

**BRAAM SETTLEMENT:
PANEL DECISIONS ON CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
COMPLIANCE PLAN #10**

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Compliance Plans submitted in response to
Monitoring Report #10 (June 21, 2011)





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 #10 (March 2011), which provided outcomes data for fiscal year 2010 (July 2009-June 2010), as well as a report on action steps through December 31, 2010. In Monitoring Report #10, one action step was found to be incomplete and FY10 benchmarks for 24 outcomes were found not to have been reached. This document addresses the one action step and 24 outcomes for which compliance plans were required as a result of Monitoring Report #10.

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OVERVIEW

In March 2011, the Braam Panel issued its tenth Monitoring Report, which provided outcomes data for fiscal year 2010 (July 2009-June 2010), as well as a report on action steps through December 31, 2010. This monitoring report was based on the requirements of the Revised Braam Implementation Plan (July 3, 2008).

In Monitoring Report #10, the Panel made several findings that led to the need for compliance plans:

- *Action steps*: The Panel found that one action step had not been completed, and a compliance plan was required for that action step.
- *Outcomes and benchmarks*: The Panel found that FY10 benchmarks had not been reached for 24 outcomes. Compliance plans were required for these 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 #10, the Department submitted draft compliance plans in May 2010. The plaintiffs then provided comments on these plans. After reviewing plaintiffs' comments, the Department submitted revised compliance plans to the Panel on June 21, 2011.

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 #10 (March 2011).

This document includes two parts:

- *Part I- Decisions on Compliance Plans for Action Steps*: Information related to the one action step for which a compliance plan was required pursuant to the Panel's March 2011 Monitoring Report is provided beginning on page 6. Decisions and comments are found in the matrix beginning on page 7.
- *Part II- Decisions on Compliance Plans for Outcomes*- Summary information related to the 24 outcomes for which compliance plans were required pursuant to the Panel's March 2011 Monitoring Report is provided beginning on page 8. Decisions and comments are found in the matrix beginning on page 10.

Communications from the Department (including copies of 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

A compliance plan was required for one action step as a result of Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011):

- Mental Health, Action Step 1 – Initial health screens- *No compliance plan was submitted*

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 #10 (March 2011) and the last column shows the Panel’s decision and comments.

The following matrix includes only the one action step for which a compliance plan was required as a result of the Panel’s March 2011 Monitoring Report #10. Further detail on the status of other Braam action steps can be found in that Monitoring Report.¹

¹ All Panel reports can be found online at <http://www.braampanel.org/reports.asp>

Area/Action Step	Panel Decision in Monitoring Report # 10 (March 2011)	Panel decision on June 2011 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 1² 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</p> <p>At Braam Panel Meetings since December 2009, the Department has reported on its progress in building capacity for and providing initial health screens to children entering out-of-home care. However, the Department has not provided formal written updates or compliance plans for this action step because the Department contends that this action step is not within the scope of the Panel's monitoring authority under the Braam Settlement Agreement. The Panel and the Plaintiffs disagree with this view. The Panel continues to expect formal updates, compliance plans and data related to initial health screens.</p>	<p>No compliance plan submitted</p>

² Mental Health Goal 1, Outcome 1 states: *Children will be screened by an appropriate health professional for immediate and urgent physical and mental health needs, including assessment for infectious and communicable diseases, within 72 hours of entering out of home care.*

PART II: DECISIONS ON COMPLIANCE PLANS FOR OUTCOMES

The Panel's decisions on the 24 compliance plans for Braam outcomes required as a result of the findings of the March 2011 Monitoring Report #10 can be summarized as follows:

- Compliance plans for 19 outcomes have been approved
 - Placement stability, goal 1, outcome 2- Two or fewer placements
 - Placement stability, goal 1, outcome 3— Caseload reduction
 - Mental health, goal 1, outcome 2- CHET within 30 days of placement
 - Mental health, goal 1, outcome 3- Shared planning meeting focused on the CHET
 - Mental health, goal 1, outcome 4- Referral to Early Support for Infant and Toddlers Program
 - Foster parent training and information, goal 1, outcome 1- Foster parent training
 - Foster parent training and information, goal 1, outcome 2- Foster parent support
 - Foster parent training and information, goal 1, outcome 3- Foster parent information
 - Unsafe and inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 3- Safeguards for sexually aggressive youth (SAY)
 - Unsafe and inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 4- Safeguards for physically aggressive/ physically assaultive youth (PAAAY)
 - Unsafe and inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 5- Medically fragile youth
 - Unsafe and inappropriate placements, goal 1, outcome 6- Monthly visits
 - Unsafe and inappropriate placements, goal 2, outcome 2- DLR/ CPS (investigations of abuse/ neglect referrals for children in out-of-home care)
 - Sibling separation, goal 1, outcome 1- Placement with *all* siblings
 - Sibling separation, goal 1, outcome 2- Placement with *some* siblings
 - Services to adolescents, goal 2, outcome 2- HS graduation
 - Services to adolescents, goal 2, outcome 3- Exit staffings for youth exiting to independence
 - Services to adolescents, goal 3, outcome 1- Runaways (frequency)
 - 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 2, outcome 1- Health and education plans in the ISSP within 60 days of placement
 - Mental health, goal 2, outcome 2- Health and education plans in the ISSP updated every 6 months
 - Mental health, goal 3, outcome 2- Annual mental health screening
 - Sibling separation, goal 2, outcome 1- Sibling visits and contacts

- No compliance plan was submitted for one outcome
 - Mental health, goal 1, outcome 1- Initial health screening

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 required based on the findings of Monitoring Report #10. The first columns of these tables show the outcome as stated in the revised Implementation Plan, the second columns show findings from Monitoring Report #10

(including FY10 benchmarks and performance), and the third columns show the Panel's decision and comments on the compliance plan submitted in June 2011.

The following section includes only the 24 outcomes for which compliance plans were required as a result of Monitoring Report #10. Further detail on the status of other outcomes can be found in that Monitoring Report.³

³ The March 2011 Monitoring Report #10, and other Panel reports, can be found online at <http://www.braampanel.org/reports.asp>.

PLACEMENT STABILITY- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, 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> FY10=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> FY10= 89.3% Regional performance ranged from 85.8-93.9% FY09=89.0% FY08= 86.4% FY07=85.5%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Panel notes that plaintiffs' letter on the draft compliance plan included numerous requests for clarification, not all of which were responded to in CA's revised compliance plan. Although this does not affect the Panel's approval of the plan, the Panel encourages the parties to work together to clarify any issues that continue to be of concern to the plaintiffs.</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 3</u> Social workers will have caseloads at or below Council on Accreditation (COA) standards (18 child cases per caseworker for all other children) <i>(outcome measure based on the percentage of caseworkers with caseloads at or below COA standards)</i>.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10=72.2% Regional performance ranged from 65-76% FY09=65% FY08= 49.9%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

MENTAL HEALTH- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 1</u></p> <p>Children will be screened by an appropriate health professional for immediate and urgent physical and mental health needs, including assessment for infectious and communicable diseases, within 72 hours of entering out-of-home care.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> Acceptable data not available</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p> <p>Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data.</p>	<p>No compliance plan submitted</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>Children in out-of-home care 30 days or longer will have completed and documented Child Health and Education Track (CHET) screens within 30 days of entering care.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10=78% Regional performance ranged from 59-94% FY09=64% <i>Note—FY07-FY08 data were not accepted by Panel, but are included here for informational purposes:</i> FY08=63.3% FY07=47%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 3</u></p> <p>A shared planning meeting (SPM) focusing on the CHET screening results will be held within 60 days of each child's entry into care.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10= 51.9% Regional performance ranged from 19-72% <i>Acceptable data for prior years are not available</i></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 4</u></p> <p>Children age 3 and under in out-of-home care will be referred to the Early Support for Infant and Toddlers Program within 2 workdays of identification of concerns about developmental delays from their CHET screens.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10=86% Regional performance ranged from 73-96% FY09=72% <i>FY08 data not available</i></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 1</u></p> <p>Children in out-of-home care will have health and education plans (developed based on the findings from all physical health, developmental, educational, mental health and substance abuse health screenings and assessments) in their ISSPs within 60 days of placement.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10=71% Regional performance ranged from 61-100% FY09=90% FY08=77%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance Plan not approved</p> <p>Panel requests a copy of the FY10 case review report for these outcomes. This has been submitted in previous years, but was not provided in FY10.</p> <p>Panel requests clarification regarding the survey tool and questionnaire mentioned in strategy #1 of the plan. Who was or will be surveyed? What is the questionnaire, and how will it be used to improve performance on this outcome?</p>
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>Children in out-of-home care will have health and education plans in their ISSPs updated every 6 months.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10=59% Regional performance ranged from 44-84% FY09=63% FY08= 53%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>With respect to strategy #2, the Fostering-Well Being program, most of these activities occur at the time a child is placed, and therefore may improve performance on Outcome #1 (ISSP within 60 days of placement). The only element of this strategy that relates to Outcome #2 (ISSP updated every 6 months) is the development of care coordination summaries, and this affects only the small number of children with the most significant healthcare needs. What is being done to ensure the development of a health plan for <u>all</u> children, not just those referred to the care coordination unit of the Fostering Well-Being program?</p> <p>With respect to strategy #3, the last bullet notes that social workers will be informed of the "option" to complete and attach the FamLink Health and Education Report to the ISSP for children who do not have a Care Coordination Summary. The Panel is unclear why this is presented as an "option" rather than a requirement.</p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 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> FY10=90%</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> FY10=Acceptable data not available FY09=54.8% FY08=48.9% FY08=46.0%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p> <p>Panel has determined that benchmark has not been reached based on failure to provide data. In addition, the Department has indicated that performance will not meet FY10 benchmark.</p>	<p>Compliance plan not approved</p> <p>Strategy #4 of the plan does not clearly state when FY10 data will be provided- will CA be working with ADSA on this issue in September 2011, or will data actually be provided at this time?</p> <p>For the periods for which data are available, performance remains well below the benchmark. It is not clear from the proposed compliance plan that CA understands the cause of this performance gap. While the plan includes several mechanisms to remind social workers and caregivers of the need for annual mental health screenings, there may be other more substantive reasons that these screenings are not obtained on a routine basis- possible issues could be lack of transportation, scheduling issues, barriers connecting to providers, etc. The Panel suggests that CA explore these types of issues.</p>

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 1</u></p> <p>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: FY10=90%</u> 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> FY10= 85.2% Regional performance ranged from 81.3-88.0% FY09= 85.9% CY08= 86.4% CY07=88.6%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Panel requests copy of caregiver training improvement plan.</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>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: FY10=90%</u> 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> FY10= 76.6% Regional performance ranged from 74.3-79.2% FY09= 71.9% CY08= 75.6% CY07=76.3%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Panel requests copy of caregiver support improvement plan.</p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 3</u></p> <p>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: FY10=90%</u></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></p> <p>FY10= 81.8%</p> <p>Regional performance ranged from 73.4-86.3%</p> <p>FY09= 75.4%</p> <p>CY08= 72.4%</p> <p>CY07=72.8%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

UNSAFE & INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENTS- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 3</u></p> <p>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> FY10=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> FY10= 70.5% Regional performance ranged from 60.0-77.8% FY09= 70.3% CY08= 55.0% CY07=44.7%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 4</u></p> <p>Children identified as physically assaultive or physically aggressive (PAAY) 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> FY10=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> FY10= 57.5% Regional performance ranged from 50.0-65.5% FY09= 52.9% CY08= 44.7% CY07=44.7%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<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> FY10=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> FY10=86.3% Regional performance ranged from 75.0-93.8% FY09= 83.5% CY08= 87.6% CY07=75.1%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 6</u> Children will receive a private and individual face-to-face health and safety visit from an assigned caseworker at least once every calendar month, with no visit being more than 40 days after the previous visit.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10=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> FY10= 53.86% Regional performance ranged from 49-63% FY09= 14.8% FY08= 10.5%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 2</u> 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> FY10= 100%</p> <p><u>Performance:</u> FY10= 90.3% Regional performance ranged from 81.5-98.0% FY09= 82.9% FY08= 90.9% FY07= 87%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>

SIBLING SEPARATION- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 1</u></p> <p>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> FY10=75% 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> FY10= 64.5% Regional performance ranged from 55-74% FY09= 60.9% FY08= 56.7% FY07=58.3%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>Although it does not affect approval of the plan, the Panel requests clarification as to how strategy #1, development of a FamLink management report, will improve performance on this outcome. Presumably social workers are already aware of children who are placed separately from their siblings, and it is unclear how a FamLink report will assist staff in placing these sibling groups together.</p>
<p><u>Goal 1, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>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> FY10=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> FY10=81.2% Regional performance ranged from 71-89% FY09= 80.9% FY08= 79.0% FY07=79.3%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 1</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>- 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> FY10=90%</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> FY10= 51.6% Regional performance ranged from 47.6-58.8% FY09=52.8% CY08=52.4% CY07=48.4%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan not approved</p> <p>Panel notes that performance on this outcome remains well below the benchmark. While there are numerous promising strategies included in the plan, it is unclear that these strategies will be sufficient to bring performance to the benchmark.</p> <p>The Panel notes that the foster parent survey asks foster parents why visits/ contacts are not occurring (when applicable); the Panel requests an update on CA's analysis of this information and how it has been used to inform the development of compliance plan strategies.</p> <p>In addition, the Panel requests further information on strategy #4, consultation with the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections. What were the findings of the NRCPCF review, and what actions will CA implement as a result of the review?</p>

SERVICES TO ADOLESCENTS- DECISIONS ON OUTCOME COMPLIANCE PLANS

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 Compliance Plan
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 2</u></p> <p>The percentage of youth in out-of-home placement in grade 9 who remained in placement continuously through grade 12 who graduate from high school on time with a regular or adult (IEP) diploma, including students with disabilities who graduated within the number of years designated in their IEP, will increase.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10= 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> FY09=47.7% Regional performance ranged from 36.8-75.0% FY09=48%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p>
<p><u>Goal 2, Outcome 3</u></p> <p>A multi-disciplinary staffing meeting will be held six months prior to a youth’s exit from foster care to address issues related to transition to independence.</p>	<p><u>Benchmark:</u> FY10= 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> FY10= 27% Regional performance ranged from 16-35% <i>Acceptable data for prior years are not available</i></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p>	<p>Compliance plan approved</p> <p>The Panel notes that plaintiffs have raised questions regarding the quality of exit staffings. At the June 2011 Braam Panel public meeting, CA indicated that this issue would be brought to Passion to Action for discussion. The Panel requests that CA report back to the Panel and the plaintiffs on this discussion.</p>

Outcome	Panel Findings in Monitoring Report #10 (March 2011)	Panel Decision on June 2011 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> FY10= 2.0% 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>Performance⁴:</u> FY10=2.7% Regional performance ranged from 1.6-4.0% FY09=3.4% FY08=3.6% FY07=4.1%</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 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> FY09= 25 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> FY10= 24 days Regional performance ranged from 8 to 33 days FY09= 27 days FY08= 33 days FY07= 39 days</p> <p><u>Monitoring Report #10 Status:</u> Failed to reach FY10 benchmark: compliance plan required</p> <p>Statewide benchmark was achieved, but regional requirements were not met. Performance in Region 5 was more than 5 days higher than the statewide benchmark. Therefore the overall benchmark has not been reached.</p>	

⁴ For the outcomes related to runaways, performance that is lower than the benchmark is in compliance.