilities, and the reason for the hold. The CA will use this information to design and implement practice and system improvements in DCFS and to advocate for system improvements. Report to Panel (June 1, 2008) Implement improvements (July 1, 2009)</p>	<p>Incomplete</p> <p>Compliance plan required</p> <p>Materials submitted provide useful background data and information. Compliance plan should address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The portion of the action step related to designing and implementing practice and system improvements. ○ Additional analysis of data on involvement in detention by age of youth, region, and length of stay in foster care prior to the hold. Plan should also explore options for obtaining basic information on reasons for detention. ○ Clarification of policy related to social worker reporting of detentions. Panel is concerned that there may be an undercount, as a result of the statement that “if there is no placement disruption social workers may not record in CAMIS a short stay in detention.” <p>The Panel is available to provide additional clarification and guidance on this action step.</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Panel requests an update on activities under this compliance plan, including data matching, by February 2, 2009.</p>

PART II: DECISIONS ON COMPLIANCE PLANS FOR OUTCOMES

The Panel's decisions on the compliance plans submitted for Braam outcomes in response to the October 2008 Monitoring Report #5 can be summarized as follows:

- *Compliance plans for 10 outcomes have been approved*
 - Placement stability, outcome 2- Two or fewer placements
 - Foster parent training and information, outcome 1- Adequacy of foster parent training
 - Foster parent training and information, outcome 2- Adequacy of foster parent support
 - Foster parent training and information, outcome 1- Adequacy of information about children's needs
 - Unsafe & inappropriate placements, goal 2, outcome 2-DLR/ CPS Investigations
 - Sibling separation, goal 1, outcome 1- Siblings placed with all other siblings
 - Sibling separation, goal 1, outcome 2- Siblings placed with at least one other sibling
 - Sibling separation, goal 2, outcome 1- Sibling contacts and visits
 - Services to adolescents, goal 3, outcome 1- Runaways (percent of children)
 - Services to adolescents, goal 3, outcome 2- Runaways (median number of days on runaway status)

- *Compliance plans for 4 outcomes are not approved*
 - Mental health, goal 3, outcome 2—Annual mental health screening
 - Unsafe & inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 3- Sexually aggressive youth (SAY)
 - Unsafe & inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 4- Physically aggressive/ assaultive youth (PAY)
 - Unsafe & inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 5- Medically fragile youth

Detailed decisions and comments are found on the following pages. For each goal area of the Settlement Agreement, tables show each outcome for which a new compliance plan was due based on the findings of Monitoring Report #5. The first column of these tables show the outcome as stated in the revised Implementation Plan, the second column shows findings from Monitoring Report #5 (including 2007 benchmarks and performance), and the third column shows the Panel's decision and comments on the compliance plan submitted in December 2008.

The following section includes only the 14 outcomes for which new compliance plans were required as a result of the Panel's Monitoring Report #5. Further detail on the status of other outcomes can be found in that Monitoring Report, as well as in the Panel's forthcoming Monitoring Report #6 (to be published in March 2009).²

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PLACEMENT STABILITY- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Outcome 2</u> The percentage of children who experience two or fewer placements during their current out-of-home episode of care will increase (<i>outcome measure based on percentage of youth entering care during the two previous fiscal years with 2 or fewer placements, with time-in-care specifications based on entry year</i>).</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07=87% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07= 85.5% Regional performance ranged from 83.4-89.5% FY06=84.7%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

MENTAL HEALTH- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 3, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>Children in out-of-home care will be screened for mental health and substance abuse needs every 12 months.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07=75%</p> <p>Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07= 56.5% Regional performance ranged from 53.7-59.7% FY06= 43.9%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan not approved</p> <p>Panel approves of changes in measurement related to allowing screenings every 13 months (rather than every 12 months) and counting as compliant children receiving ongoing mental health services through Children's Administration or the Regional Support Networks.</p> <p>However, the remaining strategy designed to increase the number of EPSDT screenings does not appear sufficient to close a significant gap between performance and the benchmark. Panel requests that a revised plan include more detail on how EPSDT screening rates will be improved.</p> <p>Panel requests data for this outcome using both the original measurement approach and the revised approach with the changes approved above.</p>

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING & INFORMATION- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Outcome 1</u> Licensed caregivers will report adequate training for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, management of emotional, behavioral, developmental and medical problems, educational advocacy, strategies for engagement with birth parents, and cultural competency skills).</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 90% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 86.4% Regional performance ranged from 83.1%- 90.4% CY06= 88.6%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Outcome 2</u> Licensed caregivers will report adequate support for their roles and responsibilities (including, but not limited to, crisis support, timely notification about case planning meetings, and cultural competency resources).</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 75.6% Regional performance ranged from 73.6%- 77.3% CY06= 76.3%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Outcome 3</u> Licensed caregivers will report adequate provision of information about the needs of children placed with them (including, but not limited to, behavioral, medical, developmental and educational needs).</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 80% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 72.4% Regional performance ranged from 67.6%- 79.3% CY06= 72.8%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

UNSAFE & INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 3</u> Children identified as sexually aggressive (SAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 95% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 55.0% Regional performance ranged from 40.0%--72.7% <i>Comparable FY06 data not available</i></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan not approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the strategies in the plan (e.g. updating of policy, identification of youth with SAY/ PAY behaviors, automation of supervision plans) hinge on the implementation of FamLink, which has now been delayed. Revised plan should provide an update on when FamLink will be launched. If the delay in FamLink is significant, the plan should provide clarification on how these children are identified and supervised without the availability of FamLink. • The plan is not specific as to how and when social workers will be expected to identify children as SAY/ PAY and document this once FamLink is launched. How will this expectation be operationalized, both for children entering placement as well as those already in out-of-home care? • The plan notes concerns regarding the use of the foster parent survey to gather data for this outcome, and states that FamLink could ultimately be the source of compliance data in this area. Revised plan should be specific about timeframes for moving to FamLink as a data source for this outcome.
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 4</u> Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAY) pursuant to the statutory definition will be placed with caregivers who have received specialized training and have a plan developed to address safety and supervision issues.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 95% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 44.7% Regional performance ranged from 30.0%--60.0% <i>Comparable FY06 data not available</i></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan not approved</p> <p><i>See comments above under goal 1, outcome 3 (SAY).</i></p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 5</u></p> <p>Medically fragile children will be connected to ongoing and appropriate medical care and placed with caregivers who have specialized skills or receive consultation and ongoing training regarding their caretaking responsibilities for the medical condition.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 75.1% Regional performance ranged from 70.4%-78.8% CY06= 74.9%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan not approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the strategies in the plan (e.g. identification of medically fragile youth, and using that information to target training opportunities and communications to foster parents and to prioritize certain health programs) hinge on the implementation of FamLink, which has now been delayed. Revised plan should provide an update on when FamLink will be launched. If the delay in FamLink is significant, the plan should provide clarification on how these children are identified and supervised without the availability of FamLink. • The plan is not specific as to how and when social workers will be expected to identify children as medically fragile and document this once a definition has been established and FamLink is launched. How will this expectation be operationalized, both for children entering placement as well as those already in out-of-home care? • The plan notes concerns regarding the use of the foster parent survey to gather data for this outcome. In the revised plan, the Panel requests clarification as to whether FamLink could become the data source for this outcome and, if so, when this would occur.
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>All referrals alleging child abuse and neglect of children in out-of-home care will receive thorough investigation by the Division of Licensing Resources (DLR) pursuant to CA policy and timeline and with required documentation.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07= 100%</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07= 87% Regional performance ranged from 81.8-92.3% <i>Comparable FY06 data not available</i></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

SIBLING SEPARATION- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 1</u> Children in out-of-home care will be placed with all siblings who are also in out-of-home care whenever possible.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07=60% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07= 58.3% Regional performance ranged from 46.0-68.2% FY06=58.9%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Panel approves of compliance plan, with one exception: children with SAY/ PAY behaviors should not be removed from this measure.</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 2:</u> Children in out-of-home care will be placed with at least one sibling who is also in out-of-home care whenever possible</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07=85% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07= 79.3% Regional performance ranged from 66.4-90.5% FY06=80.1%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Panel approves of compliance plan, with one exception: children with SAY/ PAY behaviors should not be removed from this measure.</p>
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 1</u> Children placed apart from their siblings will have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events) with some or all of their siblings. If the CA or the court determines that visitation/contact poses a risk to either child's health, safety or welfare, this finding will be approved by the supervisor and documented in the child's file.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> CY07= 70% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 10 percentage points lower than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> CY07= 52.4% Regional performance ranged from 43.6-56.1% CY06= 48.4%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach CY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

SERVICES TO ADOLESCENTS- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #5 (October 1, 2008)	Panel Decision on 12/08 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 3, Outcome 1</u></p> <p>The percentage of children who run from out-of-home care placements during the fiscal year will decrease.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07= 3.5% Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than .5 percentage points higher than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07=4.1% Regional performance ranged from 2.4-6.5% FY06=4.1%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Goal 3, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>The median number of days that children are on runaway status will decrease.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY07= 40 days Statewide benchmark must be met, and no region's performance may be more than 5 days higher than the statewide benchmark.</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY07= 39 days Regional performance ranged from 31 to 60 days FY06= 42 days</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #5 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY07 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>