

Abbeville County DSS  
Review of Child Welfare Services  
December 2007

During the week of December 10 - 14, 2007 a team of DSS staff from state office and surrounding counties conducted an onsite review of child welfare services in Abbeville County. A sample of open and closed foster care and treatment cases were reviewed. Also reviewed were screened-out intakes, foster home licensing records, and unfounded investigations. Stakeholders interviewed for this review included foster parents, Abbeville DSS supervisors, representatives from the schools, Foster Care Review Board, Mental Health and Guardian Ad Litem Program.

**Period under Review: December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007**

**Purpose**

The Department of Social Services engages in a review of child welfare services in each county to:

- a) Determine to what degree services are delivered in compliance with federal and state laws and agency policy; and
- b) Assess the outcomes for children and families engaged in the child welfare system.

State law (§43-1-115) states, in part:

The state department shall conduct, at least once every five years, a substantive quality review of the child protective services and foster care programs in each county and each adoption office in the State. The county's performance must be assessed with reference to specific outcome measures published in advance by the department.

The information obtained by the child welfare services review process will:

- a) Give county staff feedback on the effectiveness of their interventions.
- b) Direct state office technical assistance staff to assist county staff with their areas needing improvement.
- c) Inform agency administrators of which systemic factors impair county staff's ability to achieve specific outcomes.
- d) Direct training staff to provide training for county staff specific to their needs.

**Quantitative and Qualitative Data Sources**

The county-specific review of child welfare services is both quantitative and qualitative.

The review is **quantitative** because it begins with an analysis of every child welfare outcome report for that county for the period under review. Agency data reflect the performance of the county in all areas of the child welfare program: Child Protective Services (CPS) Intake, CPS Investigations, CPS In-Home Treatment, Foster Care, Managed Treatment Services (MTS), and Adoptions.

The review is **qualitative** because it assesses the quality of the services rendered and the effectiveness of those services. The review seeks to explain why a county's performance data looks the way it does.

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**Ratings**

The standard that must be met for all items reviewed onsite is 90%. Each outcome report has its own standard. To be rated an area of **Strength** most items must meet both the qualitative onsite review standard **and** the quantitative outcome report standard.

Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

The county's performance on this outcome is based on the rating of two items:

- 1) Timeliness of initiating investigations                   **Strength**
- 2) Repeat Maltreatment   **Strength**

**Agency Data**

**Measure S1.1: Timeliness of Initiating Investigations on Reports of Child Maltreatment**

Objective: 100% in <= 24 hours (state law)

	Number of Determinations	Number of Investigations Initiated Timely	Percent of Investigations Initiated Timely	Number of Investigations Above (Below) Objective
State	18,082	17,816	98.5	(266)
Abbeville	53	53	100	0

**Explanation of Item 1: Timeliness of Initiating Investigations**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. State law requires that an investigation of all (100%) accepted reports of abuse and neglect be initiated within 24 hours. Agency data indicates that for the 12 month period under review, Abbeville County initiated 53 of 53 investigations of alleged abuse and neglect within 24 hours.

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**Agency Data**

**Measure S1.2: Recurrence of Maltreatment** – Of all children who were victims of indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect during the reporting period, the percent having another indicated report within a subsequent 6 month period.

Objective: <= 6.1% (federal standard)

	Number of Child Victims in Founded Report	Number of Child Victims In Another Founded Report	Percent of Children in Another Founded Report	Number of Children Above (Below) Objective
State	11,626	85	0.73	624.2
Abbeville	21	0	0	1.3

**Explanation of Item 2: Recurrence of Maltreatment**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item measures the occurrence of maltreatment among children under agency supervision during the period under review. The federal standard is that less than 6.1% of children experience repeat maltreatment. Agency data indicates that children under Abbeville County supervision were not experiencing repeat maltreatment.

**Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.**

The county's performance on this outcome is based on the rating of two items:

- 3) Services to family to protect children and prevent removal      **Strength**
- 4) Risk of Harm      **Strength**

**Onsite Review Findings**

**Safety Item 3: Services to Family to Protect Child(ren) in Home and Prevent Removal.**

	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	0	0	0	0	10	0
Treatment	9	90	1	10	0	0
Total Cases	9	90	1	10	10	0

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**Explanation of Item 3: Services to Family to Protect Children and Prevent Removal**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville County DSS. This item assesses whether services were adequate to protect children in their home and prevent their removal and placement into foster care. In 90% of the treatment cases reviewed, families received services needed to ensure the safety of the children. When children were placed with alternative caregivers, there were appropriate services provided to ensure the safety of the children.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Safety Item 4: Risk of Harm</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	10	100	0	0	0	0
Treatment	9	90	1	10	0	0
Total Cases	19	95	1	5	0	0

**Explanation of Item 4: Risk of Harm**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item assesses whether the agency's interventions reduced risks of harm to children. In both foster care and treatment cases, risk of harm to children was effectively reduced. When children were placed with alternative caregivers background checks on caregivers were completed and safety plans were monitored to ensure compliance.

**Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.**

The county's performance on this outcome is based on the rating of six items:

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| 5) Foster care re-entries  | <b>Strength</b>                 |
| 6) Stability of foster care placement  | <b>Area Needing Improvement</b> |
| 7) Permanency goal for child   | <b>Area Needing Improvement</b> |
| 8) Reunification or permanent placement with relatives                           | <b>Strength</b>                 |
| 9) Adoption  | <b>Area Needing Improvement</b> |
| 10) Permanency goal of Alternate Planned<br>Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) | <b>Strength</b>                 |

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<b>Agency Data</b>				
<b>Measure P1.1: Foster Care Re-entries</b> – Of all children who entered care during the year under review, the percent that re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode.				
Objective: <= 8.6% (federal standard)				
	Number Children Entering Care Nov 1, 2006 to Oct 31, 2007	Number That Were returned Home Within The Past 12 Months From Previous Foster Care Episode	Percent That Were returned Home Within The Past 12 Months From Previous Foster Care Episode	Number of Children Above (Below) Objective
State	3,863	214	5.54	118.2
Abbeville	22	0	0	1.9

**Explanation of Item 5: Foster Care Re-entries**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville County DSS. This item measures the frequency of children re-entering foster care within a year of discharge. The federal standard for this measure is that no more than 8.6% of children entering foster care be re-entries within a year of discharge from care. The percentage of children re-entering care in Abbeville County is 0%. In the sample of cases reviewed, there were no children that re-entered foster care from a previous foster care episode.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Permanency Item 6: Stability of Foster Care Placements</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	8	80	2	20	0	0

**Explanation of Item 6: Stability of Foster Care Placements**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item measures the frequency of placement changes for children in foster care, and assesses the reasons for those changes. The federal standard for this measure is at least 86.7% of the children in care have no more than two placements in the past year. Reviewers found that in 20% of the cases, children had three or more placements during the period under review. Those were older children managed by MTS whose emotional and behavioral problems disrupted several placements.

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<b>Agency Data</b>				
<b>Measure P1.5: Permanency Goal for Child</b> – Of all children who have been in foster care for 15 of the most recent 22 months, the percent for which a Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) petition has been filed.				
Objective: $\geq$ 53% (agency established objective)				
	Children in Care At Least 15 of Last 22 Months Sept 1, 2006 to Aug 31, 2007	Number of Children With TPR Complaint	Percent of Children With TPR Complaint	Number of Children Above (Below) Objective
State	3,641	1,670	45.9	(259.7)
Abbeville	22	5	22.7	(6.7)

**Explanation of Item 7: Permanency Goal for Children**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the appropriateness of permanency goals for children in foster care and the timeliness of those permanency decisions. To meet the agency objective for this item 53% or more of the children in care 15 of the most recent 22 months must have a TPR petition filed. Agency data indicates that only 22.7% of Abbeville DSS children in care 15 of 22 months had petitions filed. This was not the result of poor casework. The contract attorney serving Abbeville was also serving three other county offices and could not provide the level of legal representation needed.

<b>Agency Data</b>				
<b>Measure P1.3: Length of Time to Achieve Reunification</b> – Of all children who were reunified with their parent(s) or caretaker(s) at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage were reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home?				
Objective: $\geq$ 76.2% (federal standard)				
	Number of Children Returned to Parent(s)/Caretaker(s)	Number of Children Returned to Parent(s) /Caretakers(s) after in care < 12 months	Percent of Children Returned to Parent(s)/Caretaker(s) after in care < 12 months	Number of Children Above (Below) Objective
State	2,361	1,962	83.10	162.9
Abbeville	9	8	88.89	1

**Explanation of Item 8: Reunification or Permanent Placement with Relatives**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the activities and processes necessary to accomplish the goal of reunification with caregivers or placement with relatives. Agency data indicates that 89% of Abbeville County foster children with a plan of reunification are returned to their parents or caretakers within 12 months of entering care.

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<b>Onsite Review Findings</b>						
<b>Permanency Item 9: Adoption.</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	3	38	5	62	2	0

**Explanation of Item 9: Adoption**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the process within the child welfare system to achieve timely adoptions for children in foster care. The federal standard is that at least 32% of adoptions be completed within 24 months of a child entering care. Reviewers determined that in 62% of cases involving a child with the plan of Adoption, there were delays in filing petitions and hearings that had not been held. Those delays were the result of lack of legal representation. The contract attorney serving Abbeville was also serving three other county offices and could not provide the level of legal representation needed.

**Agency Data**

**Measure P1.6: Permanency Goal: Alternate Planned Permanent Living Arrangement** – Of all children in foster care, what percentage have a permanency goal of emancipation (independent living services) or a planned permanent living arrangement, other than adoption, guardianship, or return to family?

Objective: <= 15% (Agency established objective)

	Number of Children in care for at least one day 11/1/06 to 10/31/07	Number of Children with Permanency Plan of APPLA	Percent of Children with Permanency Plan of APPLA	Number of Children Above (Below) Objective
State	9,066	1,543	17.0	(183.1)
Abbeville	37	1	2.7	4.6

**Explanation of Item 10: Permanency Goal of APPLA**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the appropriateness and effectiveness of services provided to children with the permanency plan of APPLA. One standard applied to this objective is that no more than 15% of the children in foster care should have this plan. Only one child in the care of Abbeville DSS has this plan. For that one child, the plan is appropriate and the child is receiving independent living services.

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Permanency Outcome 2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

This outcome is based on the rating of 6 items:

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| 11) Proximity of foster care placement                | <b>Area Needing Improvement</b> |
| 12) Placement with siblings in foster care            | <b>Strength</b>                 |
| 13) Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care | <b>Strength</b>                 |
| 14) Preserving connections                            | <b>Strength</b>                 |
| 15) Relative placement                                | <b>Area Needing Improvement</b> |
| 16) Relationship of child in care with parents        | <b>Strength</b>                 |

**Agency Data**

**Measure P2.1: Proximity to Home of Foster Care Placement** – Of all children in foster care during the reporting period (excluding MTS and Adoptions children), the percent placed within their county of origin.

**Objective:**  $\geq 70\%$  (agency established objective)

	Number of Children In Care 11/1/06 to 10/31/07	Number of Children Placed Within County of Origin	Percent of Children Placed Within County of Origin	Number of Children Above (Below) Objective
State	6,760	4,280	63.3	(451)
Abbeville	37	13	35.1	(12.9)

**Explanation of Item 11: Proximity of Foster Care Placement**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's efforts to keep children close enough to their families so that essential relationships can be maintained. One measure used to evaluate this item is the percentage of children who are placed within the county. The objective is at least 70% of the children in care be placed within the county. Agency data shows that 35% of Abbeville DSS children were placed within the county. While there are 15 foster homes and 24 children in care, many of the children placed in Abbeville's homes come from adjoining counties. Many Abbeville teenagers are placed at Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood County.



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<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Permanency Item 12: Placement with Siblings</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	6	100	0	0	4	0

**Explanation of Item 12: Placement with Siblings in Foster Care**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's efforts to keep siblings together when it is appropriate to do so. In every foster care case there was evidence that the agency initially put siblings together in the same placement.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Permanency Item 13: Visiting with Parents and Siblings in Foster Care</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	6	100	0	0	4	0

**Explanation of Item 13: Visiting with Siblings in Foster Care and with Parents**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's efforts to ensure that visits occur between children in foster care and their siblings and parents. In 100% of the cases, visits occurred according to agency policy. Reviewers found evidence that the agency helped facilitate visits for parents and siblings.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Permanency Item 14: Preserving Connections</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	7	100	0	0	3	0

**Explanation of Item 14: Preserving Connections**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. Whereas Item 13 addressed parents and siblings, this item evaluates the agency's efforts to preserve children's connections to the people, places and things that are important to them. In all of the cases reviewed, the agency demonstrated efforts to maintain and promote those significant relationships. The agency helped children visit and maintain contact with grandparents, adult siblings and other relatives.

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<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Permanency Item 15: Relative Placement</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	8	80	2	20	0	0

**Explanation of Item 15: Relative Placement**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's efforts to identify and assess relatives as potential placement resources for children in foster care. In 20% of the cases reviewed, this item needed improvement. Reviewers found instances of relatives who expressed interest in caring for children, but no evidence that those relatives were assessed. Relatives of the custodial parent (usually the mother) were consistently assessed, but relatives of the non-custodial parent (usually the father) were not consistently assessed.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Permanency Item 16: Relationship of Child in Care with Parents</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	2	100	0	0	8	0

**Explanation of Item 16: Relationship of Child in Care with Parents**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's efforts to promote a supportive relationship between children in care and their parents, beyond the twice minimum visitation requirement. Reviewers found evidence of parents (when appropriate) being encouraged to call their children at the foster home. Reviewers also found that parents were invited to accompany their children during medical appointments and attend school functions.

Well Being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
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This outcome is based on the rating of four items:

- 17) Needs and services of child, parents and caregivers
- 18) Child and family involvement in case planning
- 19) Worker visits with child
- 20) Worker visits with parents

**Strength**  
**Area Needing Improvement**  
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<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Well Being Item 17: Needs and Services of Child, Parents, Foster Parents</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	10	100	0	0	0	0
Treatment	8	80	2	20	0	0
Total Cases	18	90	2	10	0	0

**Explanation of Item 17: Needs and Services of Child, Parents and Caregivers**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item asks two questions: 1) Were the needs of the child, parents, and caregivers assessed, and 2) Did the agency take steps to meet the identified needs? In 100% of the of the foster care cases and in 80% of the treatment cases, the needs of all relevant parties (including fathers, paramours and other adult caregivers) were assessed. Reviewers also found that the services provided were appropriate to the reason for agency involvement.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Well Being Item 18: Child and Family Involvement in Case Planning</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	8	100	0	0	2	0
Treatment	6	60	4	40	0	0
Total Cases	14	78	4	22	2	0

**Explanation of Item 18: Child and Family Involvement in case Planning**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's efforts to involve parents and children in the case planning process. Reviewers found that involving parents and age-appropriate children in case planning was not a common practice in in-home treatment cases.

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<b>Agency Data</b>			
<b>Well Being 19: Face-to-Face Visits with Children</b>			
Objective: >= 90% (federal standard)			
	Number of Children In Care at Least One Complete Calendar Month	Number of Children Visited Every Month	Percent of Children Visited Every Month
Foster Care	25	23	92
Treatment	53	42	79

\*Outcome Report changed effective November 2007.

**Explanation of Item 19: Face-to-Face Visits with Children**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item measures the frequency of caseworker visits with children under agency supervision, and evaluates the quality of those visits. Agency data shows that Abbeville DSS met the 90% standard for visiting children in foster care, but did not meet the standard for visiting children in treatment cases.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Well Being Item 20: Worker Visits with Parent(s)</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	5	100	0	0	5	0
Treatment	6	60	4	40	0	0
Total Cases	11	73	4	27	5	0

**Explanation of Item 20: Worker Visits with Parents**

This is an **Area Needing Improvement** for Abbeville DSS. This item measures the frequency of caseworker visits with parents, and evaluates the quality of those visits. The parents of children in foster care cases were consistently seen each month. Reviewers found that in 40% of in-home treatment cases workers did visit or involve biological fathers.

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Well Being Outcome 2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

21) Educational need of the child

**Strength**

<b>Onsite Review Findings</b>						
<b>Well Being Item 21: Educational Needs of Child</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	7	100	0	0	3	0
Treatment	7	100	0	0	3	0
Total Cases	14	100	0	0	6	0

**Explanation of Item 21: Educational Needs of the Child**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's ability to assess and attend to the educational needs of children under agency supervision. Both foster care and in-home treatment cases sufficiently assessed children's educational needs and followed up when appropriate. Every record contained recent school documentation including report cards and other relevant information.

Well Being Outcome 3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

22) Physical health of the child

**Strength**

23) Mental health of the child

**Strength**

<b>Onsite Review Findings</b>						
<b>Well Being Item 22: Physical Health of the Child</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	9	90	1	10	0	0
Treatment	10	100	0	10	0	0
Total Cases	19	95	1	5	0	0

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**Explanation of Item 22: Physical Health of the Child**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's ability to assess and attend to the physical and dental health needs of children under agency supervision. In both foster care and in treatment cases, the agency assessed the medical needs of the children. There was follow-up to ensure that identified medical needs were being met.

<b><u>Onsite Review Findings</u></b>						
<b>Well Being Item 23: Mental Health of the Child</b>						
	Strength		Area Needing Improvement		Not Applicable	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Foster Care	8	100	0	0	2	0
Treatment	7	100	0	0	3	0
Total Cases	15	100	0	0	5	0

**Explanation of Item 23: Mental Health of the Child**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's ability to assess and meet the mental health needs of children under agency supervision. In 100% of the reviewed cases, the mental health needs were assessed and addressed. Abbeville Mental Health provides an array of innovative services, including: crisis resolution, placement stabilization for foster homes, serving children in alternative locations (their homes and at schools), parenting and behavior modification.

<b>Unfounded Investigations</b>
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	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Was the investigation initiated timely?	5	0
Was the assessment adequate?	5	0
Was the decision appropriate?	5	0

**Explanation of Item 24: Unfounded Investigations**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the agency's investigative processes and determines if decisions were supported by the facts of the cases. In all of the reviewed cases, the agency responded timely and appropriately. The decision to unfound all of the cases was in accordance with state law and agency policy.

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<b>Screened Out Intakes</b>			
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	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Cannot Determine</b>
Was the Intake Appropriately Screened Out?	10	0	0
			<b>Not Applicable</b>
Were Necessary Collaterals Contacted?	5	0	5
Were Appropriate Referrals Made?	1	0	9

**Explanation of Item 25: Screened Out Intakes**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the effectiveness of the process by which the agency screens out reports of incidents that the agency does not have the legal authority to investigate. All of the intakes were screened out because they did not allege anything that met the legal definition of abuse or neglect. The agency did an excellent job of contacting schools and other collaterals to gather information before making the decision to screen out intakes.

<b>Foster Home Licensing</b>			
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**Explanation of Item 26: Foster Home Licensing**

This is an area of **Strength** for Abbeville DSS. This item evaluates the process by which the agency ensures that all foster homes comply with licensing requirements. A review of licensing records showed many areas of strength, and a few areas needing attention. Documentation in the hard files and in CAPSS was consistent. There were no unlicensed open foster homes. Quality quarterly reviews were conducted. Annual background checks and timely fire inspections were done.

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<b>Abbeville County DSS Combined Foster Care &amp; Treatment</b>					
<b>Performance Item or Outcome</b>		<b>Performance Item Ratings</b>			
		<b>Strength</b>	<b>Area Needing Improvement</b>	<b>N/A*</b>	
<b>Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.</b>					
Item 1:	Str	Timeliness of initiating investigations of reports of child maltreatment	10/10= 100%	0	10
Item 2:	Str	Repeat maltreatment	20/20= 100%	0	0
<b>Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.</b>					
Item 3:	Str	Services to family to protect child(ren) in home and prevent removal	9/10=90%	1/10=10%	10
Item 4:	Str	Risk of harm to child(ren)	19/20 = 95%	1/20=10%	0
<b>Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.</b>					
Item 5:	Str	Foster care re-entries	2/2=100%	0	8
Item 6:	ANI	Stability of foster care placement	8/10=80%	2/10=20%	0
Item 7:	ANI	Permanency goal for child	7/10 = 70%	3/10 = 30 %	0
Item 8:	Str*	Reunification, guardianship, or permanent placement with relatives	1/2=50%	1/2=50%	8
Item 9:	ANI	Adoption	3/8=38%	5/8=62%	2
Item 10:	Str*	Permanency goal of Alternate Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)	0	0	10
<b>Permanency Outcome 2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.</b>					
Item 11:	ANI*	Proximity of foster care placement	6/6 = 100%	0	4
Item 12:	Str	Placement with siblings	6/6=100%	0	4
Item 13:	Str	Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care	6/6=100%	0	4
Item 14:	Str	Preserving connections	7/7=100%	0	3
Item 15:	ANI	Relative placement	8/10=80 %	2/10=20%	0
Item 16:	Str	Relationship of child in care with parents	2/2=100%	0	8
<b>Well Being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.</b>					
Item 17:	Str	Needs and services of child, parents, caregiver	18/20=90%	2/20=10%	0
Item 18:	ANI	Child and family involvement in case planning	14/18=78%	4/18=22%	2
Item 19:	ANI*	Worker visits with child	20/20=100%	0	0
Item 20:	ANI	Worker visits with parent(s)	12/15=80%	3/15=20%	5
Item 21:	Str	Educational needs of the child	14/14=100%	0	6
<b>Well Being Outcome 3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.</b>					
Item 22:	Str	Physical health of the child	19/20=95%	1/20=5%	0
Item 23:	Str	Mental health of the child	15/15=100%		5

The objective is that 90% of cases be rated "Strength".

Str = Strength

ANI = Area Needing Improvement

\* = Rating based on agency data, not onsite review findings