NORTH CAROLINA'S COUNTY-LEVEL CFSR: OUTCOMES AND PERFORMANCE Dec. 1, 2003 – June 30, 2005

Eighty-one counties were reviewed during this time period. As directed by its federal Program Improvement Plan, North Carolina reviewed Mecklenburg County four times during this time span.

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

- Item I. Timeliness of initiating reports of maltreatment
- Item 2. Repeat maltreatment

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 55%

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

- Item 3. Services to the family to protect children in the home and prevent removal
- Item 4. Risk of harm to children

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 43%

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

- Item 5. Foster care re-entries
- Item 6. Stability of foster care placement
- Item 7. Permanency goal for child
- Item 8. Reunification, guardianship, or permanent placement with relatives
- Item 9. Adoption
- Item 10. Permanency goal of other planned permanent living arrangement

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 76%

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

- Item II. Proximity of foster care placement
- Item 12. Placement with siblings
- Item 13. Visiting with parents and siblings in foster care
- Item 14. Preserving connections
- Item 15. Relative placement
- Item 16. Relationship of child in care with parents

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 98%

Well-Being Outcome 1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

- Item 17. Needs and services of child, parents, and foster parents
- Item 18. Child and family involvement in case planning
- Item 19. Worker visits with child
- Item 20. Worker visits with parent(s)

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 63%

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

Item 21. Educational needs of the child

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 94%

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

- Item 22. Physical health of the child
- Item 23. Mental health of the child

Counties in substantial conformity for this outcome: 86%